

October 18th, 2020
Preacher: Rev. Jason Hefner
Liturgist: Linda Webster



Scripture lessons of the day:
Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)
Matthew 22:15-22

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GATHERING

Prelude
Sears

“O the Glory of Your Presence”

Toni

*“We give You reverence. Be blessed by our praise
as we glory in Your embrace. Your presence now fills this place.”*

Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

L: Sing to the Lord and bless God’s name.
C: Tell of God’s saving power from day to day.
L: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.
C: Tremble before God, all the earth.

Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Kitty Fischer

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.*

Confession and Pardon

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to worldly power. We allow the innocent to be trampled. We do not practice what we preach. We put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by restore us to your divine image so that we may reflect your glory and grace; through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Personal Prayer of Confession (in silence)

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Peace

Gloria

Kitty Fischer

*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, Amen.*

HEARING

Time with Young Disciples

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

“Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.” (Matthew 22:15–22, NRSV)

Sermon

Disciples in Times of Division

RESPONDING

Hymn

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Kitty Fischer

*God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom,
costly cross, grave’s shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.*

Offerings Online:
The Offertory

<https://onrealm.org/faithupchurch/give/now>
“Hymn Medley”

Bob Stark

Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

*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.*

Litany of Remembrance

L: We worship God as we remember before Him our friends and church family member Edna Gordon. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; all who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live..."

C: ...and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

L: We praise You for Your servant Edna. She lived her life in faith, and hope and love, and now lives eternally with You in heaven.

C: We thank You for the gift of her life, for all in her that was good and kind and faithful.

L: We thank You for the grace You gave Edna that kindled in her the love of Your dear name.

C: We thank You that for Edna death is past and pain ended, and that she has now entered the joy and peace You have promised and prepared for each of us.

L: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory over death, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Lord, in your mercy...*Hear our 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.

SENDING

Response

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

Kitty Fischer

*God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

"Sent by the Lord"

Toni Sears

*"My hands are ready now to make the earth
the place in which the kingdom comes."*

Announcements

- The flowers today are given by Ed and Jan Farrington, in loving memory of the Moore Family.
- Musical selections used by permission. "O the Glory of Your Presence", Steve Fry ~ Arranged by Tim Conyers. "Hymn Medley", Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty (Joachim Neander), Seek Ye First (Karen Lafferty), Open Now the Gates of Beauty (Joachim Neander) and Wonderful Words of Christ (Philip Bliss). "Sent by the Lord", Central America Folk Melody.
- Stephen Ministers are available to provide confidential, trained, Christian care. If you would like a spiritual companion, please contact Stephen Leader Pam Steward at (724)986-2986.
- If you need assistance logging into our intra-church social media, REALM, please contact the church office for assistance, 724-225-2110.
- Rev. Jason is available 24/7 to provide pastoral care; he can be reached at 724-263-0018.
- Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are available for pickup on Mondays - deadline to turn in filled boxes is November 19th.
- "Like" and "follow" Faith United Presbyterian Church on Facebook.
- Bible Study on Zoom every Tuesday at 10:00 am.

- Kids Klub on Zoom every Thursday at 4:00 pm.