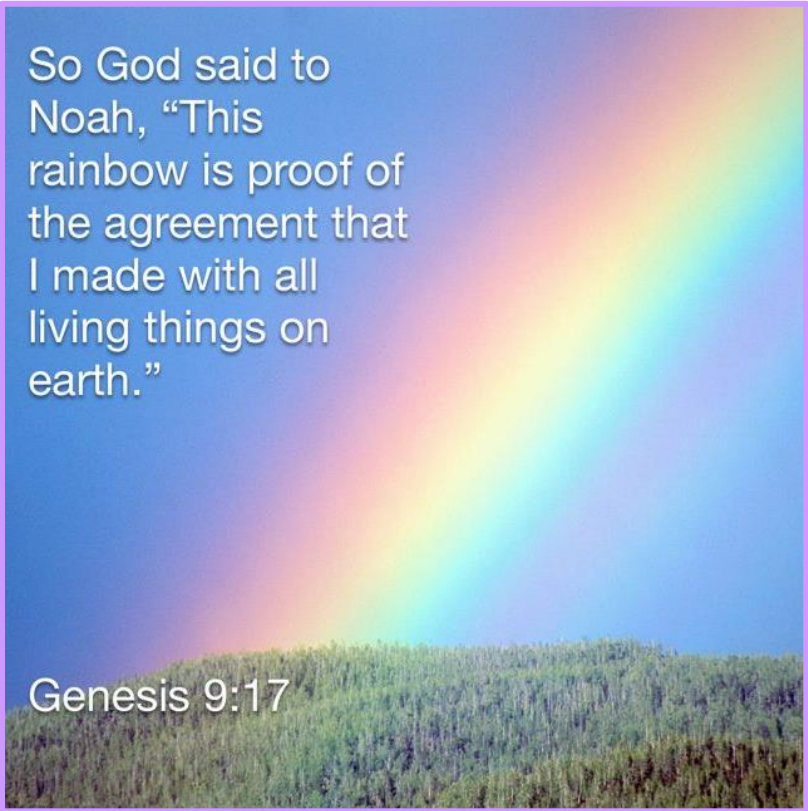


First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio

September 8, 2024

10:30 a.m.

## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



So God said to  
Noah, “This  
rainbow is proof of  
the agreement that  
I made with all  
living things on  
earth.”

Genesis 9:17

Worship will be live streamed on  
**Facebook:** First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio  
**You Tube:** [www.youtube.com/FPCSALEM](http://www.youtube.com/FPCSALEM); and  
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

*Foundation*

*Wilbur Held*

*How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

*John Behnke*

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

### PRELUDE

*O Come and Sing Unto the Lord*

*Healey Willan*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Unison*)

"Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;

**praise him in his mighty firmament!**

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

**praise him according to his surpassing greatness!"** (*Psalm 150:1*)

**Let us worship God.**

### \*HYMN 422

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

"For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which he also went and made proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah..." (*1 Peter 3:18-20b*) Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

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

**We confess, Holy One, that we have not learned from the lessons of the ancient ones. You warn us that sin is deadly, that evil spreads like a disease, and that we cannot heal ourselves. You alone are the Source of life. Yours is the Spirit of life; Your Son is the way, the truth and the life. Drowning in ourselves, we cannot save ourselves. Have mercy on us, not according to our deserving, but for the sake of Jesus Christ, Who calms the storm and conquers death so that we may live in Him. Amen.**

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived... But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus... For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.”

*(Ephesians 2:1, 4-6, 10)*

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**

**Almighty God, Whose word formed heaven and earth and blessed creation with abundant life, breath the Holy Spirit into us, so that, hearing what the ancient one’s wrote, we may hear anew Your call to eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 6:6, p. 5*

<sup>6</sup> And the LORD was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*The Haviland Choir*

*Beautiful Savior*

*Arranged by Anna Laura Page*

*Cheryl McDevitt, Flute*

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Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be Thine!  
Beautiful Savior, Thee we adore.

THE SECOND READING

*Genesis 9:8-17, p. 6*

<sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup> "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with

you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup> God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup> I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup> When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup> God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

This is the Word of the LORD!

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON      *“From Crisis to Redemption”*      Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 456

*Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBER

PRESENTATION

*Clerk Barb Loudon*

*George Owen has been received by the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Salem into membership of this congregation by Letter of Transfer.*

The Apostle Paul writes in First Corinthians:

*(1 Corinthians 12:1; 12-14; 27)*

“Now concerning the spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters,

I do not want you to be uniformed....

For just as the body is one and has many members,  
and all the members of the body, though many, are one body,  
so it is with Christ.

For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—  
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—  
and we were all made to drink of one Spirit....  
Now you are the body of Christ  
And individually members of it.”

#### TO HIM WHO IS JOINING

Beloved in Christ,  
You have been a member of other congregations,  
Participating with them in worship and work,  
As a member of the one holy, universal and apostolic Church,  
The body of Christ in the world.

Now your journey of faith  
Has brought you to this time and place.  
At your request,  
And by the action of this congregation’s Session,  
You are now a member of this gathering  
Of God’s people.

#### TO THE GATHERED CONGREGATION

Sisters and brothers in Christ,  
The Letter to the Hebrews says, *(Hebrews 13:1, 2)*  
“Let mutual love continue.  
Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,  
For by doing that some have entertained angels  
Without knowing it.”

Indeed, he who is being welcomed today  
is not a stranger.  
He is a child of God,  
A member of Christ with us.  
Let us welcome him with the love of God.

THE CHARGE TO ALL

“There are varieties of gifts, (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)  
But the same Spirit;  
And there are varieties of service,  
But the same Lord;  
And there are varieties of activities,  
But it is the same God  
Who activates them in everyone.  
To each is given a manifestation of the Spirit  
For the common good.”  
I charge you, therefore,  
To share your gifts  
And to share your love  
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
To the glory of God.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison; The Apostles' Creed*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day He rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living  
and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*Siciliano*

*J.S. Bach*

*Loose Cash Offering today will go to the Board of Deacons.  
Peace and Global Witness Offering envelopes  
are at Sanctuary entrances.*

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**You have given us grace for this life and for life eternal, O God.  
Give us, also, grateful hearts to rejoice in Your goodness and  
generous spirits that share Your love in Jesus' name. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD IS SEALED

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*All who seek the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ  
are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *including* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION /  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sins*)

The Lord be with you. / **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. / **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

Then in the fullness of time,  
out of your great love for the world,  
you sent your only Son to be one of us,  
to redeem us and heal our brokenness.

Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with choirs of angels,  
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,  
and with all the faithful of every time and place,



who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,  
we take from your creation this bread and this wine  
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,  
as we await the day of his coming.

With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you  
to be a living and holy sacrifice,  
dedicated to your service.

According to his commandment:

**We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory.**

**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.**

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*The bread and the cup will be received by coming forward and given  
a piece of bread, taking the cup, and returning the cup to a tray. If  
you cannot come forward, you will be served in the pew.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*Unison*)

**Gracious God, you have fed us with the bread of life and  
renewed us for your service. Transfigure us by your Spirit, and**

let your love shine in all we do and say, so that the world may see the light of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ENTER THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*HYMN 443

*O Christ, the Great Foundation*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Hymn; 2162 Sing the Faith*) *Grace Alone*

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,  
every difference we will make is only by his grace.

Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,  
every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

Grace alone which God supplies,  
strength unknown he will provide.

Christ in us our Cornerstone;  
we will go forth in grace alone.

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

POSTLUDE

*Song of Joy*

*Christopher Boodle*

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Question for thought:**

What does God's peace look like today?

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

**Liturgist:** Rev. Trina Lewis

**Bulletins** have been given anonymously with thanks to all who enhance our worship as lay readers and bearing the light of Christ.

**Flowers** have been given by Alice Jackson in honor of Joshua Wilson's Birthday; and anonymously to the Glory of God.

**Preschool Supplies Needed** – Paper Towels, Clorox Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Facial Tissues, Markers, Small Glue Bottles, Fruit and Vegetable Cups, Granola and Cereal Bars. The Preschool will appreciate it very much if anyone can donate any of these items.

**Preschool Fundraiser – Heggy’s Candy**

Order today in Fellowship Hall and on Sundays, September 15, 22, and 29 during Coffee Hour. Milk Chocolate Covered Oreos, Milk and Dark Chocolate Buckeyes, Milk and Dark Chocolate Cashews, Milk and Dark Chocolate Pecans, and Frog Mints. Completed forms and cash/checks must be turned in by Friday, October 4.

Monday, September 9

- 6:00 Board of Deacons (L)** – *Note time change*
- 6:30 Troops 3 / 2003G (B/209)
- 7:00 Congregational Care (P)**

Wednesday, September 11

- 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 7:00 Finance and Administration Committee** *via Zoom*

Thursday, September 12

- 5:30 Preschool Board of Trustees (L)**
- 7:00 Worship, Music, and the Arts (P)**

Sunday, September 15

- 9:00 Adult Church School Class (Library)
- 9:00 Confirmation Class (209)
- 10:00 Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 Service of Worship
- 11:30 Environmental Team (Library)**

Monday, September 17

- 6:30 Troops 3 / 2003G (B/209)

Vision Statement

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

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