

First Presbyterian CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God June 19, 2022 The Second Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE Berceuse Vierne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, sing praises to God! Rejoice in God's presence!
For God is a Father to the fatherless, and the defender of all who need protection:
the One in whom the lonely find a home, and the prisoner finds release.

Bless the Lord, the God of our salvation, who sustains and strengthens us, day after day!
Let us worship God together!

*HYMN 438, V. 1-4

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear, And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us. God, may your way be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy. For God you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, you have called us to work for the common good of all. But so often we are wrapped up in our own needs, we can be selfish. God, may we see in your Oneness – our need for unity.

You have called us to live together as one body – forgive us for the times we have created division within our families, communities, and your worldwide church.

You ask us to look, listen, and learn from others – forgive us for the times we have ridiculed and attacked those with different viewpoints.

God, may we see in your Three-ness our need for diversity and community.

Forgive us for the times we have offended you by failing to love other as we do ourselves. God, may we see in your unfailing grace, our need to love each other.

Silent prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 3:23-29

*HYMN 439, V. 1-4

In Christ There Is No East or West

In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north; But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ, shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God Are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

SERMON Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Gifted with the grace of God, and clothed with power from on high, let us now offer ourselves to the building of God's kingdom.

OFFERING PRAYER

Bless these gifts, O Lord of all, that we might worship you with great joy and serve your people with great love. In Christ's name, amen.

*RESPONSE Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!

POSTLUDE St. Anthony Chorale Brahms

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel Gloria Snyder, Organist Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director Peter Becker, Liturgist

Tech Support: Jacob Van Norman, Bill Bartlett, Rich Linnell, Pat Koefoed, Luke McGloughlin

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Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.