FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA  

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time       June 14, 2020

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

GATHERING MUSIC  
Have Mercy on Us, O Lord  
J.S. Bach  

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love  
J. Wayne Kerr

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE  
Give Me Jesus  
Spiritual, arr. Richard Billingham

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 49:8-16a)  
Mindy Douglas

Leader: Sing for joy, heavens and earth;  
People: break forth, O mountains, into singing!  
Leader: Our creator has comforted the people  
People: and will have compassion for the ones who are suffering.  
Leader: Come out! The imprisoned shall have freedom.  
People: Show yourselves! Those who live in darkness will see the light of day.  
Leader: God will feed you and protect you; God will guide you and ease your way.  
People: Glory be given to our Protector because God will never forget us;  
We are inscribed in the palm of God's hands!  
Leader: Sing for joy!  
People: The Comforter has love and compassion for us.

HYMN (sung to Germany)  

Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife,  
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed,  
we catch the vision of your tears.

Till all the world shall learn your love,  
and follow where your feet have trod;  
Till glorious from your heaven above  
shall come the city of our God.

CONFESSION OF SIN  
Natalie Wolf

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God,
in your love you created all people in rich diversity
and called us to live together as one human family.
We have failed, however, to be the people you called us to be.
We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have supported systems that celebrate and reward whiteness
while ensuring that people of color remain in bondage and under oppression.
Lord have mercy.
Forgive us for our silence in the face of unjust hierarchical systems,
hate speech, and violence against your children.
Set us free from arrogance and defensiveness
that lead us to neglect the cries of peoples long silenced.
Open our hearts
that we might share the love you have for all humanity.
Open our ears
that we might hear one another without bitterness and defensiveness.
Open our mouths
that we might speak truth and bear witness to the wrongs
that keep us from being the beloved community.
You are our God.
Give us strength and courage to be your people.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Response (sung to Germany)

The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the sweet compassion of your face.

O Master, from the mountainside,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.
All: O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear,
and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:1-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING
Isaiah 49:8-16a
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON
Mindy Douglas

SOLO
Give Me Jesus Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogen
Caleb Conner, soloist

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Confession of Belhar) Natalie Wolf
We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;
• that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;
that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;
• that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;
• that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING John Weicher

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(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.

HYMN

1 How long, O God, will my prayers be in vain? Why must I
2 When evil pros-pers and hope is long gone, do not for-
3 Ear-ly and late will my tongue sing your praise; you will up-
CLOSING PRAYER (Christina Rossetti 1830-1894)  Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: As the wind is your symbol,
People: so forward our goings.
Leader: As the dove,
People: so launch us heavenwards.
Leader: As water,
People: so purify our spirits.
Leader: As a cloud,
People: so abate our temptations.
Leader: As dew,
People: so revive our languor.
Leader: As fire,
People: so purge out our dross. Amen.

BENEDICTION  Mindy Douglas

POSTLUDE  There Is a Balm in Gilead  Spiritual, arr. Robert Powell

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. 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. On June 7, 108 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. streamed broadcast of worship.

Portions of today’s worship texts were taken from Feasting on the Word, Glory to God hymnal (music reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926) and Book of Common Worship (1993).

Thanks to Caleb Conner for providing the solo. Caleb is a child of the church (son of Kathy Conner) and just graduated from Haverford College. We are so pleased that he was able to record this for us while he was visiting in Durham.
Many thanks to Jody Maxwell, Pat Dillon, and John Weicher for their “behind the scenes” technical assistance, making our virtual worship broadcasts possible and accessible to us each Sunday morning.

Church staff will continue working from home until at least the end of June. If you need assistance, you may call the church office (919-682-5511) and leave a message, or email a specific staff person. Thank you for your patience as we respond to your calls and emails.

Children and Youth – Are you Connected? If you are not receiving a separate weekly email connecting you to FPC activities and events for children and youth, contact Natalie Wolf or John Weicher to be added to the list.

~ Celebrations and Concerns ~

Congratulations:
Chuck and Linda Barenchi are happy to announce the birth of their first great grandchild. Adaline Nell Barenchi was born June 8th to their grandson Austin and his wife, Melany Barenchi.

Condolences:
The love and concern of the congregation are extended to Kathy Krahenbuhl on the death of her sister, Dawn Fitts, on June 8th.

Concerns:
Jennie and Ian Belle whose home was struck by a stray bullet last week
Jennie Bodkin, sister of Mindy Douglas
Roxana Boyd’s grandfather
Tony Brown, recovering from hip surgery
Randy A. Howard, FPC Facebook friend having surgery on Wednesday of this week
Rhys Huslage, son of Erin McClain and Kirk Huslage
Margaret Mubanga
Mercy Ndambiri
Rob Parker, recovering from a bicycle accident
Julia Wigger, recovering from knee surgery

Hospice Care:
Ruth Buck, mother of Susan Buck
Camilla Crampton, companion of Mal King

Care Communities:
Brookdale Durham: Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett
Croasdaile Pavilion: Bob Rankin, Henderson Rourk
Dubose Center at The Cedars (Chapel Hill): Arthur Clark
Durham Regent: John Kerr, Ann Prospero
Emerald Pond: Paul Cornsweet
Hillcrest Convalescent Center, Durham: Jean Lazarides
Strategic Behavioral Health, Garner: Phillip Herndon
The Forest at Duke: Fran Bryant
Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Peggy Boulden, mother of Dick Boulden
Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss and Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss
Paula Cope, sister of Sam Miglarese
Becky Evans (sister) and Doug Neece (brother) of Vernon Neece
Dolores Ewald, mother-in-law of Susan Ewald
Shannon Johnson, daughter of Mary Putman
Chris Kovach, friend of Jeanne Hervey
Lee Tubbs, mother of Nora Tisdale

You are invited to join FPC online for evening prayer on Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m. via Facebook. You do not need to have a Facebook account to participate. Simply go online to FPC’s Facebook page or use this link: https://www.facebook.com/Firstpresdurham/ each Thursday at 8 p.m. If you are asked to create an account, just ignore and click on the video.

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