



First Presbyterian Church

For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte

Founded in 1821

Order of Worship

*Communion Sunday
July 3, 2022
11 a.m.*

Preparation

Prelude

Nimrod from *Enigma Variations*

Edward Elgar

Words of Welcome

The Reverend Robert Galloway

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Introit

Williams/ed. Young

The earth is the Lord's and all that is therein. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and the King of Glory shall come in. Amen.

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

Confession

Call to Confession

Natalie Raygor

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have called us to work in your name. It is not easy. We cannot shoulder the burden alone. Our pride leads us to a false belief that we must do this work alone. We ignore the help available. We try to hoard the opportunities for service to you. Open our eyes so that we can see the help you provide. Remind us to ask for help from others. Remove our pride so that all may work for your glory. We ask all these things in your son's name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Response to Pardon (Hymn No. 581)

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.

Time with Children

First Church is on hiatus for the summer. Children will return to their seats to worship with their families. If families are more comfortable in a casual setting, you are invited to worship in the Prayground (P206) where the service is livestreamed and children's worship resources are provided.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Exodus 18:13-27

The next day Moses sat as judge for the people, while the people stood around him from morning until evening. When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening?" Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God. When they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make known to them the statutes and instructions of God." Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone. Now listen to me. I will give you counsel, and God be with you! You should represent the people before God, and you should bring their cases before God; teach them the statutes and instructions and make known to them the way they are to go and the things they are to do. You should also look for able men among all the people, men who fear God, are trustworthy, and hate dishonest gain; set such men over them as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. Let them sit as judges for the people at all times; let them bring every important case to you, but decide every minor case themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. If you do this, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all these people will go to their home in peace."

So Moses listened to his father-in-law and did all that he had said. Moses chose able men from all Israel and appointed them as heads over the people, as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. And they judged the people at all times; hard cases they brought to Moses, but any minor case they decided themselves. Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went off to his own country.

Communion Meditation

The Reverend Robert Galloway

"Have You Met Jethro?"

The 11 a.m. service is televised over WAXN-TV, Channel 64 this morning and streamed live at www.firstpres-charlotte.org and on Facebook Live.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the anniversary of Dave and Carla Faust-Bare.

The rosebuds celebrate the birth of Molly Gardner Austin, daughter of Rachel and Mitchell Austin, and Harper Hurst Spratt, daughter of Allyson and Zack Spratt.

Today we will take communion by intinction. All are invited to come down the center aisle to the communion table where you can pick up a communion kit and return to your seat by the outside aisle. If you would prefer to take your communion at home, please feel free to take it with you. Those unable to come forward will be served communion at their seats.

The Lord's Supper is open to baptized children of all ages.

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Reverend Anna Dickson

From A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.... In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Stewardship of Life

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

arr. John Ferguson

Guide me, O though great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, I will ever give to thee.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: ...therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Sanctus No. 552

LAND OF REST

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Words of Institution

The Bread and the Cup

Music during Communion (*the congregation is invited to sing*)

HAROLD FRIEDEL

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them. Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we would true disciples be. Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

Prayer After Communion

Sending Forth

*Hymn No. 338

"O Beautiful For Spacious Skies"

MATERNA

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine

and crown thy good with *broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!
till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Amen"

DANISH

Postlude

First Presbyterian Church Announcements

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

We welcome all to First Presbyterian Church as we worship together, knowing that each of us is a beloved part of the body of Christ.

Our Pastors

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Rev. Peery is on sabbatical through August 31, 2022.

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Are you interested in joining our church?

Contact Jane Ives

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Pastor on call

If you have a pastoral emergency outside of regular church hours, dial 704.927.0256 for the on-call voicemail. Your call will be returned promptly.

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Alternative Worship Experience for Children and Families, Sundays, 11 a.m., P206

For children and families who are more comfortable in a casual setting, you are invited to worship in the "Prayground" (P206) after the children's time (or baptism). The service will be livestreamed and children's worship resources will be provided.

Summer Sunday School, Sundays, 10 a.m., P206

All ages will gather for a casual and accessible discussion of the weekly sermon scripture. This gathering will also include prayer, connection and light breakfast food. | Questions? email rgalloway@firstpres-charlotte.org.

HS Chipotle Lunch, July 6, 12 p.m., 2921 Providence Rd. Ste. 100

Massanetta Spring Middle School Conference, July 7-10, Massanetta Springs, Virginia -

We ask for prayers for our group of adults and kids traveling to Massanetta Springs for a long weekend of worship and recreation!

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