



# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God  
May 22, 2022  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Blessed Jesus, At Your Word (Hymn 454)

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**let all the peoples praise you!**

Let the earth rejoice and be glad,

**let the heavens declare your glory!**

May all people see your goodness, O God;

**may your ways be known throughout the earth.**

Let us worship the God who loves us;

**we come to worship with open hearts, to raise our voices with thanks and praise.**

\*HYMN 554, V. 1-2

Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living  
A song of thanksgiving  
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us,  
Protected and stayed us,  
By guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us,  
Pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
Till shadows have vanished,  
All fearfulness banished,  
As forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces.  
The stars in their courses,  
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains,  
The rivers and fountains,  
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing  
Our love and rejoicing  
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:  
Till all things now living  
Unite in thanksgiving,  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 67

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of diversity and detail, the wonders of your creation amaze us. Yet we confess we often fail to honor its beauty and variety in the details of our lives. When voices differ in opinion, we listen to those we agree with. We fail to honor experience different than our own. We resist calls to honor the earth as if it were ours for the taking. Forgive our narrow perspectives. Open our eyes and our hearts to the pain and perspectives of others, and renew us all with your healing grace.**

*Silent prayer*

**Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, "My peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Let his forgiveness set you at peace with God and yourself, and make peace with one another. Amen.

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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. Amen.**

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:9-15

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 1:3-4, 10-11

SERMON

A Church in Prayer

Pat Koefoed

\*HYMN 339, V. 1-3

## Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art –  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God has created a world of great diversity, full of wonder and potential. Let us honor God's gifts to us in Christ and in each other as we present our offering in support of God's purposes in the world.

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we thank you for your gift of new life in Christ Jesus. Receive our gifts this day, and bless each gift and each giver. Use each one to witness to your purposes through our congregation and throughout the world you love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### \*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

#### 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.**

## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN 359, V. 1-3

More Love to Thee, O Christ

More love to Thee, O Christ,  
More love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make  
On bended knee.  
This is my earnest plea:  
More love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved,  
Sought peace and rest;  
Now Thee alone I seek,  
Give what is best.  
This all my prayer shall be:  
More love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Then shall my latest breath  
Whisper Thy praise;  
This be the parting cry  
My heart shall raise.  
This still its prayer shall be:  
More love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Blessed Jesus, At Your Word (Hymn 454)

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*We welcome to the pulpit Pat Koefoed, member of First Presbyterian,  
and a Practitioner of Spiritual Direction.*

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### Worship Leaders

Pat Koefoed, Guest Preacher  
Gloria Snyder, Organist  
Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director  
Rev. Stefanie Muntzel, Liturgist

Tech Support: Jacob Van Norman, Bill Bartlett, Rich Linnell, Pat Koefoed, Luke McGloughlin

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## **Psalm 67**

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere God.

## **Acts 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

## **2 Corinthians 1:3-4, 10-11**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.