

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18th, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Élévation in B Major

Théodore Dubois

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 89

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: “My hand will hold you fast,” says the Lord, “my arm will make you strong.”

All: The faithfulness and love of God is with us. He is our Father, our God, the Rock of our salvation.

One: God’s covenant stands firm; it shall not be broken.

All: The love of God lasts forever, as long as heaven itself.

One: God’s love stands fast for evermore, like the moon, the abiding witness in the sky.

All: We will proclaim God’s faithfulness from one generation to the next. We will worship our faithful God!

✦ HYMN OF PRAISE

Gather Us In

#401, vv. 1, 2, 4

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and faithful God, you have blessed us with your love, freely given us the gift of salvation in Christ Jesus, and called us to work and serve in your name. Yet we confess that we have been reluctant to work to make your Kingdom a reality on earth as it is in heaven because, deep down, we know that your Kingdom threatens the status quo, and we don’t want to rock the boat. We have been more worried about disturbing the peace than proclaiming and working for your justice. Forgive us, Lord. Send us your Holy Spirit to encourage and empower us to proclaim your Good News in all its forms, that the world may know we serve only one king, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

✦ ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

One: This is the Good News which we declare: God leads us out of the shadows to walk in the light of Christ.

All: This is the word which we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and calls us to new life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

✦ RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

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. Amen.

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Amos 5:14-15, 18-24

p. 854 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Here I Am, Lord

arr. Craig Courtney

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will hear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord; Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord; Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord; Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 17:1-15

p. 137 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sarah Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of 1967

The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in humanity and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

TIME FOR REFLECTION

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Craig Phillips

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, power, and glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

✦ HYMN OF SENDING

The Canticle of the Turning

#100

✦ POSTLUDE

Toccata on Jesus Shall Reign

arr. David Chernien

✦ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are excited to have you with us today and hope you feel at home! We are honored you are here and pray you will feel God’s presence in this place. If you do not have a church home, we would love for you to be a part of 2nd Pres. Children are always welcome in worship, but a **nursery is available** for infants and children through age 6. There is also a “crying room” next door in the Library where the service is live streamed. **Hearing Devices** are available, if needed. **Children’s Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Dean Farmer – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

David Stultz – Asst. Dir. of Music/Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Emily McTyre – Media Coordinator

Usher/Greeter: Leslie Matthews, Doug Matthews, and Bill Ragsdale

Technicians: Matt Casey (video), Dale Henley (audio)

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given by Leslie Testerman, to the glory of God and in memory of three members of her Covenant Group who recently passed away: Catherine Beals, Elizabeth Rochelle, and Aggie Bell.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently in a year-long sermon series on the book of Acts. Upcoming sermon texts/topics are:

July 18	Acts 17:1-15	The Empire in an Uproar
July 25	Acts 17:16-34	Paul in Athens
Aug 1	Acts 18:1-17	Paul in Corinth
Aug 8	Acts 18:18-28	Apollos in Ephesus

FACE COVERINGS ARE NOW OPTIONAL: We encourage everyone to make whatever decision you feel is best for you and for those in your circle of relationships regarding whether or not to continue to wear a face covering during worship.

PASTOR TIM IS AWAY TODAY presiding at the wedding of his nephew.

THE AUGUST SECOND EDITION DEADLINE is Tuesday July 20th! Please email Audrey (ajohnson@2ndpres.org) with your submissions.

FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

RECONNECTION SESSIONS: During July and early August, Pastors Tim and Sarah are holding a series of small group Reconnection Sessions at the church. This is a chance for us to get together to connect and reconnect with one another following the pandemic, and to process together what we've been through during the previous 16 months. Each session will last approximately one hour and will be limited to 8 participants. We encourage everyone to attend one of these sessions, especially those new to our congregation. We will add more sessions if necessary. All meetings will be held in the Fireside Room (Library). Dates, times, and a link to sign up are on the home page of our website, in the Friday email, or you can sign up by calling the church office.

COMPASSIONATE CUISINE meals for the homebound: If you are interested in joining a cooking team to prepare meals for some of our homebound members, please contact Leslie Matthews at flowlilly@gmail.com or 865.765.0549.

VISITING SHUT-INS: If you would like to visit one of our shut-ins, we remind you *to please call before you go*. Each facility has differing protocols and they change frequently. For folks shut in at home, the decision is individual.

EXTENDED COMMUNION? If you are interested in being part of our Extended Communion Program, please contact Jan Barber.

COFFEE AND DONUT HOLES are available in the atrium prior to worship.

DISCIPLESHIP

FAITH, SCIENCE AND THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: The FSF Sunday School class meets in the Mary Chambers Room at 9:45 a.m.

SERVICE & OUTREACH

WEST VIEW WORK DAY: Second Presbyterian Church will hold the Annual Work Day on Saturday, August 7th. This will be an opportunity to work outside *and inside* to help prepare the school for a new academic year. Please consider volunteering your time to this worthy endeavor. The list of needed school supplies, as well as a link to sign up for the Work Day, can be found in our weekly email. You may drop off school supplies to the church.

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING PLATES are at the entrances/exits to the sanctuary. Please remember to offer your gift of thanksgiving as you enter or leave. We will resume passing the offering plates and pew pads on Sunday, August 1st.

SECOND QUARTER CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS were recently sent either via email or First Class Mail. If you did not receive one, or if you have a question regarding your statement, please contact Audrey (ajohnson@2ndpres.org or 865-523-2189).

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, July 18th

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (MCR)
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, July 19th

12:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, July 20th

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Reconnection Session (Library)

Wednesday, July 21st

10:00 a.m. Committee on Preparation for Ministry (Barbour Room)
2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (FH)

Saturday, July 24th

9:00 a.m. Session Retreat (Mary Chambers Room)

Sunday, July 25th

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (MCR)
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. David Stultz Farewell Concert (Sanctuary/Hudson Hall)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ben Bowlen, Pam Maples, John Henley, the Grimm family, Margaret Walther, the McCollum family, Alex Robinson, Joyce Robertson, Peter Hamilton, and Amy Cross.

*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request.
Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF

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Check out our blog: 2ndpresknox.blogspot.com

WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.



*Responding in gratitude to God's love and grace,
we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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