

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. September 19, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

**People: God's ways are just and merciful.**

Leader: Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

**People: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.**

Leader: Open our hearts, O Lord, and help us to listen.

**People: O Lord, enter into our worship today and our lives everyday and prepare us to serve.**

Leader: Fill us with delight in your teaching, that we may bear fruit in every season of life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN "Take My Life" (see insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

PSALTER READING

Psalm 1

SPECIAL MUSIC

Juanita Ratliff and Kristie Harper

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 31:10-31

SERMON

The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis

\*HYMN

"Be Still, My Soul" (see insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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.**

\*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:** The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis, Pastor; Sandra Allen, Accompanist; Juanita Ratliff and Kristie Harper, Special Music; Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis, Elder of the Month.

### **Announcements**

**Worship Committee** requests that if you have a purple hymnal at home, please return it to the narthex. Members will receive dedication bookplates to remember a loved one or document your experience during the pandemic. Please also consider a donation for these hymnals. Donations (identified as “hymnal donation”) can be placed in the offering box in the sanctuary or mailed to FPC.

**Mission and Outreach** meeting Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:30 am

**Monday Morning Yoga** 10 am

**Art and Fellowship** Wednesdays 10am in Fellowship Hall

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

**Ushers for September 26<sup>th</sup>:** Bobby Harper, Jeanne Hilgendorf, Warren Hilgendorf, Martha Davis, Mike Perrine, and Jim Culbreath.



**“People Around a Baobab Tree” Ahlefeldt, Frits**

### **“Take My Life”**

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

### **“Be Still, My Soul”**

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord; when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

### **“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.