

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10th Sunday after Pentecost. 10:00 am August 10, 2021

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather together as God's anointed children;

People: Together, though we are divided.

Leader: We praise the works of the Creator God, who created us to worship unceasingly;

People: Together, though we are divided.

Leader: We recognize the unity of the Trinity, the mysterious three-in-one;

People: Together, though we are divided.

Leader: We implore you, Jesus Christ, to gather us together as a "hen gathers her brood." Your Church remains divided, though you call us to unity. We recognize our divisions and denounce them as unfaithful; we acknowledge that we sing your praises, though with a divided tongue. We profess along with your apostle Paul that there is indeed "one body and one Spirit," and we ask that your Spirit descend upon us—your Body— today.

People: We pray this in the name of the One "who is above all and through all and in all," Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "In Christ Alone" (see insert)
"Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, In your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination

and freedom of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve in your world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:15

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 4:1-16

SERMON The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis

SPECIAL MUSIC "By Our Love" Soloist: Kristen Brannon
Composer: Christy Nockels

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name: **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.

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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN "One Bread One Body" (see insert)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are
in Christ Jesus; for we know all things work together
for the good of those who love God, who are called
according to God's purpose. We are convinced that
neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor
things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor
height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will
be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

***Those who are able, please stand.**

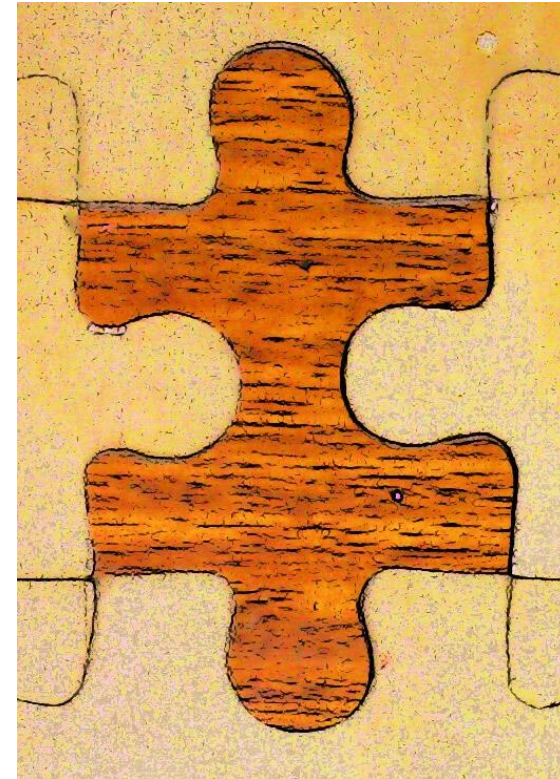
Leading Worship: Leading Worship: The Rev. Natasha
Sudderth-Davis, Pastor; Bob Helberg, liturgist; Leah Metzger,
Accompanist; Kristen Brannon, Director; Kristen Brannon,
Special Music; Karl Morgan, Elder of the Month; Marne
Helberg, Jeanne Hilgendorf, Joey Ratliff, Communion Servers.
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We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your
presence will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship
together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in
the service. Glory be to God!



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Announcements

OCC August collection list is available in the narthex

Monday Morning Yoga 10 am

Bible Study Tuesdays at 10 am

Art and Fellowship Wednesdays at 10 am

Prayer Meeting Thursdays 9:30 am

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength,
my song; This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the
fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My
Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in
me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my
destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me
from his hand: Till he returns or calls me home, here in the
power of Christ I'll stand.

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“Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord”

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you, I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shinin' in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shinin' in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart
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Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.....Holy, holy, holy.....Holy, holy, holy.... I
want to see you.

Holy, holy, holy.....Holy, holy, holy.....Holy, holy, holy.... I
want to see you.

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“One Bread One Body”

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which
we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are
one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which
we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are
one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord, of all.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which
we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are
one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which
we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are
one body in this one Lord.

“Called as Partners in Christ's Service”

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of
grace, We respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of
faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and
friend with friend, Equal partners in our caring to fulfil God's
chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work
and worth, Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on
earth. Men and women, richer poorer, all God's people young
and old, Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God
unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, In a small or global
sense, Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each
wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of
challenge, said with care, Bring new power and strength for
action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers
strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to
increase, Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence
and peace.