



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

September 13, 2020

*for those who wish to stand

Bold print indicates congregational participation

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Penni White

OPENING PRAYER

God, our source and our salvation, in love you made us and by love you have redeemed us. Make your love for us bear fruit in our forgiveness of others, that in this life we may know your all-embracing compassion and in the world to come receive the everlasting joy of fellowship you share with your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

#716

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all. Amen.

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

Penni White

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 14:1-12

ANTHEM

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

arr.Larson

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON

We Are the Lord's

Rev. Keith Phillips

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (11.4)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

When We Are Living

#822

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

#606

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

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

#721

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE