

First Presbyterian Church

to be disciples . . . to make disciples

Good morning!
Thank you for joining us today.

Announcements

*The beautiful flowers that adorn our Sanctuary today
are given by Orma, Terre, Stennett & Hack Smith
in loving memory of Sue "Gee" Rice on her birthday.*

- We are live streaming on [Facebook \(fpccor\)](#) & [ZOOM \(6622866638\)](#).
Many of our Sunday School classes meet via ZOOM prior to the Worship Service,
as well as in person at 9:30 a.m.

A complete listing of classes is available on our website, fpccorinth.org.

- The Assisting Elder this morning is Orma Smith.
- Children's Church resumes next Sunday, October 4.
- KIDS'Quest will be off for Fall Break September 30, October 7 & October 14.

A LITURGY OF HOPE Sept 27, 2020

Prelude

Jill Taylor

Welcome & Greeting: 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."

Song of Preparation

"Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee"
Arr. Wells

Nancy Hebert

***Call to Worship:** based on I Peter 1:3-5

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: *He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.*

Leader: God has claimed us as his own.

All: *He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.*

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: *He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

***Profession of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayer of Invocation & 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, for ever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 118:1-9, 19-29

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

The Lord is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Church Family Time

Prayers of Intercession and Petition

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, 55-57

Leader: “Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.”

All: *Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?*

Leader: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

All: *But thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all.

We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:4-7

“God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

Song of Preparation

“Hallelujah to the Lamb”

Jan Pike

Songwriters: Don Moen / Debbie C Graafsma

*It was told that He would come,
And the race He would run,
It would end on an old rugged cross;
But when they laid Him in the tomb
The pow’r of the Lord went in the room,
Now He reigns forevermore.*

Chorus:

*Hallelujah to the Lamb!
Hallelujah to the Lamb
That was slain upon a tree!
By His stripes we are healed,
And by His blood we are sealed!
Hallelujah to the Lamb of God!*

*Church, He’s coming back some day
To take us home with Him to stay,
Where His glory forever we will share;
And when that first trumpet sounds
We will all be glory bound,
Up there we’ll live forevermore.*

Repeat chorus

*Hallelujah to the Lamb of God!
Hallelujah to the Lamb of God!*

- Words and Music by Conrad Cook

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

“Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.”

Homily: “WHAT IS THE GOSPEL? The Resurrection of Christ”

***Hymn of Response:** “*Thine Is the Glory*” No. 227

***Benediction:** based on Hebrews 13:20-21

“May the God of peace, who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Alleluia! Amen.”

Postlude “*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*” Nancy Hebert
Arr. Zundel

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