

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. July 4, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Psalm 123**

Leader: To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens!

**People: As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

Leader: so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.

**People: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt;**

**All: too much of the scorn of the scorn of the indolent rich, and the derision of the proud.**

OPENING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit” (see insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and not enough faith in the strength of your Spirit. O God, forgive us when we go our own way and strengthen us anew to follow Christ’s way in this world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 2:1-7

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:1-13

SERMON

Dianna Sandonato

LITANY OF THANKS FOR OUR NATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(see insert)

\*HYMN

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

(see insert)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of faith

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY AND 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.**

\*SENDING HYMN “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” (see insert)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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

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!

**Leading Worship:** Dianna Sandonato, Chuck Eckel, liturgist; Sandra Allen, Accompanist. Joey Ratliff, Elder of the Month.  
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### **Announcements**

**Art and Fellowship** July 7th at 10 am

**Ushers for July 11th:** Bob Helberg, Nancy Bell, Marne Helberg, Cathy Wiggins, Zachary Wiggins.

**Monday Morning** Yoga 10 am

**Prayer Meeting** Thursdays 9:30 am in the church office



**“Jesus as Carpenter”**

## LITANY OF THANKS FOR OUR NATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: God of all Nations, as we remember the birth of our own nation, and the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts. For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world, for the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generations, we thank you Lord.

**People: For those who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation and for the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all; for those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town; for the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their selfless service and sacrifice we thank you Lord.**

Leader: For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good; for this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows,; for our own community, and for our neighbors near and far,

**People: we thank you Lord.**

Leader : Lord, we pray for all the nations of the world but today, we pray for the United States, that we might always be a nation of liberty and freedom, truth and justice.

**People: That we might always be a nation where all have religious freedom; that we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of oppression and hopelessness; that we would be a people who turn to you and to your grace.**

Leader: Gracious God, bless all the nations and people of your beautifully diverse creation. Prosper the work of their hands.

Increase in each one of us grace, compassion, and love that our lives may please you, our Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. This we pray in Jesus' name and in the prayer he taught us saying

**All: 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.**

## “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

There's a sweet, sweet, spirit in this place, and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord. There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know you feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit Sweet heavenly dove stay right here with us filling us with your love. And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise. Without out a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness and believe; You're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." Sweet Holy Spirit Sweet heavenly dove stay right here with us filling us with your love. And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise. Without out a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

## “I Need Thee Every Hour”

I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord; No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford. I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need Thee! O bless me now, my Savior-- I come to Thee!

I need Thee every hour; Stay Thou near by; Temptations lose their power When Thou art nigh. I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need Thee! O bless me now, my Savior-- I come to Thee!

I need Thee every hour, Most Holy One; O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son. I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need Thee! O bless me now, my Savior-- I come to Thee!

## “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

O Master, let me walk with thee In lowly paths of service free; Tell me thy secret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love; Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience, still with thee In closer, dearer company, In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broadening way; In peace that only thou canst give, With thee, O Master, let me live.