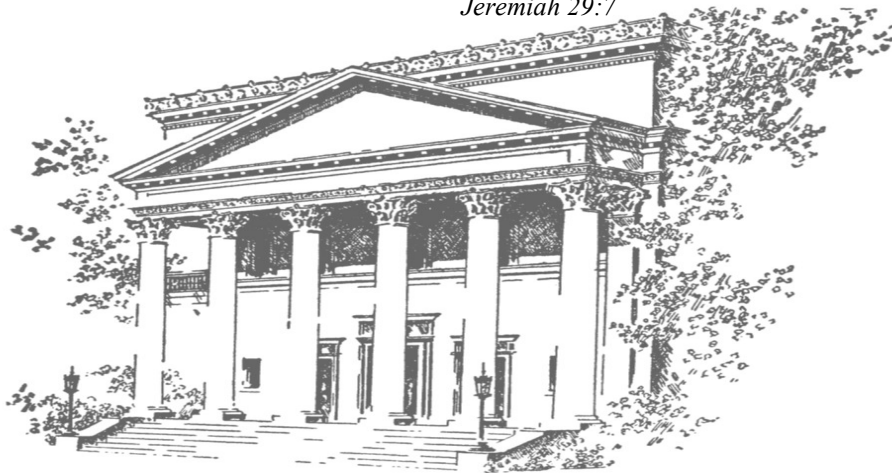


Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...
And pray to the Lord on its behalf

Jeremiah 29:7



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The Worship of Our Lord

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 2022

10:30 AM

Welcome to First Presby! We are grateful you chose to worship with us today. Please take a moment to sign in via the Friendship Pads located at the end of the pews. We use this information to keep in touch about church events. We hope you will take a moment to read the electronic newsletter "First Presby Press" and the weekly Green Sheet. Please share news and notes with your friends and neighbors. Thank you!

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

The following scriptures and reflection are provided for silent Meditation during the Prelude

Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 22:19-28 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39

The story of the church, therefore, is more than the story of a human institution. It is the continuing story of the love of God at work in the world, drawing people together by the Holy Spirit, and making of them a Christian community after the being and nature of God.

The Rev. Dr. Wallace M. Alston, Jr.
The Church of the Living God

* indicates congregation standing, as able

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO . . .

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Adoration Florence Price

WELCOME Pastor Myers

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Will Myers

One: We come to this service to meet God,
All: In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.
One: We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus,
All: And who walks with us the way of our world's suffering.
One: We come with our faith and with our doubts;
All: We come with our hopes and with our fears.
One: We come as we are, because it is God who invites us here,
All: And God has promised never to turn us away.

CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Pastor Myers

One: The Living God mercifully and graciously invites us into a relationship of healing and wholeness.

All: In humility and faith, let us confess the sin that keeps us from the life God intends.

God of Grace,

We have harmed your children whom you love.

Because we do not understand them,

We segregate them,

We reject them,

We demonize them,

And we hurt them.

Forgive us, in your infinite love,

And teach us to welcome all your children

Until our hospitality is as wide as your mercy.

Help us to understand others

As we wish to be understood.

Guide us to love one another

As you love us.

(Silence is kept for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved, this is the truth: You are not the labels others place on you. You are more than the boxes you check. You are not the side of the aisle on which you stand, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. You belong to Christ, and Christ alone. Believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #288 Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Rev. Will Myers

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 65:1-9 & Psalm 22:19-28

OT pages 695, 501

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus

Traditional, arr. Moses Hogan

In the mornin' when I rise, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.

Oh, when I comes to die, give me Jesus.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 8:26-39

NT page 68

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Myers

(Children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to Children's Church in Room E-117 or they may remain in the sanctuary with their parents.)

SERMON

“Christ or Culture?”

Pastor Myers

*HYMN #726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELINGROVE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—from the Confession of 1967 - PC(USA)

Rev. Will Myers

God has created us for personal relations with God that we may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created people and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. God has endowed humanity with capacities to make the world serve human needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use human creativity for the fulfillment of human life.

DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO GOD

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

Pastor Myers

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.

SUNG RESPONSE TO PRAYER #286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God (vs. 1)

TRENTHAM

*Breathe on me, Breath of God;
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.*

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Pastor Myers

Offertory

Deep River

Traditional, arr. Mark Hayes

*Offering Response #607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*HYMN #610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Myers

*POSTLUDE

Lift Every Voice and Sing

J. Rosamond Johnson,
James Weldon Johnson

Our worship continues in our service to others.

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship today.
May the gift of worship we offer today honor God and serve as a blessing to you.
Worship is broadcast at 11AM on WCHS-580AM
Worship is also available on our YouTube channel.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.
A nursery is provided for children from birth to 3 years old.
It is located through the door in the front right of the sanctuary straight down the hall on the left.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers
Rev. Will Myers

THE MUSIC TODAY

Jayson Keeton, Director of Music and Organist
Angela Jones, flute & voice

ALSO SERVING TODAY

Chiming the Trinity: David Cottrell
Greeters: Linda Elliott, Asmael Saifo,
Alice & Mike Abernethy

Audio & Video: Byron Goodew & David Cottrell
Custodial Services: David Feibelman

WORSHIP NOTES

Please remember that we worship every **Sunday Sabbath Day**, and that is available via YouTube and the radio broadcast. Thank you for connecting for worship with First Presby.

To celebrate the observance of Juneteenth, today's prelude, anthem, offertory, and postlude were all written by people of color:

Florence Price (1887-1953) was a classical composer, pianist, organist and music teacher. She was educated at the New England Conservatory of Music and was active in Chicago from 1927 until her death in 1953. She is noted as the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra. Price composed over 300 works. In 2009, a substantial collection of her works and papers was found in her abandoned summer home.

Moses Hogan (1957-2003) was an American composer and arranger of choral music. He was best known for his settings of spirituals. Over his lifetime, he published 88 arrangements for voice, eight of which were solo pieces, including today's anthem, **Give Me Jesus**.

Deep River is an anonymous spiritual, popularized by Henry Burleigh in his 1916 collection *Jubilee Songs of the USA*. It has been called "perhaps the best known and best-loved spiritual."

*Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go to that Gospel-feast?
That Promised Land, where all is peace?*

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, **Lift Every Voice and Sing** has gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

*Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on, till victory is won.*

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