

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 12, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE      *Variations (Symphony no. 8)*      Charles-Marie Widor  
CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (unison)

Blessed be the Creator of the Cosmos, whose gentle  
breath casts out chaos and calls all beings good;  
Blessed be Jesus, the Christ, who emptied himself and  
entered our neighborhoods, so that all may receive mercy  
and grace.

Blessed be the Spirit, the eternal Shalom, who remains in  
us each day anew, crying for justice and delivering peace.

HYMN NO. 356      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*      ROBINSON

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant  
people, but we do not do what you command. We are  
often silent when we should speak, and useless when we  
could be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and  
free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: Alleluia and Amen!

## GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 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 PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God of our Ancestors, Eternal Hope:  
Open our hearts to your ancient wisdom,  
That in hearing your word, we may  
Rejoice in the promise of the Living One  
And pour out love to all in our midst, Amen!

### SCRIPTURE READING

Hosea 7:1-16

### SERMON

*The Sin of Silence*

Seminarian Michael Schulte

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*written by Michael Schulte*

We believe in God, the Source of Life,  
Whose voice orders the universe,  
Whose eyes see the oppressed,  
Whose mighty hand delivers humanity  
from chaos and suffering.

We believe in Jesus, the Source of Hope,  
Who, born of a woman,  
took on human flesh  
to serve the poor  
and heal the sick,  
Who was tortured by empire  
and nailed to a tree,  
Who died and descended to dust,  
Whose story did not end in suffering,  
but in resurrection and eternal life.  
Who returned to the Holy One,  
until the reign of God abounds  
on earth and in heaven.

We believe in the Spirit, the Source of Comfort,  
Who burns in our hearts  
like tongues of fire.  
Who grants us thoughts which chase mercy,  
hearts which seek kinship,  
and words which do justice.  
Who reminds us that God  
is with us always, here and forever.  
Amen.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## DOXOLOGY

*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.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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## SENDING FORTH

**HYMN NO. 260**    *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*    EIN' FESTE BURG

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**    *Finale (Symphony no. 8)*    Charles-Marie Widor

## WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. First Presbyterian Church is a community of faithful Christ followers which seeks to care for each other and our larger community. If you would like to learn more about FPC, please fill out a Connect card at [FPCLebanon.org/Connect](http://FPCLebanon.org/Connect)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the friendship and service of Becky Burris as she embarks on her next adventure in life.

## YOUTH

**NACOME DAY CAMP:** Join us on Friday, July 17 for a day of outdoor activities at Camp NaCoMe. To register, contact Michael at [mjschulte.14@gmail.com](mailto:mjschulte.14@gmail.com)

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

**Today**

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Book Club

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

6:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

**Friday**

**Saturday**

Participating in Worship today are:

J.D. Plant, Organist

Branson Clark, Vocals

Michael Schulte, Director of Christian Education

Jim Stueck and Cal Clark, Technical Team