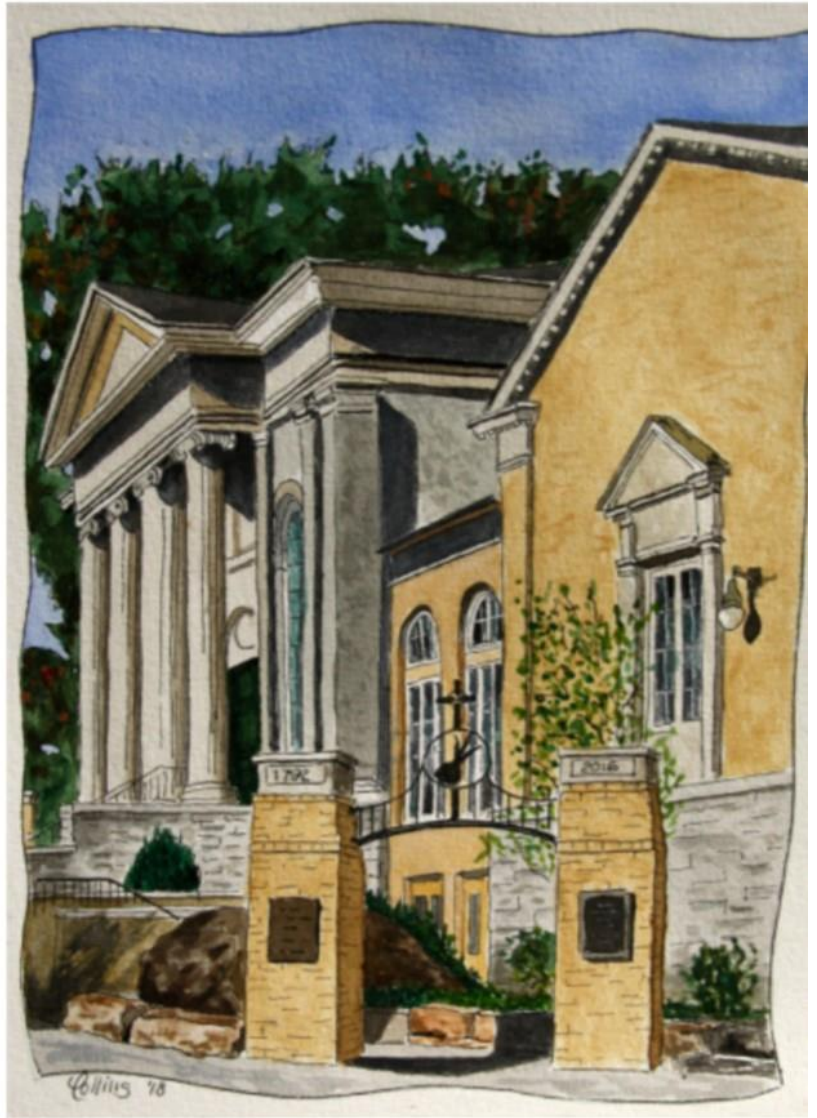


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ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 24, 2022
✠ **THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE** ✠

PRELUDE

Aria

Noel Rawsthorne

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

† CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 85

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

**The Lord will speak peace to the faithful,
to those who turn to God in their hearts.**

Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord,
and God's glory will dwell in our land.

† OPENING HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you have told us to ask, and seek, and knock, and it will be given to us. But so often, Lord, we ignore your calls to prayer. Our worries consume our attention, and we trust in our own strength instead of yours. We confess that we have failed you, and that we have doubted your power at work in our lives. Forgive us, O God, and in your mercy, give us a chance to begin again, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ...

(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

Romans 8:24-28

Dave Dennis

²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

ANTHEM*The Lord's Prayer*

Albert Hay Malotte

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON***Luke 11:1-13*

¹He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." ⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

SERMON

"Nightly Bread"

Rev. Mark R. Curtis

✠ THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE ✠

† HYMN OF RESPONSE 175

Seek Ye First

Lafferty

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*The Lord's Prayer*

Nikolai Kedrov

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

† 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 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Converse

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festival Toccata on St. Anne

Frederick Swann

† - *Please stand if you are able.*



The flowers today are presented to the glory of God and in honor of Doy Barron's 90th birthday by the Julia White Circle.

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 24

† OPENING HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

[Refrain]

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

[Refrain]

† HYMN OF RESPONSE 175

Seek Ye First

Lafferty

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all the things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!
3. You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia!

† SENDING HYMN 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Converse

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit;
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.