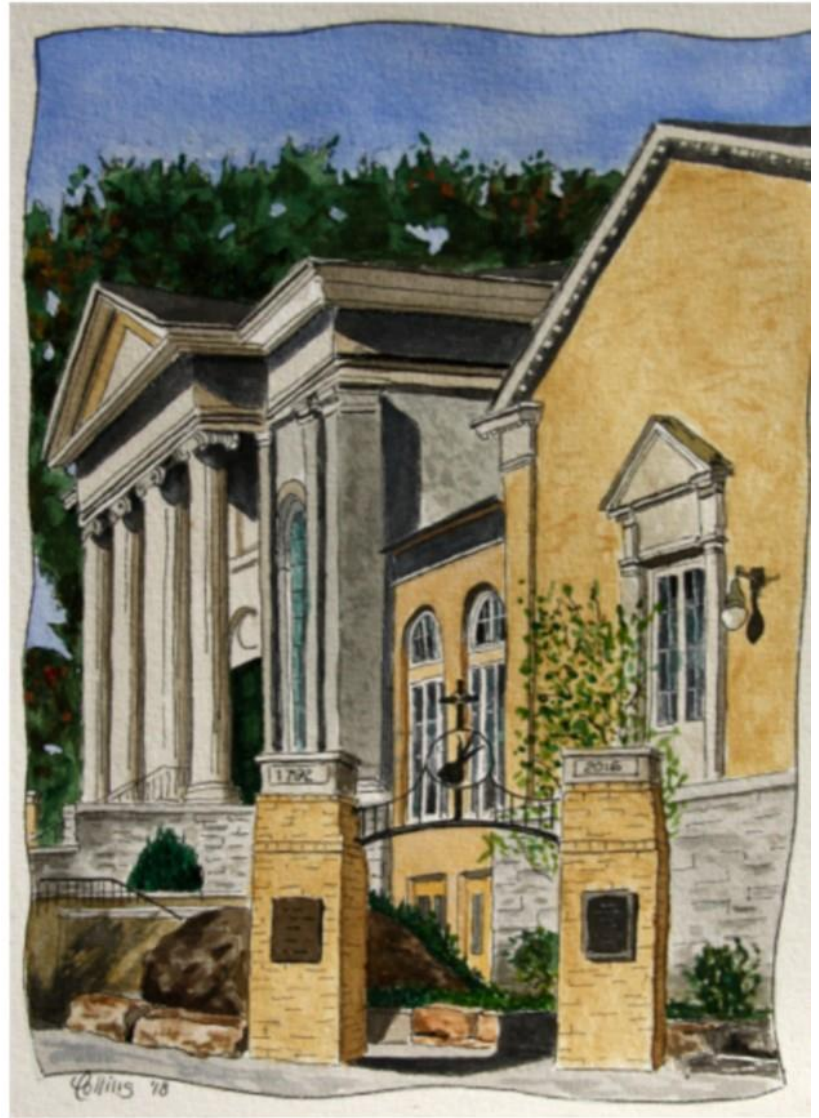


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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JULY 31, 2022**  
✧ **THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE** ✧

**PRELUDE**

*What God Ordains is Always Good (Chorale with Variations)*

Johann Pachelbel

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

*from Psalm 107*

Give thanks for the Lord's goodness,  
God's love is steadfast and forever.

**God has gathered us from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south, and rescued us from trouble.**

When we wandered as if in the desert,  
hungry and thirsty for God,

**God heard our cries and revived our fainting souls,  
leading us home.**

Give thanks for God's steadfast love,  
for the wonderful things God has done and is doing for us.

**God's grace satisfies the hunger in our hearts,  
and fills us with compassion, hope, and peace.**

**Come, let us worship and praise God's name always!**

**† OPENING HYMN 653** *Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries* (vv. 1, 2, 5, & 6)

Morning Song

**† PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open,  
and from whom no secrets are hid;  
we come to sing our praise and worship you;  
to know you and be known by you.

But we fill our hearts all too often  
with the things of this world;  
Leaving us empty and lost.  
For our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

So do your mysterious work with our hearts:  
reclaim us,  
renew us,  
re-enliven us,  
that we may leave your presence transformed,  
open and receptive,  
seeing you and singing your praise  
in every moment of our lives...

*(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

*Psalm 107:1-9, 43*

Jane Luhn

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. <sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble <sup>3</sup>and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. <sup>4</sup>Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; <sup>5</sup>hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. <sup>6</sup>Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; <sup>7</sup>he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town. <sup>8</sup>Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. <sup>9</sup>For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things. <sup>43</sup>Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

### ANTHEM

*Offertory*

John Ness Beck

*With what shall I come before the Lord, And bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, With ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man, He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you But to do justice and to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?*

### SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Colossians 3:12-17*

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### SERMON

“Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs”

Rev. Mark R. Curtis

## ✠ THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE ✠

### † HYMN OF RESPONSE 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* (vv. 1-4)

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

### 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](http://www.fpcknox.org/donate).

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*At the Name of Jesus*

Richard Waters

*At the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, Every tongue confess Him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord, Who from the beginning was the mighty Word. Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom He came, Gladly He bore it spotless to the last, Brought it back victorious when from death He passed. Name him, brothers, name him with love as strong as death, but with awe and wonder and with bated breath; He is God the Saviour, He is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshiped, trusted, and adored. In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true; Crown as your Captain in temptation's hour; Let His will enfold you in its light and power.*

## † 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 263

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

Coronation

## † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*We All Believe in One God*

Johann S. Bach

† - *Please stand if you are able.*



*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Barbara Jean Brown by Becky and Len Dwarsbuis.*

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## School Supplies Needed for Dogwood Elementary School Third Grade



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!

## HYMNS FOR JULY 31

### † OPENING HYMN 653 *Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries* (vv. 1, 2, 5, & 6) Morning Song

1. Give thanks to God who hears our cries  
and saves in troubled days  
with wondrous works to humankind  
that call for highest praise.  
Let all who know God's saving love  
sing grateful songs always.
2. If you have ever wandered where  
no human help was near,  
and in your trouble cried to God,  
who rescued you from fear,  
then thank the God of steadfast love  
who dries your every tear.
5. If you have felt your courage fail  
before a violent sea  
and cried to God, who stilled the storm,  
and made the wild wind flee,  
then in the congregation praise  
the One who heard your plea.
6. So praise the One whose love is great,  
whose kindness is well-known.  
Consider well the healing hand  
and help you have been shown,  
and tell the world what God has done.  
Praise God and God alone!

### † HYMN OF RESPONSE 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* (vv. 1-4) Lasst Uns Erfreuen

1. All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam,  
sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. O brother wind with clouds and rain,  
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O sister water, flowing clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear.  
sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. O brother fire, so warm and bright,  
chase off the shadows of the night.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfolds such blessings on our way,  
sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. All who for love of God forgive,  
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
so, even in the midst of tears,  
sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### † SENDING HYMN 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* Coronation

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
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and crown him Lord of all!
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all!
3. Let every kindred, every tribe  
on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
To him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!
4. O that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all!