



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2020

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Live into Hope

Howard Helvey

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God calls us in the ordinary and the extraordinary.

ALL: For just such a time as this.

ONE: God calls us in our homes, on the mountain tops, and in the valley
lows.

ALL: For just such a time as this.

ONE: God calls to us in a whisper and through a shout.

ALL: For just such a time as this.

ONE: God calls us to hear and participate in God's story this day

ALL: For just such a time as this.

✦ HYMN 839 (stanzas 1, 3) *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine* ASSURANCE

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, you call us and yet we turn away. We falter in our obedience to your calling. Help us to know you equip us for the journey. You give us courage. You call us out of our comfort zones to do hard things. We fear the risk is too vulnerable. We keep silent. Stir in us hearts for speaking truth and acting with justice for such a time as this. Deliver us from sin. Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦RESPONSE 462 *I Love to Tell the Story* HANKEY
***I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do. I love to tell the
story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and
his love.***

PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR Rev. Kimmy Briggs

ANTHEM *How Can I Keep From Singing* arr. Richard Walters
Gracie Bates

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Esther 4:9-17

SERMON Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

Stories of Faith: Esther
"A Time as This"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 726 (stanzas 1,2,5) *The Summons* KELVINGROVE

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

✦DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606) OLD HUNDREDTH
***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.***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Take our gifts, O God, and use them to empower us to live your story
of love and justice for all your people. May our talents, tithes, and time
be offerings that meet the needs of your church, your community, and
your world. Amen.**

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

[You are invited to join in the Sacrament of Communion. We recognize God is present with us as a Body of Christ this day. God is present with us in our homes. We believe bread and wine are symbols of Christ's presence with us. We believe Communion is a time of remembrance of yesterday, a time of nourishment for today, and at time of celebration for tomorrow. The gifts of God for the people of God. You may partake with a piece of bread and cup of juice. All Thanks be to God!]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠HYMN 769 (stanza 5) *For Everyone Born* FOR EVERYONE BORN

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Emma Lou Diemer

Thank you for worshiping with us today. Announcements, prayer concerns and ways to give are on the following pages.

<p>You are invited to "Text to Give" your offering: Text to: 73256 Enter FPCCOV as your message, click to send</p>

Moving Forward:

Phases of Re-Opening Church Building

On June 9th, the Session voted on timing and procedures for opening the church for worship and other activities. Currently we are in Phase 1 and the church building remains closed with worship being live-streamed. Please go to our website for the full document: www.fpccov.org. It is also printed in the June newsletter "First Press". This document gives an outline of reopening after declines in cases of the Covid-19 virus.

Volunteer to Make Sandwiches or Snacks for Children New Schedule for August has been posted!

We are now helping out the YMCA with their daily feeding of children in neighborhoods who don't have access to the school system program. Currently, the Y delivers about 2000 meals per week in Covington and lately they have been shy of the demand for sandwiches and snacks. Please sign up for any slot for sandwiches or snacks in August and also pass this email along to others you think would be able to help out. Use this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4caca82dabf49-help>
The recipes are very easy and simple like peanut butter and jelly [think of what a 5-year old would eat].

We thank you for your continued support of First Presbyterian Church of Covington!

Giving by Text: Send to: **73256** Text message should say **FPCCOV** (then press send) to give using your text messaging. If you made a pledge for 2020, choose "2020 Pledge" as the fund. Then the system will walk you through entering your bank or credit card information. If you did not make a pledge you can choose another fund such as "Non-pledge"; or "T-Shirts", etc. There is a drop-down menu you can scroll through to choose a fund.

Other ways to give:

You may continue to give by mailing checks to the church, dropping your offering in our mailbox (open the box and drop it in, then close the box, or by giving on-line.

To use Realm visit <https://tinyurl.com/fpcgiving>

1. Log-in with your email and password
2. When your page opens click on "Giving" on the left-side menu
3. At the top click on +giving tab
4. Fill out form with amount and fund (and follow the directions on completing your donation.

Call the church office if you need help. If you've never set up a Realm account (or forgotten your password), Peni can send you a link to do that.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ◆ Betty Harvey-medical procedure 8/12 (Jack Wheeler's sister)
- ◆ Bill Cobham-high blood pressure
- ◆ Curtis & Carolyn Watson-Covid 19
- ◆ Ginny Elliott-rehab following fall (step-mother of Aubrey Evans)
- ◆ Virginia Martin-facial dog bites (granddaughter of Christ & Barbara Martin)
- ◆ Howard Barton-recovering (Perri Walden's step-father)
- ◆ Chris Zimmerman-recovering at home (Karla Ensminger's fiancé; Karla is Perri Walden's sister)
- ◆ Chris Martin-shoulder surgery, 7/29
- ◆ Joan Wyatt-Covid-19 (sister of Denny Dobbs)
- ◆ Beverly Maddox-caring for husband who has leukemia (friend of Jean Elder)
- ◆ Mike Burns-recovering from surgery (brother of Cathy Dobbs)
- ◆ Pam Stillerman-car accident
- ◆ Betty Lunsford-home recovering from TIA.
- ◆ Dick, Cindy & Shep Perryman-car accident (family of Loucy Hay)
- ◆ Bill Davis-home
- ◆ Roger Tingler-another hip surgery
- ◆ Clark Knuth-cancer treatment (grandfather of Krista Firkus)
- ◆ Marylynne Knuth -knee replacement in July (grandmother of Krista Firkus)
- ◆ Connie Firkus-caring for her parents (mother of Krista Firkus)
- ◆ Gena McLendon-chemotherapy (friend of Doug & Sherri Bolton)
- ◆ Sharon Walton-cancer surgery (friend of Patti Lanford)
- ◆ Karen Moss-breast cancer
- ◆ Carter Mackenzie-neck injury (son of Julie & Jeff Mackenzie)
- ◆ Karen Lein Kaasa-home health care (sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie)
- ◆ Miles Bryant-family concerns (friend of the Liems)
- ◆ Tom Bass-cancer treatment & dialysis (friend of Beth & Danny Vining)
- ◆ Brenda Howell-breast cancer treatment
- ◆ Anderson Krieger-return of leukemia
- ◆ Wilford Reed-health issues (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)

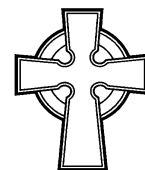
- ◆ Denise Vining-recovering from kidney transplant (she is Danny & Beth Vining's niece)
- ◆ Bob Darby-kidney problems (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)
- ◆ Joyce Williams-Alzheimer's (sister of Danny Vining)
- ◆ Peter Milner-cancer (nephew of Day & Larry Kennon)
- ◆ Larri Harris-melanoma treatment (friend of Susan Boteler)
- ◆ Angela Gregory-cancer treatment, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)
- ◆ Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
- ◆ Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- ◆ Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- ◆ Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis

Independent and Assisted Living

- ◆ Travis Moss-Pruitt Healthcare
- ◆ Penny Blakeney-home
- ◆ Julia Brubaker-Benton House
- ◆ Jean Elder-The Oaks (currently in Florida with daughter)
- ◆ Dot Fincher-Merryvale
- ◆ Guy McGiboney-Merryvale
- ◆ Betty Robinson-Merryvale
- ◆ Louise White-Merryvale
- ◆ Roger Wallace-Merryvale
- ◆ Jerry McGaffney-Merryvale

Military Service

- ◆ Koen Ardis-Navy Training, Pensacola, FL



Praises!

For all those associated with the Early Learning Center, especially Darlene Alley and our teachers!

Natalie Phillips - cancer free!

Bob Lange - answered prayer! (member of Ambassador Choir)
Patti Hill - answered prayer! (friend of Alice Walker)

Prayer Requests

All prayer requests should be sent to: info@fpccov.org or by clicking the "Prayer" button at the bottom of the Enews prayer list. Please specify if you want the request in the bulletin or for pastors only, or only the confidential prayer circle.

Worship Notes

- ◆ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: www.fpccov.org.
- ◆ Music and hymns printed in our bulletins are covered by licenses authorizing their use. Licenses are from: CCLI #11379886 and One License # A-728738.

Thanks to those serving us today

Trista Hooten Wilson,
Dan Walden, Brad Phillips,
& Ken Walker

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, August 9 Pentecost 10

9:30 Adult Sunday School (link below)
 11:00 Worship Service
 (live streamed on Facebook)
 12:00 Youth Sunday School (link below)
 1:00 Session Meeting on zoom

Sunday, August 16 Pentecost 11

9:30 Adult Sunday School (link below)
 11:00 Worship Service (live on Facebook)
 12:00 Youth Sunday School (link below)
 12:30 Sunday School Celebration for Children
 on zoom (link below)

Christian Education

Children: Sunday School with Dan and Perri returns! Videos will be posted to [Facebook](#) on Sunday morning and will be available on our [website](#).

Youth: Join us on Zoom at noon for a conversation with Pam, Jim and Kimmy! Join Zoom by [clicking here](#).

Adults: Join us on Zoom at 9:30am for Sunday School! This is a casual time of reflecting on Scripture together. Each week will be a standalone conversation, so if you miss a week, make plans to join the following week! Join Zoom by [clicking here](#).

Save the Date! On Sunday, August 16 at 12:30pm our children will gather on Zoom with Dan and Perri to celebrate the beginning of the Sunday School year! Stay tuned for the Zoom link, but be sure to save the date so you don't miss the fun!

Blessing the School Year! We know this year will begin differently than most others, with different dates, different methods, different rules, and even different roles. But we also believe that God is present in the midst of this new beginning, strange as it might be. As part of worship on Sunday, August 9 we will bless this school year, so be sure to tune in on Facebook Live!

Other Ways to Connect During the Week

Prayers from the Pews: Neeley will offer reflections on Tuesdays at 4:00pm. Videos will be on Facebook and on the [website](#). You're invited to leave your comments on Facebook.

FPC T-Shirt Orders

FPC T-Shirts are now available! [Click here](#) to place your shirt order! Each shirt is \$15 and any proceeds benefit Youth Ministry. Order soon to get your desired size (sizes are limited)! You will receive an email about pick-up of your shirts.

Volunteer with the First United Methodist Food Pantry

The Food Pantry at First United Methodist is in need of volunteers. Please see the weekly e-news for specific instructions about who can volunteer.

Interested in Joining the Church?

If you're interested in joining the FPC church family, you are welcome to reach out to Neeley. You can enjoy a virtual coffee together and discuss what it means to become a member.

To set a date:

by email: neeley@fpccov.org;

By phone: 770-786-7321, please leave a message with Peni Kehoe.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Neeley Rentz Lane Kimmy Briggs	Senior Pastor Director of Family Ministries Church Administrator Music Director	Alice Walker Danielle Schubert Darlene Alley	CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir Nursery Director of the Early Learning Center
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