

Sunday Worship
June 16, 2019

We welcome you to worship.

Inspirational Thought For The Week

*“Putting our faith in Christ is not about trying harder;
it means transferring our trust away from ourselves and resting in him.”*
(Timothy Keller)

Prelude “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” Healey Willan
(See Hymn No. 321)

Introit “Deep River” arr. Mark Hayes
Dean Peterson, bass

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship (Psalm 33:20-22) Responsively

Leader: “We put our hope in the Lord.

Congregation: He is our help and our shield.

Leader: Our heart rejoices in God

Congregation: Because we trust his holy name.

Leader: Lord, let your faithful love surround us,

Congregation: Because we wait for you.”

***Hymn of Praise No. 267** “All Things Bright and Beautiful” Royal Oak

***Opening Prayer**

First Scripture Reading (p. 1436) Colossians 3:12-14

Sacrament of Baptism Avery Jasper Antonucci
Son of Andrew and Alejandra Antonucci

Commission Youth for Mission Trip

Time with the Children

Gathering Song¹: “This Is the Day That the Lord Has Made”

“This is the day, this is the day,
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord has made.”

Going Song: “Jesus Loves Me”

“Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.”

*Children 3-years-old through Kindergarten are excused for Bible Bunch (Bible Bunch Rm)
Children in grades 1 through 5 are excused for Sunday School (Sunday School Rm)*

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.”

The Ministry of The Church

(Please sign and pass the red friendship book.)

Offering . . . *“Freely we have received, freely let us give.”*

Offering Anthem²

Thomas Dorsey, arr. Howard Helvey

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

“Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.”

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

“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.”

*** Unison Affirmation 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.

Special Music³

“The Prayer”

David Foster

Robyn Lamp and Alejandro Viera

“I pray you'll be our eyes and watch us where we go
And help us to be wise in times when we don't know
Let this be our prayer as we go our way
Lead us to a place guide us with your grace
To a place where we'll be safe

La luce che to dai
I pray we'll find your light
Nel cuore restero
And hold it in our hearts
A ricordarchi che
When stars go out each night
L'eterna stella sei
Nella mia preghiera
Let this be our prayer

Quanta fede see'e
When shadows fill our day
Lead us to a place guide us with your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe.

Sognamo un mondo senza piu violenza
Un mondo di giustizia e di speranza
Ognuno dia la mano al suo vicino
Simbolo di pace e di fraternita

La forza che ci dai
We ask that life be kind
E'il desiderio che
And watch us from above
Ognuno trovi amore
We hope each soul will find
Intorno e dentro a se
Another soul to love

Let this be our prayer, let this be our prayer
Just like every child, just like every child
Needs to find a place, guide us with your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe.

E la fede che, Hai acceso in noi, Sento che ci salver"

Second Scripture Reading (p. 1312)

John 13:31-35

Message

"When You Don't Know What to Do"

Dr. Hood

***Hymn of Dedication No. 210**

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

St. Anne

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

"Toccata"

Alexander Guilmant

*The congregation is invited to stand, if able.

The Church Bell is rung in loving memory of the fathers who have gone before us into eternal life. Let us pause to give thanks for all who have gone before us, who rest in the peace of God, thanking God for the Christian witness of their lives.

The **flowers** that beautify the Chancel this morning are given by Jerry and Dorothy Barding, in loving memory of Jerry's father, Ralph Barding.

In honor of Father's Day, chocolate kisses are being given to all of the men from the Deacons. Happy Father's Day.

Today we celebrate the **Sacrament of Baptism** for Avery Jasper Antonucci, son of Andrew and Alejandra Antonucci.

Our Condolences

are extended to the family of Rev. Jo Garnett, upon her death on June 8, 2019. A memorial service will be held in our Sanctuary this Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 1 p.m. with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have recently lost loved ones.

Gifts to

Memorial Garden Fund from Donald and Karen Carter, in loving memory of Karen's father, John Loennecker.

Remembrance Fund from Jerry and Betty Seegers, in loving memory of C. Adams Moore.

Take Note

Capital Campaign Update: "Pledges" reached the goal of \$3.5 million in July 2018. Those who pledged made great strides in fulfilling those and we are now within \$100,000 from "collecting" all of it. If you have made a pledge and are able to finish off your fulfillment of such pledge, it will put us at our goal of full collection. Thank you again to all those who volunteered and committed financial resources to this tremendous project!

Youth Mission Trip: Please keep the First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach youth and young adults, Jen Buce, Harrison Calder, Emalee Cortright, Lissette Rapier, Justice Reeves, Tiel Villani, McKellan Welzbacher, McKnight Welzbacher, Amelia Williams, Pryce Williams, and their advisor, Rev. Greg Rapier, in your prayers as they travel to, work in, and return from Chicago. Departing next Sunday, June 23rd and returning next Friday, June 28th evening, they are going to Chicago and working with the DOOR network to serve in a variety of outreach programs.

Special treat next Sunday, June 23rd! Our Summer Community Handbell Ensemble (with ringers from St. Joseph Episcopal Church [Boynton Beach], First United Methodist Church of Boynton Beach, and our own Westminster Ringers) will perform an extended Prelude/Introit beginning at 9:50 a.m. Please plan to arrive a little early to greet your friends before that so that the noise of conversation will not detract from everyone's enjoyment of the music.

Sunday, June 30th, following the worship service, join us for a **Pre-Fourth of July Church Picnic** in **Fellowship Hall**. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be provided. Bring your favorite picnic covered dish to share. **Reservations** are encouraged for planning purposes and can be made on the website under *Upcoming Events*, in the Narthex, or by calling the church office (561-276-6338).

We are pleased to announce that we will be **sailing** aboard AMA Waterways on Melodies of the Danube for 10 nights including 3 nights in Prague. The AMA Serena will embark **October 23, 2020** on this 85 cabin vessel. Dr. Hood will be teaching, Understanding How God Changes Lives. Please contact Robert Paris (561-276-6338) for further information. A detailed flyer is in the Narthex. Book by June 30th and save \$500 per person on cruise fare.

Stop by the **Narthex** and purchase **Doug Hood's new book** Nurture Faith: Five Minutes to Strengthen Your Walk with Christ for **\$15**. This expanded edition of Heart & Soul: Volume 2 contains 24% new material in a more compact design.

Connect with First Presbyterian Church

Please join us in the **Narthex** following the service for **Fellowship Hour**, our time of fellowship.

Free Wi-Fi is available on the church campus. Connect to the FPC-Guest or Fellowship Hall network. The password is fpcguest.

Read **Doug Hood's weekly meditation** through our church website (www.firstdelray.com) under *Resources*. Don't forget to subscribe to his meditation so that you do not miss any of the postings.

For those interested in taking notes during the worship service, a **Sermon Notes Page** is available by the west door.

If you are a member of the church and need a **blue** First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach **parking sticker**, stop by the church office during the week.

Members who would like to receive **email notification of members' deaths and memorial services** should contact Nancy Fine (nancyfine@firstdelray.com).

If you would like to receive your **Spire Newsletter electronically**, please email Nancy Fine (nancyfine@firstdelray.com), text FPCDELRAYBEACH to 22828 (message and data rates may apply), or complete the online form on our website (www.firstdelray.com) under *Resources*.

Church Membership Directory

The **Pictorial Church Membership Directory** is available online for members of the church. Visit our website (www.firstdelray.com) under *Connect* for more information.

Sunday Mornings

Please turn off your **cell phones and electronic devices** during the worship service.

Closed Circuit TV is available for viewing the worship service in the **Quiet Room**.

Children's Worship Activities and Bibles are at the **Children's Tables** in the **Covered Patio** for use during worship.

Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Devices are available from the Deacons.

Nursery Care for children from birth through Kindergarten is available from **9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** in the **Nursery**.

Sunday Children's Programs

Bible Bunch Sunday School meets after the Children's Time during the **worship service**. Children 3 years old through Kindergarten should follow the class leaders to the **Bible Bunch Room**. The class is led by Alice Barrett and Iva Branscombe.

Sunday School for Children in 1st through 5th grade, meets after the Children's Time during the **worship service**. They are using the *Growing in Grace and Gratitude* curriculum. The class is led by Grace Hood and Liz Landes in the **Sunday School Room**.

For Our Younger Worshippers

Children's Worship Activities and Bibles are at the **Children's Table** in the **Covered Patio** for use during worship. Please return the clipboards and Bibles to the table after the service.

Weekly Education Programs

The **Men's Fellowship** meets on **Thursday at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Meeting Room**. They are discussing the Nurture Faith from Sunday's bulletin. For more information, contact Bruce Gimmy (561-276-6338).

The **Women's Discipleship Group** meets on **Thursdays at 10 a.m.** in the **Meeting Room**. All women are invited to attend the study on Growing to be like Christ, Doing Life Together by Zondervan and Rick Warren.

Mission Opportunity

We are making **Hygiene Kits** for The Caring Kitchen. If you have unopened travel size items that you would like to donate, please put them in the collection basket in the Narthex.

Music

The **Chancel Choir** rehearses on **Sunday** mornings at **9:30 a.m.** to prepare for the worship service in the **Choir Room**. Don Cannarozzi is available for those who may be shy about becoming part of this ministry. You can speak with him after the service, or contact him (dcannaro@hotmail.com) for more information.

Holly House

Holly House Workshops for woman meet on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** mornings from **9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** in the **Holly House**. If you enjoy crafting, sewing, needlework, jewelry making, floral design, or making items for the coastal home, you are invited to bring a friend, enjoy the camaraderie, and make products to be sold at the Holiday Gift Shoppe. For more information, contact Cindy Pemberton (561-276-6338).

Financial Considerations

There is a very convenient way to **donate online** to First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach through the Presbyterian Mission Exchange which is part of the 200+ year old Presbyterian Foundation and transfers your donation promptly. Visit the church website (www.firstdelray.com) under *Give* for more information.

On December 18, 2015, the President signed legislation indefinitely extending the **charitable IRA rollover provision** enabling IRA owners ages 70½ or older to make a direct, tax-free transfer to First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach or the charity of their choice. Certain limitations apply so consult your tax adviser.

Membership

Are you interested in **joining our church**? If so, we would love to see you on **Sunday, July 7th** in the **Covered Patio immediately following the worship service**. In order to join, no reservations or classes are required for those who have been previously baptized.

Invite a family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, or business associate to worship with us. Share your faith and love for Christ's Church with others.

Pennies from Heaven

Help us support the battle against hunger and poverty at home and away through our **Pennies from Heaven** Offering. Collect 5 cents per family member per meal each day. All monies collected are donated on a quarterly basis to local, regional, and national food programs. We collected \$368.20 from the **April Offering**. Since September 2012, we have collected \$40,479.70. Our next collection is on **Sunday, June 30th**.

Prayer Ministry Team

The **Prayer Ministry Team** is taking a summer break. However, prayer requests that come through our worship services or through the church office are still distributed by the church office to the prayer ministry team for individual prayer. Each request is treated with respect, confidentiality, and caring. You are **invited to join** this team by calling Sharon Koch (561-276-6338).

Prayer Concern Cards are in the pews. If you have a specific prayer concern, please complete a card and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Concerns are forwarded to members of the Prayer Ministry Team and pastoral staff.



Throwing Away Self-Pity

READ: Isaiah 52:1a (Common English Bible)

“Awake, awake, put on your strength, Zion!”

REFLECT:

Captivity for Israel has ended. God has defeated the powers of Babylon and has authorized Israel to depart and head for home to Jerusalem. A new day, with a strong future, now rises for God’s people. “Awake, awake!” is God’s double imperative to Israel. “Put on your strength, Zion!” The call sounds strangely familiar. “Up and Adam! Let’s get going!” is the more common usage today. These, or similar, words have been uttered by most parents summoning their children awake from their sleep. The image of sleepy children, resisting the call to leave the comfort of a warm bed, is sharp and crisp. The parent can wake the child with a shout, can summon the child from the bed, but it must be the child’s own strength that moves them from slumber to a fresh engagement with a new day.

God’s present difficulty is that Israel doesn’t want to get out of bed. During their captivity in Babylon, Israel has become dulled, inattentive, hopeless, and grief-stricken.ⁱ Israel has been humiliated by Babylon and has spiraled into such despair and self-pity that they no longer want to live. No longer did life offer a driving purpose, only a memory of brighter days. Absent was a radiant hope, only a fading dream. A captivating vision has fled from their sight. What remained was a history. “Awake, awake!” is God’s response to Israel’s self-pity. “Put on your strength, Zion!” God is reminding Israel that there is still strength in the people and is here urging them to summon that strength and toss-off that negative attitude that has consumed them.

Psychotherapist and author, Amy Morin writes that feeling sorry for yourself is self-destructive.ⁱⁱ Though we all experience pain and sorrow in life, dwelling on your sorrow and misfortune can consume you until it eventually changes your thoughts and behaviors. Morin contends that any of us can choose to take control. “Even when you can’t alter your circumstances, you can alter your attitude.”ⁱⁱⁱ This is the clear declaration of God to Israel; the clear call to shake off their indulgence in self-pity, claim the strength that remains in them, and move positively forward toward the future God has prepared for them. God’s strength comes alongside our own. It does not do for us what we can do for ourselves.

After Victor Hugo was exiled from his beloved France, he spent 18 years in the Channel Islands. Hugo once described this exile from the nation he loved as worse than death. Each afternoon, at sunset, Victor Hugo would climb to a cliff overlooking a small harbor and look longingly out over the water toward France. Legend tells us that each day, following his meditations, Hugo would pick up a pebble and throw it into the sea. One day the children who developed an affection for him asked why he threw a stone in the sea each day. “Not stones, children, not stones. I am throwing my self-pity into the sea.” Little wonder that during those 18 years of struggle, Victor Hugo gave the world his best and most profound work of literature.

Hospitalization

If you or a family member are **hospitalized**, please notify the church office (561-276-6338). Even if you give the name of the church upon admission, the hospital will not notify us.

Special Prayer List as of June 11th

Please keep our members and friends in your thoughts and prayers this week.

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#### This Week: June 16<sup>th</sup> through June 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

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| 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Nursery Care – Nursery                                                        |
| 9:30 a.m.              | Chancel Choir – Choir Room                                                    |
| 9:30 a.m.              | Session Meeting – Fellowship Hall                                             |
| 10 a.m.                | Worship Service – Sanctuary                                                   |
| 10 a.m.                | Bible Bunch Sunday School – Bible Bunch Room                                  |
| 10 a.m.                | Sunday School (1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grades) – Sunday School Room |
| 11 a.m.                | Fellowship Hour – Narthex                                                     |

#### Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

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| 9:30 a.m.  | Holly House Workshop – Holly House |
| 10:30 a.m. | Staff Meeting – Dr. Hood’s Study   |

#### Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

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| 8:30 a.m. | Men’s Fellowship – Meeting Room           |
| 9:30 a.m. | Holly House Workshop – Holly House        |
| 10 a.m.   | Women’s Discipleship Group – Meeting Room |
| 6:30 p.m. | Summer Handbells – Bell Room              |

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