



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God
June 26, 2022
The Third Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

O Rest in the Lord (*Elijah*)

Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

The whole earth reflects God's power and might.

When we recall the wonders of God's creation...

we rejoice in at the awesome complexity of it all.

Lord, you have brought us up from fear to hope.

Let us worship and praise God for all God's faithfulness. Amen.

*HYMN 455, V. 1-4

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O sing ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest us both warmth and light, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou fertile earth, that day by day
Unfoldest blessings on your way, O sing ye! Alleluia!
The flower and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them God's glory also show! Alleluia! Alleluia!

RESPONSIVE READING

Selections from Psalm 77

I cried out to God for help;

I cried out to God to hear me.

**When I was in distress, I sought the Lord;
at night I stretched out untiring hands,
and I would not be comforted.**

Then I thought, "I will remember the deeds of the Lord;
yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.

**I will consider all your works
and meditate on all your mighty deeds."**

Your ways, God, are holy.

What god is as great as our God?

You are the God who performs miracles;
you display your power among the peoples.

**With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.**

The waters saw you, God,
the waters saw you and twisted;
the very depths shook.

**Your path led through the sea,
your way through the mighty waters,
though your footprints were not seen.**

You let your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we call out to you! From the depths of our hearts, we cry, "Where are you, God?" Deep down, we know that you love us – we've experienced your mercy in the past, and it has sustained us through many difficult times. Forgive us when we forget your faithfulness. Help us to turn to you again. Forgive us for looking to shallow and fleeting pick-me-ups to sustain us. You generously pour out your Spirit and give us the fruits of your love. Remind us that you alone are God, and that you hold us in the palm of your hand. Give us courage to face the days ahead, and strengthen us in the knowledge that we do not face them alone. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, we pray.

Silent prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**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 5:1, 13-25

SERMON

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

*HYMN 321, V.1-4

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Holy Spirit, truth divine,
Dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light,
Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, love divine,
Glow within this heart of mine;
Kindle every high desire;
Perish self in Thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, power divine,
Fill and nerve this will of mine;
By Thee may I strongly live,
Bravely bear, and nobly strive.

Holy Spirit, right divine,
Make my conscience wholly Thine;
Be my law, and I shall be
Firmly bound, forever free.

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

May you live a life centered in the Holy Spirit, a life that bears rich fruit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, tolerance and self-control – all the good things that come from following the Spirit, for living this way will bring much glory and praise to God.

POSTLUDE

Jesus, Lead Thou On

Manz

The flowers today are given by Shirley Keller in memory of her parents.

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

Ellis Finger, Liturgist

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Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.