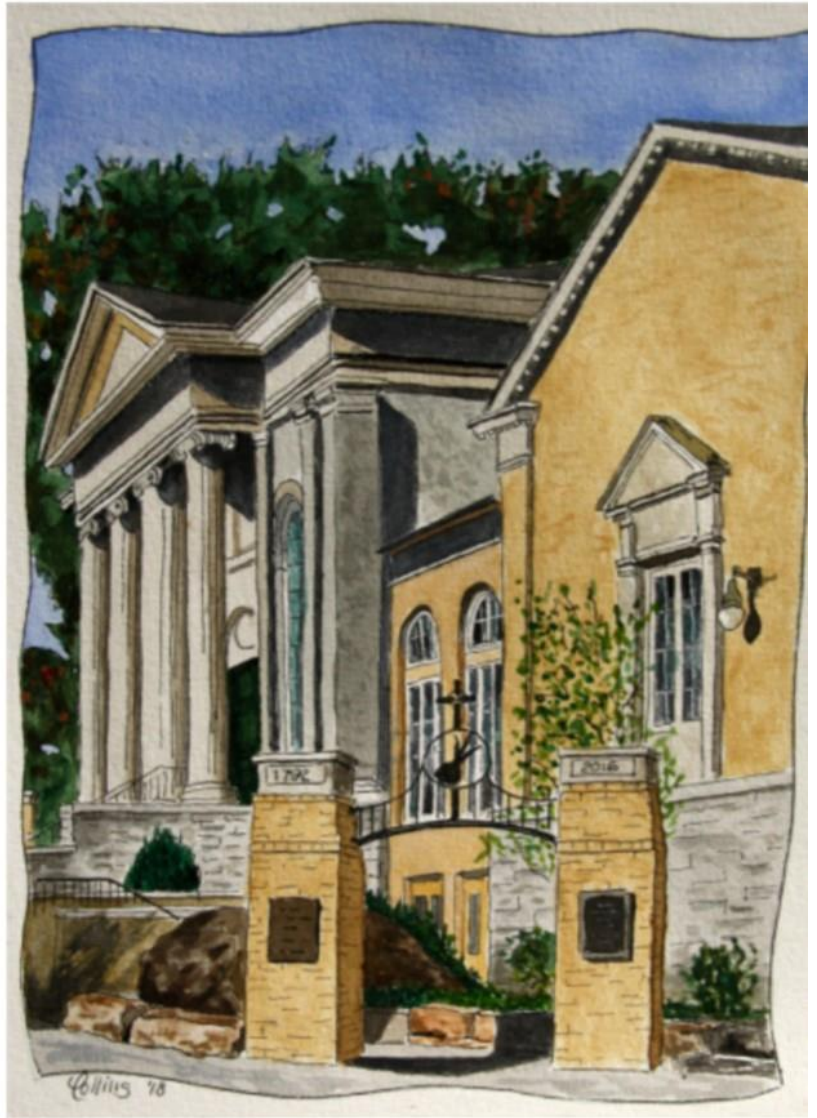


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ORDER OF WORSHIP
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 17, 2022
✧ **THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE** ✧

PRELUDE

Prelude in D Flat Major, Op. 28, No. 15 "Raindrop"
Carrie Wright, Piano

Frédéric Chopin

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

† CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

For you the kings of the earth shall bow,
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

**Your love and mercy shall last forever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.**

Great is your name.

Great is your love. Amen.

† OPENING HYMN 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

Abbot's Leigh

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(a moment for silent confession)

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† MUSICAL RESPONSE 377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (verse 1)

Houston

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

† MUSICAL RESPONSE 288

Spirit of the Living God

Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

✠ THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD ✠

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 1:15-28

Joan Holladay

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. ²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

ANTHEM

God, that Madest Earth and Heaven

Arr. Robert Lehman

*God that madest earth and heaven, Darkness and light; Who the day for toil hast given, For rest the night,
May thine angel guards defend us, Slumber sweet thy mercy send us, Holy dreams and hopes attend us, This livelong night!
Guard us waking, guard us sleeping, and when we die, May we in thy mighty keeping, all peaceful lie:
And when death to life shall wake us, thou wilt in thy likeness make us; Then to reign in glory take us with thee on high.*

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

SERMON

Rev. Meredith Loftis

✠ THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE ✠

† HYMN OF RESPONSE 702

Christ Be Beside Me

Bunessan

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.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your offering in the offering plates when they are passed or you are invited to mail in your tithes and offerings to the church office or give online at www.fpcknox.org/donate.

OFFERTORY*Who at My Door is Standing*

Arr. K. Lee Scott

Who at my door is standing, there patiently drawing near, who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear? Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me! If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee." Within, the rooms are darkened, all filled with dust and sin; how shameful, how unworthy for Christ to enter in. Yet, the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me! If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee." Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide. Though he rebuke and chasten, He shall with me abide. Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!" Lord God, I hear thee calling, come now, abide with me. Dear Lord, abide with me!

† DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION 606 *Old Hundredth*

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*The Apostles' Creed*

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.

† SENDING HYMN 450*Be Thou My Vision*

Slane

† CHARGE AND BLESSING**POSTLUDE***Trumpet Processional in G*

David German

† - Please stand if you are able.

School Supplies Needed for Dogwood Elementary School Third Grade



Believe it or not, it's almost that time again. School will be starting August 8th! We will be helping the five third grade classes at Dogwood Elementary School again this year.

The third grade teachers are compiling a list of the specific needs for that grade level. They will purchase these items and be reimbursed by the church. There are a couple of ways we as church members can help. You can write a check to First Presbyterian noting Dogwood School on the memo line to help with the above purchases.

Or, we can supply much needed items for the classroom such as Kleenex, hand sanitizer, Lysol or Clorox wipes, ziplock bags (gallon, sandwich or snack size) and bandaids. Backpacks are always needed also. This year the Tax Free weekend is July 29, 30 and 31, which will help defray the cost.

Supplies can be placed in the large black box in the Fellowship Hall, from July 17 through Rally Day on August 15.

Thank you so much for your help and generosity in the past. It is always very much needed and appreciated and makes a big difference in the lives of these students and teachers.

For questions, please contact Paulette Anderson at gdandrs@bellsouth.net.

HYMNS FOR JULY 17

† OPENING HYMN 309 *Come, Great God of All the Ages* Abbot's Leigh

1. Come, great God of all the ages,
Make your earthly mission known;
Speak through every deed and person,
Let your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment,
Give direction now, we ask;
Fit us for the work of building,
Dedicate us to the task.
2. Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit,
Sure foundation, cornerstone,
Help us form the church eternal,
May your vision be our own.
Send a message to each follower,
Lead all people to your way;
Urge us to strong faith and action
As we build the church today.
3. Come, great Spirit, in and with us,
Tune our ears to hear your call;
Through the moving of your presence,
Let redeeming love recall
Ministry in dedication,
Love embodied in our deeds;
Challenge us to do your bidding,
See your purpose, fill all needs.
4. Come, O come, in celebration,
Household of the one true God,
In commitment and rejoicing
Let us go where Christ has trod;
As we act in faith and reverence,
Let us, Lord, the future see,
Place us in the church triumphant,
Now and for eternity.

† HYMN OF RESPONSE 702 *Christ Be Beside Me* Bunessan

1. Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.
2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.
3. Christ be in all hearts thinking about me;
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me;
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

† SENDING HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision* Slane

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.