



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day
June 17, 2018



Prelude

"Open Up the Heavens"

by Andi Rozier, James McDonald,
Jason Ingram, Meredith Andrews, Stuart Garrard © 2012
Featuring Gloria Gillespie

Gathering as the Children of God

Elder Christy Hill

One: In all times and in all places, God is with us.

All: God's love flows over and around us, lifting us in hope.

One: Shout for joy!

All: Sing praises to God!

One: Get ready to become disciples for Jesus.

All: Lord, make us ready to serve you. Amen.

† Hymn No. 412 (hymnal)

"Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Hill

Holy God, you call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith. Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules. It's hard to live by faith. You call us to place our trust in you, to live according to your direction. Yet we want life to make sense from a human point of view. It's hard to live by faith. You call us to feel the mystery of life, to marvel at the power of your love. Yet it's not easy to accept your promise that everything old has passed away. It's hard to live by faith. Forgive us, holy maker of reality. Forgive us for playing god instead of accepting our humanity.

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Hill

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.



Prayer for Illumination

Elizabeth Small

Scripture Lesson (p. 519 OT)

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Elizabeth Small

† Those who are able, please stand

† "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

by Thomas Obediah Chisholm and William Marion Runyan

1. *Great is Thy faithfulness, Oh God, my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not,
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.*

*Chorus: Great is Thy faithfulness. Great is Thy faithfulness.
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

2. *Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

Chorus

3. *Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.*

Chorus

Scripture Lesson (p. 36 NT)

Mark 4:26-34

Rev. Susan Haynes

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hope in a Seed



† **Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.

† **Hymn No. 399**(hymnal)

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

Church Family Life

*Please take this time to pass the attendance notebooks located at the end of the pew row.
If you are a visitor, we invite you to visit our information center located in the Narthex.*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks for the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right and our great delight...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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.

Pastor: You are holy, O God...we proclaim together the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Come, then, life-giving Spirit, join our voices in the prayer you taught us:

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

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion



Offering

Offertory: *"Morning has Broken"*

Featuring Matthias Young, Tenor

† Response

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

Elizabeth Small

† "Seek Ye First"

by Karen Lafferty © 1971

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

And his righteousness,

And all these things will be added unto you.

Allelu, Alleluia.

*Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu, Alleluia.*

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And his righteousness,
And all these things will be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.*

† **Benediction**

Rev. Haynes

† **Postlude**

"Prelude in A Minor, BWV 543"

by J.S. Bach

† Those who are able, please stand



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Blessed to Be a Blessing

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service.*

- As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do
- As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community
- As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles
- **Moved by the Spirit**, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.



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