



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LED BY CHRIST, TOGETHER IN FAITH AND
LOVE, WE JOYFULLY THINK, QUESTION,
GROW AND SERVE!

October 18, 2020

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Peter Johnston

OPENING PRAYER

God our Shepherd, as we gather near our radios, computers, phones, and other electronic devices for worship, remind us of your presence with us. Remind us to listen for how your Word both comforts and instructs us in the missions you have given us. Transform us in this hour that we would follow you more closely, and see your face in those we meet. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Today We Are All Called To Be Disciples

#757

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, who has compassion for the lost and the lease, in disbelief and denial, we ask: "When did we see you among us?"

We should have seen you in the classmate on the playground whom we did not invite to join our game. Or in the stranger on the sidewalk whom we crossed the street to avoid. Or in the neighbor at the nursing home, whom we left to carry her pain alone. We should have seen you in the man begging for work or a warm meal, in the woman struggling to overcome addiction, in the child seeking refuge from the terrors of violence. But, instead, we turned away.

Forgive us, Lord. Break our hearts for what breaks yours, and give us compassion and courage to respond to the suffering of this world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON

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.

WELCOME THE CHILDREN

Shelby Dickson

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CHILDREN'S TIME

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Peter Johnston

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

ANTHEM

Open the Eyes of My Heart

arr. Baloche

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON

Seeing Jesus

Rev. Keith Phillips

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (11.1, 11.3)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and in ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION *What the Lord Has Dine In Me*

arr. Morgan

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.

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

Opportunities to serve this week

For a list of ways to serve visit www.fpcsalina.org

Invitation to Give

To give online visit <https://www.fpcsalina.org/give>. To give over the phone text your dollar amount to (785) 329-9830 or download the Church by MinistryOne App.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

SENDING HYMN

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE