

June 16, 2024
4th Sunday after Pentecost

Children are dismissed to Kids Church

PRELUDE

"In Christ Alone"

Townend

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to God Most High;

Ps. 92:1-2

**to declare God's steadfast love in the morning
and God's faithfulness at nighttime.**

Those who are planted in the house of the Lord flourish;

Ps. 92:13-15

no matter their age, they bear fruit

and remain lush and fresh, proclaiming:

The Lord is righteous!

God is my rock!

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+HYMN: GTG #263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

CORONATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

we so often miss your kingdom at work among us.

Captivated by power and prestige,

we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around.

Forgive us for failing to notice

where and how you are at work.

Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes—

fostering divisions when you have called us

to a ministry of reconciliation;

beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs;

building walls to keep people out when your branches

offer generous nests.

Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray,

so that we might reach our fullest height of faith.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... We are ambassadors for Christ, for God has reconciled us through him!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #36

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ Those who are able may stand.

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GTG = *Glory to God* (purple)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"We Worship You"

L. Johnson

+RESPONSE: GTG #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*
(United States, 1991)

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good

and makes everyone equally in God's image,

male and female, of every race and people,

to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,

we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,

accept lies as truth,

exploit neighbor and nature,

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people

to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel

from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

God is faithful still.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:26-34

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PSALM

Psalm 20

May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble,

the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

send you help from the sanctuary

and strengthen you out of Zion;

may the LORD remember all your offerings

and accept your burnt sacrifice;

grant you your heart's desire

and prosper all your plans.

We will shout for joy at your victory and unfurl our banners

in the name of our God;

may the LORD grant all your requests.

Now I know that the LORD gives victory to the anointed one;

God will answer out of the holy heaven,

gaining victory with a strong right hand.

Some trust in chariots and some in horses,

but we rely on the name of the LORD our God.

They collapse and fall down,

but we will arise and stand upright.

O LORD, give victory to the king

and answer us when we call.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

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RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Ps. 85:9

Surely our salvation is at hand. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: GTG #792

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

BALM IN GILEAD

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Jim Hegedus

"God Sees from a Different Point of View"

PRAYER FOR PARENTS

by Rev. Ashley-Anne Masters

+HYMN: GTG #804

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

MARION

+CHARGE

... and keep alert to the kingdom of God all around. **Amen.**

+BLESSING

... as you walk by faith now and forever. **Alleluia!**

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: GTG #748

TALLIS' CANON

"Go with Us, Lord"

POSTLUDE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Beethoven

*You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.*

It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY

Guest Organist: Laura Johnson

Liturgist: Mary Ozee

Greeters: Monte Shuck and Travis Archer

Next Week's Greeters: Ron Dlouhy and Jane Hamelink

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Will Ozee

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#89. Jewish Revolt (Part 8): Jewish rebels make one final stand against the Romans at the fortress of Masada. They are either slaughtered, or commit suicide. The war is over. (AD 73)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 13. When you confess the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, are you elevating men over women and endorsing male domination?

No. Human power and authority are trustworthy only as they reflect God's mercy and kindness, not abusive patterns of domination. As Jesus taught his disciples, "The greatest among you will be your servant" (Matt. 23:11). God the Father sets the standard by which all misuses of power are exposed and condemned. "Call no one your father on earth," said Jesus, "for you have one Father — the one in heaven" (Matt. 23:9). In fact God calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday Lunch Packing for Advent House 10:15 am
Prayer Fellowship (in the Chapel) 12:00 pm

Friday Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Joan Meinke June 18
Jamie Robinson June 22

Today's flowers are given by

Nancy Sue MacDonald
in memory of
David and Ethel Smale

Mason First Presbyterian Church

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Samuel Anoints David
Synagogue in Dura Europos, Syria (3rd century)

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*