



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God
August 7, 2022
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Largo

Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad for it!

Let us offer our thanks and praise to the God who made and loves us!

*HYMN 559, V.1-3

We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 15 and 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek:
To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
that I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord, and contemplate his temple.
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we recognize the goodness of God and of all that God gives, we gain perspective. Our worship begins in praise and moves to a plea for God to help us be better people. This is how we truly show our gratitude to God, by seeking to be more Christ-like in our life. Let us together confess how we have sinned, receive God's forgiveness and make room for the Holy Spirit to transform us in real, tangible ways.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, we confess that our choices do not always reflect your purposes for our lives. Faithfulness to you is sometimes the last thing on our minds. We often choose the easiest way or what suits our interests, not yours. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to remember what you require of us. Renew a right spirit within us by your grace.

Silent prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dear friends, while it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God, I say, in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

*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

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

SERMON

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

Great is Thy faithfulness, O 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 wilt be.
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!

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.
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!

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!
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!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Gifted with the grace of God, let us offer ourselves to the building of God's kingdom.

OFFERING PRAYER

Bless the gifts given in thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, that we might serve you and your people with great love. In Christ's name, amen.

*RESPONSE

**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.**

Doxology

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We will lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER

It is truly right and our greatest joy to praise to you, O God... we sing your praise:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Come now to Christ's table, know you are welcome here.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The bread and juice are distributed together and can be enjoyed immediately.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*SENDING HYMN 276, V. 1

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As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
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!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Processional of Joy

Beethoven/Hopson

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Worship Leaders

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Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren - because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.