



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God
July 24, 2022
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus (Hymn 630)

arr. Robert Hobby

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad for it!

Let us offer our thanks and praise to the God who made and loves us!

*HYMN 306, V.1-3

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Praise God, all you nations;

Glorify God, all you peoples.

For God's loving-kindness toward us is great.

The faithfulness of God endures forever.

Hallelujah!

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we recognize the goodness of God and of all that God gives, we gain perspective. Our worship begins in praise and moves to a plea for God to help us be better people. This is how we truly show our gratitude to God, by seeking to be more Christ-like in our life. Let us together confess how we have sinned, receive God's forgiveness and make room for the Holy Spirit to transform us in real, tangible ways.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

I don't like to pray. I never know what words to use. How to I talk to... God? I need to impress God with the words I use and show off how I deserve God's attention.

"When you pray, say: Father, holy is your name."

I pray before I play the lottery, big tests, and before my favorite team has a game – I want God to give me what I want. And why not ask for all the things you want; you know, like wealth, a nice big house, a boat, gadgets, cars, all the stuff to make you happy. Get it now.

Seek God's kingdom in the here and now. Ask for what you need to become whole and healthy – daily sustenance so that you will be able to serve others. Seek forgiveness for all the times in which you have failed to do God's will, in which you have hurt someone.

Forgiveness? For what? So I haven't always done right – well, people haven't always done right by me either! Do THEY deserve forgiveness?

Open our eyes, O Lord, to see ourselves honestly. Give us the courage to see where we have failed to follow in your ways of faith, hope, and love. May we welcome your forgiveness and extend grace to others who have harmed us. In forgiveness and in knowing how loved we are by you, may we find strength for each day's challenges. May we trust in your goodness. In gratitude we lift our voices in prayer:

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory our yours, now and forever. Amen.

Silent prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*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

Luke 11:1-13

SERMON

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

*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!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Gifted with the grace of God, let us now offer ourselves to the building of God's kingdom.

OFFERING PRAYER

Bless these gifts, O Lord of all, that we might worship you with great joy and serve your people with great love. In Christ's 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 THE PEOPLE

So we might declare your glory as we gather together:
Lord, teach us to pray.

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 333, V.1-2

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Beloved of God, God has poured God's love upon you that you may be faithful disciples, offering healing love and forgiveness to all. Go in peace and may God's peace always be with you. Amen.

POSTLUDE

When in Our Music God is Glorified (Hymn 641)

arr. Robert Hobby

We welcome Bud Martin as our guest organist today.

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

Pat Koefoed, Liturgist

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Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, and John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"