

The First Presbyterian Church
300 South Main Street
Greensburg, Pennsylvania
The Third Sunday after Pentecost – June 26, 2022 – 10 a.m.
Simulcast Service

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

✠**HYMN 41** O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(unison)*

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 16

SOLO Keep Me Safe, O God John Foley, S.J.
Keep me safe, O God, you are my hope; you are my hope, O God. I say to God, "You are my only God, I have no good except in you." I find in God always my cup of joy; and God will keep my life secure. I bless my God; God who has counseled me. At night my heart gives counsel too. I keep my God always before my eyes; with God beside me I'm secure. And so my heart always is glad in God; my body too shall dwell secure. For you will not ever abandon me, or let your servant lose the path. The path of life you have revealed to me, and in your presence is my joy.

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:15-23

SERMON Rev. Dr. Martin R. Ankrum

✠**HYMN 724** O Jesus, I Have Promised

✠**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED** *(unison)*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

OUR JOYFUL RESPONSE - TITHES & OFFERINGS

✠**RESPONSE** Doxology (hymnal p. 606)

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.

✠**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

✠**HYMN 546**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

✠**BENEDICTION**

✠**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Go with Us, Lord

Thomas Tallis

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING:

Rev. Dr. Martin R. Ankrum, Pastor / Head of Staff

Ms. Gloria Christofano, Interim Choir Director

Ms. Hazel Braun, Interim Accompanist

Dr. Jessica Leigey, Lector

Ms. Heather Nabuda, Soloist

Ms. Nina Edgar, Flutist

Mr. Michael Pascarella, Video Technician

*Music for this morning's service has been made possible, in part,
by Edgar and Joanne Highberger and by gifts to the Dr. Edgar S. Highberger Music Fund.*

FIRST NEWS: The News of FPC – June 26 – July 3, 2022

A GOOD COLLEAGUE AND AN EXCELLENT FRIEND

Back in January of 2018, Dr. John Salvesson came to be our Minister of Music / Organist and has blessed our lives ever since with his fine musicianship, his deep faith and his kind thoughtfulness in all he did. From the very beginning of his ministry with us, he provided excellent leadership in worship and wise counsel to members of our church and members of our community.

As many of you know, last August, John was diagnosed with a very rare form of cancer while he was out in Minnesota and Iowa on vacation. We have not had the privilege or pleasure of John's company here in Greensburg since that time, but he has remained in our hearts and in our prayers as he has battled this rare disease. John, and his husband Bob, have come to the decision that now is the time to concentrate more fully upon recovery. To this end, John has offered his resignation to the Session of our church, which became effective at the end of May.

Though John is not able to physically be with us, the Session has determined to honor his time of ministry with us by soliciting a 'love gift' from the congregation that will be given to John sometime later in this year. I encourage you to show your appreciation for John's ministry by participating in this gift, sending either a check or visiting online the VANCO site, earmarking either with 'love gift.' If you wish to send

cards or letters directly to John and Bob who are residing in Iowa, please call the church office for the address. Please contribute before June 30.

REMINDER FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Donations for the annual Church World Service Blanket Offering are still welcome. Your support enables much needed help in so many areas of the world today, including the United States. Please consider a contribution if you have not already done so. Presbyterian Women will be most grateful.

DARING HEARTS NEEDED!

VOLUNTEERS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Dare to make a difference in the lives of people you may never meet! Volunteers needed for St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at Our Lady of Grace Church for the following dates: 7/9/22. 8/6/22. We need 5 people to pack boxes inside from 7:45 a.m. – 9 a.m. and 5 volunteers to help with loading boxes into cars from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. for each of those dates. If interested please call Kathy Martinko 724-858-5485 or email kmartinko82@comcast.net. Thanks so much! Our church's help during the summer months food distribution is always so greatly appreciated!



Do you wish to give online?

To set up your own recurring donations, either visit the church website or scan the QR code with your smart phone, or contact the church office for help. Your support of Christ's church in this place is greatly appreciated! www.firstpresbyteriangreensburg.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL SAVE THE DATES: July 17 – Teacher Orientation/Volunteer Training; **August 21** – PreK/K Sunday School Orientation Event; **September 11** – Sunday School Returns.

FPC IS SEEKING TO HIRE A SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY CARE ATTENDANT beginning September 11, 2022. Attendant will care for feeding, diapering and general needs of children, birth through age 5, during the Sunday school and worship hours, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Sundays. Duties also include maintaining a safe and healthy Christian environment and engaging in energetic positive interactions with children and their parents. Excellent pay. Applicants must possess a personal faith and be trustworthy; 16 years of age or older; have all required state and federal background clearances; and experience working with young children. Completion of, or enrollment in, early learning education programs preferred. If interested, contact Wendy McCann at tjmwam@netzero.com or call the church office at 724-832-0150

THE BEAUTIFUL GERANIUMS that grace our churchyard have been graciously donated by Ed & Joanne Highberger in memory of Ernestine Salvador.

41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,


O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,


pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.


724 O Jesus, I Have Promised




1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee



be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

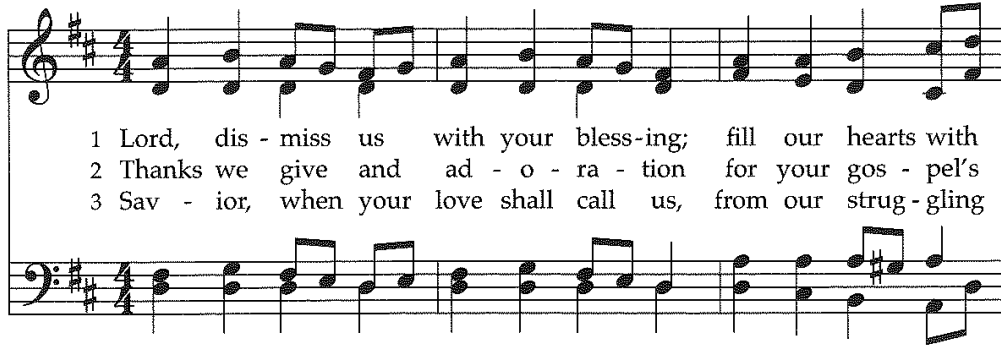


nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.

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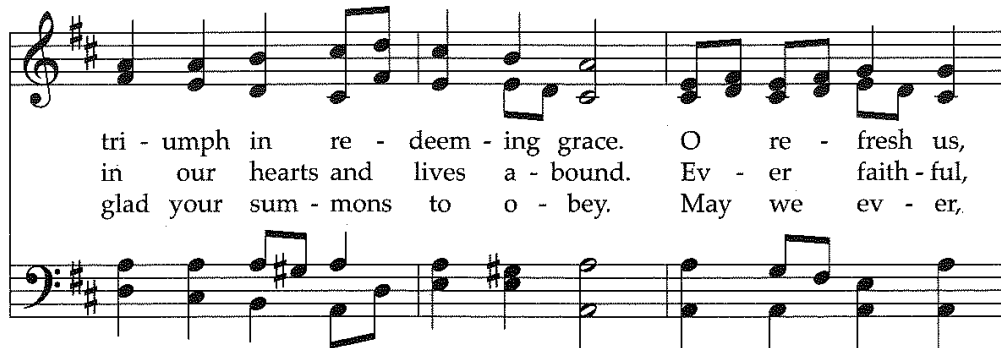
546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.