

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2015

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

Sarah J. Finbow

Ritual of Friendship

PRELUDE

Sonata for Oboe and Harpsichord in a (Siciliana; Spirituoso)

G.P. Telemann

Sydney Curtis, oboe; Anne Lazarides, gamba

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sarah J. Finbow

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart;

People: **Try me and know my thoughts!**

Leader: See if there is any wicked way in me,

People: **And lead me in the way everlasting.**

(from Psalm 139:23, 24)

All: **Let us worship God.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

God You Spin the Whirling Planets

Sung to Austrian Hymn

*God, you spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain,
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.*

*We, created in your image, would a true reflection be
of your justice, grace, and mercy and the truth that makes us free.*

You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry.

We respond in grateful worship joined in one community.

When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole.

Healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward your goal.

God, your word is still creating, calling us to life made new.

Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there's work to dare and do.

Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.

Thus, new creatures in your image, we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

***CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)**

Sarah J. Finbow

Call to Prayer

* Those who are able, please stand.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

(Psalm 51:1-12)

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Ana Santos Rutschman

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

(Pew Bible, OT Page 285)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Ana Santos Rutschman, reader

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-16

(Pew Bible, NT Page 193)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Kirsten Santos Rutschman, reader

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:24-35

(Pew Bible, NT Page 98)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Forgiveness"

Sam R. Miglarese

***HYMN NO. 439**

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

Stuttgart

(Children through 1st grade enter worship during hymn)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Sam R. Miglarese

***THE PEACE**

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory

Sonata for Oboe and Harpsichord in a (Andante)

Telemann

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia; Alleluia; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

(As the symbolic gifts of the people are brought to the table, the elders will take their place for the communion.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND INVITATION

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth

(The ceramic chalices designed and made by Jane Williams will be dedicated at this time.)

Leader: Gracious God, how can we repay you for all of your goodness to us? We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

People: **Trusting in Jesus Christ, we dedicate these vessels of communion in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Leader: We come to you as empty chalices and you invite us to take, eat and drink, ready to be filled with your presence and used to your glory.

People: **As you feed us at your table, Lord, may we, your earthen vessels, carry your treasure to the world. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sam R. Miglares

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Blessed are you, Lord God of the universe, for through your goodness we have these gifts of bread and cup which earth has given and human hands have made. May they become for us the food and drink of abundant and eternal life. O God, you are always thinking about your people. You never forget even the most insignificant of us. You sent your Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us, and who came to forgive us, and who taught us to forgive each other. Therefore we join our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

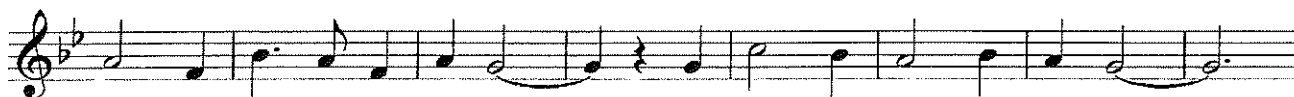
All (sung):

Sanctus

Haugen



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en and



earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high- est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



in the high- est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: When the Savior of the world was stretched out on the cross, the cosmos trembled and the earth gave up its dead, transforming earth and heaven. May his body and blood change us and transform our world this day. Almighty God, our Heavenly Parent, in your tender mercy send us the Spirit of the Lamb.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

All: **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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Note: Peanut / gluten-free bread is served at the station nearest the baptismal font.

(Please stand)

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All: **We give you thanks, O God, for feeding us with these holy mysteries and nourishing us for our baptismal journey. May Your Spirit continue to guide and nourish us through wildness or familiar paths until we find our way into your promised land. This we pray through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

COMMISSIONING TO NEW CALLINGS

Kirsten and Ana Santos Rutschman

Joseph and Carlisle Harvard

LITANY OF TRANSITION

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth

Leader: Your work in this community has been completed for now. Just as you were called into this place for a time and a purpose, so now you are being sent to all corners of our world. And so we call back to that voice crying in the wilderness.

People: **We will prepare the way of the Lord. We will make paths straight. We will work for justice and peace, reconciliation and mercy, until the whole world abounds in hope.**

Leader: We will proclaim from the waters:

People: **We baptize in water, but there is One who is still coming. There is one who is coming who will baptize with the Spirit; a spirit of reconciliation and grace, creation and abundance; a spirit abounding in hope!**

Leader: We will echo the call from the heavens:

People: **We are the children of God. We are beloved. In us, God is well-pleased. We will care for the least because they are children of God. We will love the unlovable because they are beloved children of God. We will proclaim God's pleasure over all creation because it is God's handiwork. We will echo the call of the heavens until this world abounds in hope. Go in peace. Go in hope. Go in love.**

Leader: Go with the prayers and blessings of this congregation.

All: **Amen.**

*RECESSIONAL

Please follow the crucifer to the Memorial Garden for the blessing of the new Celtic cross and the Benediction.

*DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL GARDEN CROSS

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth

Leader: Let us pray.

People: **God of all eternity, we dedicate this new Celtic cross to your glory in joyful celebration of the lives of your people who, at the end of service in the earthly church, find their rest in you. May their witness continue in this place, encouraging those who follow, that all may come at last to be home, prepared by Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. We are grateful to those who gave the original cross, to those who envisioned a new cross, and to those who made that vision a reality. Trusting in Jesus Christ, we dedicate this new cross to reflect your glory, and rededicate our lives to your service.**

*HYMN

Benediction

Sung to *Edelweiss*

Bob Breitweiser, guitar

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.

Lift up your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever.

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

Sam R. Miglarese

First Presbyterian Church of Durham welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, please sign the *Ritual of Friendship pad*, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then return it to the starting point, noting the names of those sitting near you. On Sunday, July 26, we welcomed 15 visitors and their children to worship.

We thank *Sydney Curtis* for her musical contribution to today's service. Sydney has grown up in this church and we wish her the very best as she soon leaves Durham to attend Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

The *flowers* are given by *Paul Cornsweet*, *Celia Dickerson*, and *Phyllis Supple* to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones.

Nursery care for children 3–6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. After the sermon is delivered, these children join worship for the remainder of service. Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery. There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Worship bags and activity bulletins are available in the foyer for children and youth. Books are on the pews in the narthex which young children can read and enjoy if they need to take a break from the worship service.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle or return to an usher.

Portions of *today's worship texts* were taken from Book of Common Worship.

~ **OUR CONCERNS** ~

Added this week:

Carol McKnight, recovering from a fall
Howard Knickerbocker and family, brother-in-law of Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey
Edward Robinson, brother of Joe Robinson
Sylvia Landis, friend of Valerie McMillian

Paul Cornsweet, preparing for surgery
Minnie Cameron, recovering from knee surgery

Brookdale Senior Living: *Julian Boswell*

Brookdale of Chapel Hill: *Helen Garrison*

Croasdaile Village:

Friendship Hall: *Bob Keever*
Pavilion: *Anne Davis, Bob Rankin, Jerry Tyren*

Hillcrest: *Dewey Lawson, Randall McLeod*

The Forest at Duke:

Fran Bryant *Joan Englund*
Ken Goldner *Peaches McPherson*

- *Roy Blackwell*, father of Sheila Miglarese
- *Becky Brown*, mother of Amy Sanchez
- *Ruby Brown*, mother of Eugene Brown
- *Ching-Chang Chin*, father of Li-Chen Chin
- *Richard Hays*, friend of FPC
- *Genie V. Martin*, cousin of Emily Wilkins
- *Brooks Minks*, grandmother of Lucie House
- *Lindsay Morris*, sister of Emily McClure
- *Jean Robinson*, mother of John Robinson
- *Jack Trout*, stepfather of David Smith
- *Virgil Yalong*, cousin of Lyn Francisco

~ **Serving Today** ~

Croasdaile Driver: *Paul Cornsweet*

Narthex Greeter: *Delia Kwon*

After Worship Greeters: *Phyllis Supple* (rear/narthex), *Peter Compton* (side/font)

Ushers: *Gray Wilson* (Head), *Kathy Conner* (flowers), *Delia Kwon*,
Carolyn Merritt, Susan Seahorn, Emily Wilkins

Communion Elders:

B1: *Phyllis Verhey*

B2: *Michael Schultz*

B3: *Bill Lorimer*

B4/Process: *Alice Raney*

C1: *Joseph Ngumi*

C2: *Will McDow*

C3: *Marcia Lorimer*

C4/Process: *Dan Hudgins*

Shepherd Font side: *Mary Gitata*

Shepherd Center: *Margaret Rubiera*

Shepherd Pulpit side: *Diane Standaert* Head/Replenish: *Andy Henry*

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today 3:00 PM Book Study at Croasdaile Village</p>	<p>Monday, August 3</p>	<p>Tuesday, August 4 12:30 PM Worship Planning 2:00 PM FPC Staff 6:30 PM Discernment Prayers (Chapel)</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 5 No Chancel Choir 6:15 PM Centennial Planning Committee</p>
<p>Thursday, August 6</p>	<p>Friday, August 7</p>	<p>Saturday, August 8</p>	<p>Sunday August 9 <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:55 Announcements 11:00 AM Worship 2:00- 4:00 PM Triangle Sacred Harp Shape Note Choir 3:00 PM Book Study at Croasdaile Village</p>
<p>August 6 – 7 FPC Day School is closed</p>			

~ Schedule for August ~

Sunday, August 9

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Brad Troxel, preaching

Sunday, August 16

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship followed by congregational lunch

Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

Sunday, August 23

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship followed by Sunday School teacher training

Bob Yoder, preaching

Sunday, August 30

Promotion Sunday (Rally Day)

Ordain and Install New Officers

9 a.m. Sunday School Breakfast / Kickoff

11 a.m. Worship followed by FPC Ambassadors' Lunch

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

THE STAFF

Ministers:	All the Members of the Congregation
Pastor:	<i>(Vacant)</i>
Associate Pastor / Head of Staff:	Marilyn T. Hedgpeth
Associate Pastor:	Sam R. Miglarese
Parish Associate:	Susan J. Dunlap
Parish Associate:	Cheryl B. Henry
Minister of Music:	Kathryn C. Parkins
Youth Minister:	Sarah J. Finbow
Student Intern:	Alex Stayer Brewington
Parish Administrator:	Valerie McMillian
Church Sexton:	Robert Daye
Business Administrator:	Tom Bloom
Administrative Assistant:	Lyn Francisco
Membership Coordinator:	Shirley Frederick

The Church Session

Moderator: Marilyn T. Hedgpeth

Clerk of Session: Barbara Gerwe

Treasurer: Wendy McCorkle

Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Tom Bacon	Barbara Gerwe	Bob Breitweiser
Wes Carson	Laura Hanson	Kate Busa
*Peter Compton	Kristin Meade	Emily Durham
*Gwen Dilworth	Marie Sappenfield	Will McDow
Beth Eisenson	Michael Schultz	Joseph Ngumi
Mary Gitata		Alice Raney
Dan Hudgins		Phyllis Verhey
Marcia Lorimer		
Phyllis Supple		

The Church Diaconate

Co-Moderators: Karen Romines and Celia Dickerson

Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Kathy Conner	Jo Bernhardt	Abi Bissette
*Aurelia Klinck	Paul Cornsweet	Dick Boulden
*Talitha Kwon	Carlton Gainey	George Danser
Kit Law	Jeanne Hervey	Celia Dickerson
Keith Merritt	Brianna Honea	Sherry Everett
Karen Romines	Nate Pienkowski	Lucie House
Lyn Williams	Ann Prospero	Jacqueline Mbah
Carol Wills	Tim Strauman	
Gray Wilson		

*Youth elected to serve a one year term to Session or Diaconate.



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