



First Presbyterian Church of Athens

In response to God's grace, the mission of First Presbyterian Church is to create a community where people seek the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rejoice in worship, and go forth sharing the love of Christ with Athens and the world!

July 3, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. As we enter a holy space this morning, please silence your cell phone. The nursery is available downstairs. Consult an usher if you need a personal hearing device, large-print bulletin or hymnal.

Greeting

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prelude

Pater Noster

Arthur Foote

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad.

Journeying by Stages

What Do We Do Now?

Matt Bishop

"And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb." Genesis 12:9

Song of Gathering

Hymn 483, Stanza 1

**Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!**

Prayer for Our Country

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage.
Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will.

Bless our land with honest industry, sound learning, and an honorable way of life.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion;

from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way.

Make us who come from many nations with many different languages a united people.

Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom,
that there might be justice and peace in our land.

When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful;

and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The congregation speaks or sings the text in **bold** type.

Arthur Foote (1853-1937) was an American classical composer and organist of First (Unitarian) Church in Boston. He was a founder of the American Guild of Organists. Foote composed today's prelude and anthem, both settings of the Lord's Prayer.

The now-familiar patriotic song *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* was written by a Baptist minister and received its first public performance at an Independence Day celebration by the Boston Sabbath School Union in 1831. It was written to replace a German patriotic text sung to the same tune.

Children age four through grade two may come forward for a message and then leave for Children's Church located in the Children's Ministry Suite. To pick up your child after the service, please go through the Atrium and down the stairs.

***Hymn 561**

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

****Latecomers may be seated.

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Congregational Response**

CELTIC ALLELUIA



***Passing of the Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*Worshippers may greet each other by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you,"
and responding, "And also with you."*

A Time for Young Children

Natalie Bishop

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 454, Stanza 1

**Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered all to hear you;
let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear you;
by your teachings true and holy,
drawn from earth to love you solely.**

Anthem

The Lord's Prayer

Arthur Foote

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever,
Amen.

Scripture Reading for Three Voices

Thy Kingdom Come

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Lord's Prayer: 3. Thy Kingdom Come Dr. Strickland

* Those who are able may stand.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn 386 *O for a World* AZMON

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* Hymnal, p.14

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p.16
... forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. . . .

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings
Every worshiper, young and old, is encouraged to offer a gift out of gratitude to God.

Offertory *Improvisation on FINLANDIA* John Coble

*Doxology Hymn 592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

*Hymn Insert *This Is My Song* FINLANDIA

*Blessing of Youth Mission Trip Participants

*Benediction
Following worship, all are invited for a time of fellowship in the Atrium.

*Congregational Response AR HYD Y NOS

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

*Postlude *America (A Fugue in Five Voices)* Eugene Thayer

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The first two stanzas of *This Is My Song* were written between World War I and II, focusing on international peace. The third stanza, added later by another author, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS:
Julian Attaway
Jay Bangle
Kathy Bangle
Ellen Corry
Ann Harper Covington
Celeste Covington
Don DeMaria
Maggie DeMaria
Emily Gaskill
Katherine McCartney
Mac McCartney
Sarah McCartney
Kim Ness
Erin Osborne
Jordan Osborne
Luke Osborne
Anna Palmer

Nurseries for infants and toddlers are available from 8:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., located next to the Children's Ministry Suite and are accessible through the Atrium and down the stairs.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist:

Don DeMaria

Lay Readers:

Don DeMaria, Carol McKay, John Walden

USHERS

Chuck Toney (head), Avery McLean, Lisa Oelke, Keith Oelke, Isaac Toney, Laura Toney

GREETERS

Kathy Bangle, Melinda DeMaria, Carol Dolson, Terry Nestor

ELDERS AT THE DOOR

Allen Crowell, Jerry Rogers, Harry Shuford, Richard Stone

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Keith Oelke, Lisa Oelke

FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in honor of Kathleen H. Wilfong's 102nd birthday, given by her family.