



# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God  
July 3, 2022  
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Thanks Be to God

Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today to worship the One who created us,  
**the One who calls us to work for good,**  
the One who inspires and empowers us,  
**the One who loves us without end.**  
With hopeful hearts, let us worship God.

\*HYMN 469, V. 1-3

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken  
Like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken  
Like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall  
Sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall  
On the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
Of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness  
Where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light  
Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,  
Praise every morning,  
God's re-creation  
Of the new day!

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 65

O God who saves us,

**You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds.**

You are the hope of all creation – to ends of the earth,  
and to the depths of the seas;

**You established the mountains by Your strength.**

Being clothed with power – You still the noise of the seas,  
quiet the roaring waves, and calm the tumult of the peoples.

**The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;**

where the morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.

**O God who saves us,**

You visit the earth and greatly enrich it; the river of God flows with water;

**You have prepared the land to give grain to the people:**

You water its ridges abundantly, You settle its furrows;

You make the soil soft with showers, You bless the earth's growth.

**You crown the year with Your goodness,**

Your paths drip with abundance and the little hills rejoice on every side.

The pastures are clothed with flocks and valleys also are covered with grain;

**All creation shouts for joy, and sings Your praise!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sovereign God, you made all that is. We often move through our days and miss the awesome wonder of this thing we call life. Open our eyes to see the miracles of everyday existence. Let us be grateful for the gift of our bodies, the thrill of our senses, the beauty of nature, and the joy of human creativity. May we come before you, our Creator, in awe; may we know our humble place in Christ's kingdom. Forgive us when we play "god" and forget that you alone are Lord of all. Let the privileged and power-seeker be humbled. Forgive us for the ways we deny that every person is made in Your image – every person of every race, sexual orientation, gender, class, religion, culture, age, physical ability, nationality or sex is Your beloved creation and child. Forgive the church for being complicit in harming the earth and working against your ways of goodness in the human family. Let the meek and marginalized be empowered. All of creation teems with Your life-giving generosity. Forgive us when we squander both the material resources and intangible riches of Your created world. Re-create in us a pure heart, O God.**

*Silent prayer*

**Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. With purer hearts and open spirits let us rejoice in God's forgiving love!

\*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

Job 38:4-18

SERMON

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

MUSICAL RESPONSE

For Everyone Born

*Glory to God, Hymn 769*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Gifted with the grace of God, and clothed with power from on high, 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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

## THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We will lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PRAYER

We give thanks to you, O God... and so we join the heavenly hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PRAYER

...Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

### 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.**

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Come now to Christ's table, know you are welcome here.

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The bread and juice are distributed together and can be enjoyed immediately.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### **WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*HYMN 686, V. 1-3, *Glory to God*

God of Our Life

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee.  
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.  
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,  
We own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us abide.  
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land. Be thou our guide.  
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,  
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow thee.  
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be.  
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,  
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jesus Lead Thou On

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Worship Leaders

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**Job 38:4-18**

Then God said to Job:

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

when I made the clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

and said, ‘Thus far shall you come and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?

“Have you commanded the morning since your days began

and caused the dawn to know its place,

so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,

and the wicked be shaken out of it?

It is changed like clay under the seal,  
and it is dyed like a garment.  
Light is withheld from the wicked,  
and their uplifted arm is broken.

“Have you entered into the springs of the sea  
or walked in the recesses of the deep?  
Have the gates of death been revealed to you,  
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?  
Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?  
Declare, if you know all this.”

### **For Everyone Born *Glory to God, Hymn 769***

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
For everyone born, clean water and bread,  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
For everyone born, a star overhead.

#### *Refrain:*

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
Revising the roles, deciding the share,  
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
For woman and man, a system that's fair.

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
For young and for old, the right to belong.

For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
Abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
In anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
For just and unjust, a new way to live.

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
To live without fear, and simply to be,  
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
For everyone born, the right to be free.