

First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

July 7, 2024

10:30 a.m.

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Worship will be live streamed on  
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our website, [www.fpcsaalem.org](http://www.fpcsaalem.org).

*"We are centered in Christ and powered by love."*

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

*Amazing Grace*

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*Jan Cox, Organist*

*Arr. Don Hustad*

*Arr. Dale Wood*

*Let us silently turn our hearts, minds, and  
bodies to the worship of God as the  
light of Christ is brought forward.*

### PRELUDE

*Prelude in G Minor*

*J.S. Bach*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please take a moment to sign and pass the Attendance Pad.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

With the Psalmist, let us pray:

**"To you I lift my eyes,**

**O you who are enthroned in the heavens!**

**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,**

**As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

**So our eyes look to the LORD our God**

**Until he has mercy on us." (Psalm 123:1-2)**

**Let us worship God.**

### \*HYMN 361 (vss. 1, 2, 5)

*How Firm a Foundation*

### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

"Almighty God, you alone are our true judge, for you know what we are, you know what we should be, and with you there is mercy. Give us feeling for what is right; set us on fire to see that right is done."\* Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**“Holy God, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our fellow men and women, through ignorance, through weakness, and through our deliberate fault. We have belittled your love, and betrayed your trust. We are sorry, we are ashamed, we repent of our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive our past, and lead us out of darkness to walk as children of light.”\*\* Amen.**

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus died and rose again for you. In humble penitence, accept his pardon, receive his peace.\*\*

Believe the Good News!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI (*Unison; Hymn 579*)**

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.

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Divine Truth, let us stand with the Spirit, faithfully hear Your Word and obediently respond by glorifying You Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God for ever. Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Ezekiel 2:1-5, p. 770*

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

*2 Corinthians 12:2-10, p. 185*

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Kim Meek, Bagpipes*

THE GOSPEL READING

*Mark 6:1-13, p. 40*

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

*"Hearing Test"*

*Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 291

*O God of Earth and Altar*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

**In a broken and fearful world**

**the Spirit gives us courage**

**to pray without ceasing,**

**to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,**

**to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,**

**to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,**

**and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks**

**and to live holy and joyful lives,**

**even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,**

**praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

*(from "A Brief Statement of Faith", 1983\*\*\*)*

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*America the Beautiful*

*Arr. Fred Bock*

\*RESPONSE HYMN 592 (*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*)

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**O God, we live solely by Your gifts. We are fed by the bounty of the earth, guided through mortal life and led to eternal life by Your Word. Accept our offerings of thanksgiving, given to**

**further the mission of Christ in the world, and to the glory of Your name, thou holy Triune God. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION/LORD'S PRAYER (*Sins*)

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WE ENTER THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*HYMN 376

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Hymn 432*)

*Song of Hope*

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace,  
Singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that's new,  
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

*Please remain standing as the Light of Christ  
is carried into the world.*

POSTLUDE

*Andante in C*

*W.A. Mozart*

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Question of thought:**

How do you know when you hear God speaking to you?

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**Head Ushers:** Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

**Liturgist:** Geoff Goll

**Lightbearer:** Sue Skiba

**Bulletins** have been given anonymously.

**Flowers** have been given in honor of Sam and Carol Ricciardi's 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary, and by Paul and Barb Fennema in honor of Paul's birthday and granddaughter Lilly

**Café Justo's great Organic Coffee we serve every Sunday during Coffee Hour is for sale today in Fellowship Hall!** Cost is \$12.00 for a 1-pound bag of regular, decaf, or whole bean coffee. Cooperative members own the entire business from the growing through the roasting, and the coffee is famous for its smooth taste and low acidity. It is Organic certified and has a Fair Trade Plus certification. *Coffee will be for sale on first Sunday of month.*

**Denise's Big Back Yard – July 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7**

Join us this Wednesday, July 10 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for food, fun, and fellowship. Jan and Ray Cox will host a sing along and Karaoke (if you dare!), and will also provide some real New Orleans Jambalaya. There will also be a dedication ceremony of a yard bench to honor Denise Herron Weingart. If it rains, gather in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Tuesday, July 9

**8:30 am Investment Committee via Zoom**

Wednesday, July 10

9:00-2:00 Church Office Hours

**6:00 Denise’s Big Back Yard**

Friday, July 12

9:00-2:00 Church Office Hours

Sunday, July 14

9:00 Adult Church School Class (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 Service of Worship – *The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper*

Monday, July 15 – United Quilt Guild (Afternoon)

Tuesday, July 16

9:00-1:00 Church Office Hours

United Quilt Guild (All Day)

### Vision Statement

*To glorify God and share the Spirit and love of Christ  
with our community and the world.*

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