



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

September 20, 2020

\*for those who wish to stand

**Bold print indicates congregational participation**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Sydney Soderberg

OPENING PRAYER

Generous God, you come to us again and again, no matter how late it is in the day or in our lives. Calling to us, gathering us in, you give us your good work to do, daily bread, and boundless grace. Increase in us a generous spirit so that we may do your work with joy alongside others whom you also love. We celebrate your salvation not only in our lives, but also in the lives of other people, even those we had not imagined would be included in the kingdom you are bringing. Align us with your ways and help us receive your gift of justice and mercy as good news. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

*God Is Here!*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want your grace for ourselves but often wish punishment or exclusion on others. We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own. Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us. Forgive us, we pray, when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity. Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you. May we ask once again for your mercy? Will you help us to be more merciful toward one another? We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, by whose grace we are saved. 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

Sydney Soderberg

SCRIPTURE READING

*Jonah 3:10 – 4:11*

ANTHEM

*10,000 Reasons*

arr. Larson

SCRIPTURE READING

*Matthew 20:1-16*

SERMON

The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like...

Rev. Keith Phillips

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: ADAPTED FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967 (9.54-56)

**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.**

**With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of**

**God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.**

**“Now to him who by the power within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”**

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

*By Faith*

arr. Larson

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](http://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

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE