FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Minute for Music: Spring Concert
Marilyn Hedgpeth
Kathy Parkins

Prelude: O Day of Peace
Robert Buckley Farlee

Introit: Come Now, O Prince of Peace
Korean Melody
Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one body, Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now, O God of life, make us one body, Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Call to Worship (from Psalm 67:3)
Leader: Alleluia, Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.
Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God.
People: Let all the peoples praise you.

Processional Hymn No. 375: Shall We Gather at the River
Hanson Place

Confession of Sin (remain standing)
Call to Prayer
Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Silent Confession
Declaration of Pardon

Collect for the Day
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.
All: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Revelation 21:22-23; 22:1-5
(Pew Bible, NT Page 260)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Marilyn Hedgpeth, reader

*Those who are able, please stand.
PSALM LESSON (read responsively)  Psalm 115:9-18  John Weicher
Leader:  O Israel, trust in the Lord, who is your help and your shield.
People:  O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord, who is your help and your shield.
Leader:  You that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord, who is your help and your shield.
People:  The Lord has been mindful of us, and will bless us;
        the Lord will bless the house of Israel and the house of Aaron;
Leader:  Those who fear the Lord will be blessed, both small and great together.
People:  May the Lord increase you more and more, you and your children after you.
Leader:  May you be blessed by the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
People:  Heaven is the heaven of the Lord, but the earth God entrusted to its peoples.
Leader:  The dead do not praise the Lord, nor all those who go down into silence;
People:  But we will bless the Lord, from this time forth forevermore.  Hallelujah!

GOSPEL LESSON  John 14:23-29  (Pew Bible, NT Page 109)
Leader:  The Word of the Lord.
People:  Thanks be to God!

SERMON
"Exchanging Peace"  Sam Miglarese

(A moment for meditation.)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  (from Ephesians 2:11-22)  Cheryl Henry
But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing
wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and
ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making
peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death
that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to
those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 623  I've Got Peace like a River  Peace like a River

*THE PEACE  Sam Miglarese
(As we pass the peace, signs of reconciliation may be expressed with a handshake or verbally, if desired).
Leader:  The peace of Christ be with you.
People:  And also with you.

(Children through 1st grade enter worship during The Peace.)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH  Cherrie Henry
Commissioning of John Weicher for service to the greater church
(Following "A Time with the Children," children may join their parents in the pews or return to childcare.)

JOYS AND CONCERNS  Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
Leader:  There is no greater love than this:
People:  To lay down one’s life for one’s friends.
Leader:  Let us pray.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

... 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.
DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS
Invitation to the Offering
Offertory Anthem

Look at the World

Look at the world: Everything all around us
Look at the world: and marvel everyday
Look at the world: So many joys and wonders
So many miracles along our way.

Refrain: Praise to thee O Lord for all creation
Give us thankful hearts that we may see
all the gifts we share and every blessing
all things come of thee.

Look at the earth: Bringing forth fruit and flower
Look at the sky: The sunshine and the rain
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowing river field and plain. (Refrain)

Think of the spring, Think of the warmth of summer
Bringing the harvest before the winters cold
Everything grows, everything has a season,
Till it is gathered to the Father’s fold. (Refrain)

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish
Comes from the Lord in token of his love
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty
His is the earth and his the heavens above. (Refrain)

All things come of thee.

(You are invited to come forward at this time with your Hunger for Change offering.)

*Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen
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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: Amen.
All: Giving God, as spring bursts forth its blossoms in witness to your love, you bless us from
generation to generation with the new life of Easter faith. All that we have and all that we
are come from you, O God, so we gladly share this offering, that others too may be blessed,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

*BENEDICTION

Sam Miglarese

*POSTLUDE

Sonata in C

Don Ignazio Cirri

First Presbyterian Church 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 May 19, we welcomed 11 visitors to worship.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Jean Cary and George Danser and in
joyful celebration of our sons, Matt and Andy Danser on their 40th birthdays.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education
Building. Following “A Time with Children,” children can remain in worship with their parents/guardians
or return to the nursery. 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 for young children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.
 Portions of today’s worship texts were reprinted from Feasting on the Word and Book of Common Worship.

Maxwell & Wang Spring Recital
Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
First Presbyterian member and cellist, Ben Maxwell, and pianist, Jacob Wang, are high school friends from UNC School of the Arts who have both continued to study music in college. They love playing together when they are home in NC and are excited to perform their first duo recital at First Presbyterian. They will play both the Boccherini and Brahms e minor cello sonatas along with some short but sweet favorites including Debussy’s “Beau Soir,” Dvořák’s “Silent Woods,” and Schubert’s “Nacht und Träume.” All are welcome to attend.

FPC accepting applications for Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families position
Our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) is well underway with its work. We have published our Ministry Information form (MIF) on the official Presbyterian job site and are now accepting applications. If you would like to recommend candidates for this position, please direct them to our MIF (https://tinyurl.com/APNC-Youth) or share your thoughts with Kim Abels, APNC chair, by sending an email to: apnc-youth@firstpres-durham.org.

~ Our Concerns ~

Added this week:
Doug Neece, brother of Vernon Neece
Larry Gray, brother of Rena Pinnix (Rena was Carol Johnson’s caregiver)
Linda Jones and Eric Wright, Walk-in Ministry clients

Caroline Rourk, preparing for hip replacement surgery
Traveling mercies for Mindy Douglas and Tim O’Brien during their sabbatical travels

Recovering at Home:
Margaret Mubanga Joseph Ngumi
Franzi Rokoske (and her mother) Carolyn and Jim Wolfe

Care Communities:
Brookdale Durham: Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett
Croasdaile Pavilion: Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin
Durham Regent: John Kerr, Ann Prospero
Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: Helen Garrison
The Forest at Duke: Fran Bryant

Family and Friends of the Congregation:
Fran Alwood, mother of Jennie Alwood
Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss
Camilla Crampton, friend of Mal King
Heath Huberg, friend of Kathy Parkins
Roger Kalthoff, husband of Jane Williams
Patrick Kimiti, friend of Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett in Kenya
Charlie Ramos, great-nephew of Nora Tubbs Tisdale
Wayne Thompson, colleague of Li-Chen Chin
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss
Bob Warren, father of Dawn Carsey
This train, bound for the International Civil Rights
Museum in Greensboro NC, is FULL!

All seats have been reserved for the August 3, 2019 trip. If you would like to
be placed on the wait list for a future trip, please let Cheryl Henry know:
cheryl.barton.henry@gmail.com or 919-599-9406.

The Hunger for Change Offering

First Presbyterian has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger
and the Durham CROP Walk. In addition, we coordinate volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban
Ministries of Durham, and collect food for the congregation at Iglesia Emanuel and the Food Bank of Central and
Eastern NC. Our youth sponsor the annual Souper Bowl of Caring to raise money for hunger-related missions.
We also encourage giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Hunger Offering which funds mission activities
related to disaster assistance and hunger programs locally and around the world.

The funds received from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian
Hunger Relief Program and is divided as follows:

- 50% - International Hunger Relief Programs
- 40% - Local Hunger Programs
- 10% - Administration.

These funds are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs based on an application process. Urban
Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries and Iglesia Emanuel are frequent recipients.

If your family committed to saving a Penny/day each month, you’d be donating about $0.30 per month or $3.65
for the entire year. That’s not much in the face of the rising need. Save a Nickel/day, and you can contribute
$1.50 per month. A Dime/day will generate $3.00, and a Quarter/a day will generate $7.50 per month.

The FOURTH SUNDAY of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering. Please
consider supporting this hunger relief effort with a generous offering today.
FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT

THE FAURE REQUIEM

"Cantique de Jean Racine"
and works by John Rutter
at First Presbyterian Church

PRESENTED BY THE CHOIRS OF:
ST PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
& FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WITH ORCHESTRA AND ORGAN

SATURDAY June 1 AT 3 PM

FIRSTPRES-DURHAM.ORG/FAURE-CONCERT/

The joint choirs of St. Philip's Episcopal and First Presbyterian churches of Durham will present a Spring Concert featuring the Requiem by Gabriel Fauré, one of the most beautiful and beloved works in the choral repertoire. The concert, accompanied by orchestra and organ, will also include anthems by John Rutter. The concert is free and open to the public and is made possible by a gift from the Horst and Ruth Mary Meyer Fund for Music and Gardens. Please come and invite your friends.

305 EAST MAIN STREET, DURHAM NC 27701
CORNER OF ROXBORO AND MAIN STREETS
HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE
Free Concert at First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC
Thursday, June 13, 7 pm

SHALLOWFORD PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CHOIR presents
PEACE, HOPE, & UNITY

This vibrant Youth Choir from Atlanta is touring sites in the Southeast
Beautiful, uplifting music by students in grades 6 – 12
Not to be missed! Bring your friends!

SAVE THESE JUNE DATES . . .

Sunday, June 16 – Father's Day Celebration
You are invited to “Dine with Dad” at FPC following worship. A special menu is planned with dads in mind. Make a reservation for your family by completing the meal reservation slip in today’s bulletin and placing it in the offering plate, or respond to the EVITE. Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal.

Sunday, June 30 – Myrtlefest Fellowship Event!
11:00 a.m. Worship with an old-fashioned hymn sing followed by a picnic under our crepe myrtles

Beginning next Sunday, June 2, you will be invited to submit the name of one or two of your favorite hymns, which we hope to include as part of a hymn sing in worship on June 30th. Following worship, we will fellowship over a picnic potluck lunch and enjoy more music by a mandolin player. A main meat and beverages will be provided by the church. Plan to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship under our beautiful crepe myrtles!
Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
2 On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shining river, lay every burden down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrim age will cease;

with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;

gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
623  I've Got Peace like a River

1 I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

2 I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

3 I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.
Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
2 Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
4 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;

hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.
~ Serving Today ~

Liturgists: *Marilyn Hedgpeth, John Weicher*
Narthex Greeter: *Chris Williams*
Ushers *John Mozart* (head), *Christy Gudaitis* (flowers), *Julie Whidden* (counting)

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**CHURCH STAFF**

*Tom Bloom*, Business Administrator  
*Vernon Cooper*, Administrative Support  
*Robert Daye*, Sexton  
*Mindy Douglas*, Pastor (on sabbatical)  
*Susan Dunlap*, Parish Associate  
*Marilyn Hedgpeth*, Associate Pastor  

*Cheryl Henry*, Parish Associate  
*Valerie McMillian*, Parish Administrator  
*Sam Miglarese*, Associate Pastor  
*Kathy Parkins*, Minister of Music  
*John Weicher*, Associate Pastor

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