

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – *Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost - August 30, 2020*

PRELUDE.....*Arabesque*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Louis Vierne

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Dr. David Hobson

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATIONDr. David Hobson

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”.....See text page

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Debby Williams

MUSICAL OFFERING.....“The Call”.....Liesl Cruz, alto
from *Five Mystical Songs* Robert Cruz, piano
Ralph Vaughan Williams

† SCRIPTURE READING.....John 14:1-7, 25-27.....Debby Williams
See scripture reading on Text Page

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† 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.*

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JOYS & CONCERNS.....Dr. Pat Day

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER.....Dr. Ashley Goad

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. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE.....*Dona Nobis Pacem*.....Liesl Cruz
[Grant Us Peace] Dr. David Hobson
Traditional Canon Rebecca Vacha

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Ashley Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*The Morning Trumpet*.....Women's Ensemble
arr. Ovid Young

† DoxologyNo. 94
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

SCRIPTURE READING.....Philippians 4:6-7.....Dr. Pat Day
See scripture reading on Text Page

MESSAGE.....**PEACE IN THE EYE OF THE STORM**.....Dr. Pat Day

I. First, inward peace comes as Christ's **PRESENT**.

II. Second, inward peace comes as a byproduct of Christ's **PARDON**.

III. Third, inward peace comes from the assurance of Christ's **PROMISE**.

IV. Fourth, inward peace comes from having Christ's **PURPOSE** for your life.

V. Finally, inward peace comes from experiencing Christ's **PLEASURE**.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION..... "Near to the Heart of God"..... See text page
(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)

BENEDICTION Dr. Pat Day

SENDING FORTH..... *Grace, Love, and Fellowship*..... Women's Ensemble
Tom Fettke

POSTLUDE..... *Toccata for Grand Organ*..... E. Ray Peebles, organ
Gaston Bélier



† Those who are able may stand. ‡ Latecomers may be seated at these times.

Hymn of Praise No. 140
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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!

Refrain

Hymn of Invitation No. 472
“Near to the Heart of God”

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God;
A place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
Hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God;
A place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

There is a place a place of full release, near to the heart of God;
A place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

Affirmation of Faith

No. 881

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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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 Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

John 14:1-7, 25-27

Jesus Comforts His Disciples

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Jesus the Way to the Father

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

“All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

Philippians 4:6-7

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."