



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God

June 25, 2023

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Be Thou With Them

J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 86:6-10

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

listen to my cry of supplication.

In the day of my trouble, I call on you;

for you will answer me.

There is none like you among all the gods, O Lord.

Nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come before you.

They shall come and bow down before you, O Lord.

For you are great and do wondrous things;

You alone are God!

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN 477 (V.1-4)

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, who rules on high and sits on the throne, we do extol the name of Jesus who rules over all. Well, yes, most of the time. But Lord, we humbly confess that there are too many moments when we find ourselves extolling our names rather than that of Jesus. We thump our chests and raise our voices in self-anointing pride as we trample underfoot those we consider the “losers”. We “high five” each other in triumph rather than reaching out a compassionate hand to those sitting in the dirt in defeat. Forgive us Lord, for our self-centeredness and for those times when we place ourselves above others. Send your Spirit to remind us that we are called to humble service to all your people.

Silent prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the God of mercy who forgives us all our sins strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. 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 READINGS

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Matthew 10:24-39

SERMON

Choking on Humble Pie

Rev. Vernon Van Hise

FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER

Pat Koefoed

SOLO

Sometimes the Light Surprises

William Cowper; arr. Craig Courtney
Elizabeth Campbell, soprano

Sometimes a light surprises
The Christian while she sings;
It is the Lord, who rises
With healing in His wings:
When comforts are declining,
He grants the soul again
A season of clear shining,
to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation
We sweetly then pursue
The theme of God's salvation,
And find it ever new;
Set free from present sorrow,
We cheerfully can say,
Let the unknown tomorrow
Bring with it what it may.

It can bring with it nothing
But He will bear us through;
Who gives the lilies clothing
Will clothe His people, too;
Beneath the spreading heavens,
No creature but is fed;
And He who feeds the ravens
Will give His children bread.

Though vine nor fig tree neither
Their wonted fruit should bear,
Though all the field should wither,
Nor flocks nor herds be there;
Yet God the same abiding,
His praise shall tune my voice,
For while in Him confiding,
I cannot but rejoice.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and God's ministries through Christ's church.

Please leave your offering in the box at the front of the sanctuary or make your gifts online or via mail.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to witness to Christ's ministry in your world. 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 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.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 343 (V.1-4)

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Morning Has Broken

arr. Callahan

Worship Leaders

Rev. Vernon Van Hise

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

Pat Koefoed, Liturgist

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