

Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 24, 2018

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

God of our journey, guide the leaders of the world to find creative ways to respond, to address the situations and circumstances that force people to leave their homes, to do justice and seek peace.

Gathering

PRELUDE

“Imagine, Imagine the People of God”
(Congregation will remain seated)

Choir

WELCOME

John Hillin

MINUTE FOR MISSION

John Tieken

ANTHEM #769

“For Everyone Born”
(Choir)

Murray, 1998

*INTROIT #463

“How Firm a Foundation” (v.1)

Rippons, 1878

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God's creation delights and astonishes.

Let the people pause and wonder!

God, the Creator, has made it all. Let all creation shout and sing!

Alleluia!

*HYMN #463

“How Firm a Foundation” (v.2-5)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Scriptures are shot through with stories of people just like us: men who grieved, women who questioned, siblings who did not get along, parents who chose favorites. God's word of grace is meant for people just like us. There is no need for pretense in this place. Let us go to God in prayer. Let us pray, first silently, and then with the Unison Prayer of Confession.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient and persistent God, we come, polished and presentable, to this comfortable room as if we knew what to expect, as if this were a safe and predictable place, as if we could simply

observe. Holy One, forgive our tepid expectations. In the mystery of your love, overshadow us. Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts until we bloom and spill with your passion to serve in a world that is wasting. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

**“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The Spirit of God dwells in you. If you hear nothing else today, hear these words: there is no condemnation. In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

Amen.

*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.

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Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55:10-13

Bibles, p.645/LG. p.839

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Wesley, 1739

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

Bibles, p.13/LG. p.16

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Reckless Abandon”

Rev. Julie U. Riley

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The reconciliation of man through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God's good creation. Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples. The church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product of unjust social structures, exploitation of the defenseless, lack of national resources, absence of technological understanding, or rapid expansion of populations. The church calls every man to use his abilities, his possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to him by God for the maintenance of his family and the advancement of the common welfare. It

encourages those forces in human society that raise men's hopes for better conditions and provide them with opportunity for a decent living. A church that is indifferent to poverty, or evades responsibility in economic affairs, or is open to one social class only, or expects gratitude for its beneficence makes a mockery of reconciliation and offers no acceptable worship to God. This, we believe.
– The Confession of 1967 9.46

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Selected

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #192 *“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”* (v.1&2) Kendrick, 1987

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #192 *“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”* (v.3)

POSTLUDE

Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.
Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

First Presbyterian Church welcomes Rev. Julie Riley to our pulpit this Sunday morning, June 24th. Rev. Riley graduated Austin College in Sherman, Texas, and went on to graduate Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She currently serves Grace Presbytery as teaching elder, and is Member-at-Large, currently living in Irving, Texas with her husband, Brian and two daughters. We are excited to have her join with us this Sunday and next Sunday. She has served several churches in the area, and is currently a Member-At-Large teaching elder with Grace Presbytery, serving churches like ours, without a permanent pastor.

This week's prayers and concerns: Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Billy Tapley, Kay Warren, and Sue Williams.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 06/25

Pipeline Deadline

New Choir Practice Time is 6:00pm on Tuesdays

But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit...
Matthew 13:23, NRSV



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