

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024

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

Esther Hethcox

PRELUDE

Prelude on "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Robert Lind

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 19:1-4)

Esther Hethcox

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

People: **One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Leader: Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

People: **their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*HYMN NO. 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Amy Heit

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God,

**we are a people easily discouraged,
slow to hope, skeptical of resurrection.**

**We look around and see communities that are strained,
relationships that are compromised,
institutions mired in conflict,
a sullied world.**

We are quick to despair.

Holy One, do not leave us where you find us.

**Stretch the horizons of our hope,
until we yield to your love**

all that leaves us broken and depleted.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

*THE PEACE

Amy Heit

** Those who are able, please stand.*

***REGATHERING** (Hymn No. 17, verse 4)

Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien

***Sing praises now, God's people; your gift of speech employ
to praise the Lord, your Maker, with thankfulness and joy!
Sing with the whole creation; a cosmic chorus raise:
"To God alone be glory and everlasting praise!"***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Esther Hethcox

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

People: **Once again, God, we turn to the word that shapes our best thoughts
and stirs our most faithful service.**

Light the path for us, we pray.

Show us the way. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

(Pew Bible, OT Page 681)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Esther Hethcox

People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON

James 3:1-12

(Pew Bible, NT Page 230)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Bob Dunham

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"The Power of Words"

Bob Dunham

(silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

John Weicher

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls people to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Kathy Parkins

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

John Weicher

Offertory Anthem

O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort

Johann Wolfgang Franck

*O Jesus, grant me hope and comfort;
 O let me ne'er in sorrow pine,
 My heart and soul yea, all my being,
 O Jesus, trust alone in Thee.
 Thou prince of peace, thou pearl from heaven,
 true God, true man, my morning star!
 O come, thou precious sun most radiant,
 thy beams illumine my heart and soul.*

*O Jesus, with thy advent
 quiet my restless soul and anxious mind.
 In true humility I welcome thee,
 Jesus Christ, my joy divine.
 My thoughts, desires, and all my longings
 I dedicate, O Christ, to thee.
 O come, thou precious sun most radiant,
 thy beams illumine my heart and soul.*

*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!***

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

John Weicher

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Amy Heit

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
 Leader: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
 Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
 Leader: Faithful God, we rejoice in spirit and in truth to celebrate the weight of your glory,
 for even when we perceive you with foolish and self-seeking hearts,
 you still redeem our waywardness with your grace.
 You destined us from before the foundation of the world
 to be your companions through your Son Jesus Christ;
 and though your chosen people sought to be like other nations
 and though your church forgets that its foundation and purpose is you,
 still you do not forget us.

Leader: Through your Son's cross you dismantled the power of sin and death
and made a new family of all who do your will.
And so, with glad and grateful hearts we sing your unending praise,
with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven.

All (sung): *Sanctus* *Land of Rest*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Bless - ed is the one who comes



God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



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

Leader: God of incarnation, in Jesus you made an earthly tent in which to dwell among us;
you raised him from the dead that we might dwell with you forever.
Make yourself known among us today in this tent of meeting you set up with us.
Through your Holy Spirit make the crucified and risen Lord present to us.
Make us holy through him that we might behold your glory.
By the same Spirit sanctify this bread and wine,
that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Great is the mystery of faith.

All (sung): *Land of Rest*



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Leader: Liberating God, visit your children who are enslaved by the harshness of others.
Transform the hearts of rulers that they may use their power to set people free
and exert their influence to promote flourishing life for all under their authority.
(Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving)

Leader: Unshackle any who live under the shadow of oppression and let them go,
 until the day you bring us into your one eternal presence,
 transforming every sorrow and sin and suffering
 in the fullness of your glory beyond all measure,
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever.

All (sung):

Land of Rest



THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Ecumenical version ★

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive
 those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Amy Heit, John Weicher

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(The bread is gluten free, and the elements were prepared in a gluten-free area. Servers will
 sanitize their hands prior to distributing the elements. As you are able, come forward to receive
 communion. The bread server will dip a pre-cut piece of bread in the common cup for you and
 then pass it to you. After eating, please return to your seat. Anyone who is unable to come
 forward may remain in the pew to be served by the clergy.)*

Communion Anthem

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

*Draw us in the spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,
 two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:
 Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.*

*As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
 then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
 Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,
 That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
 Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.*

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Amy Heit

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

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

All: **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us
 as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 543**

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Green Tyler

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Bob Dunham

*POSTLUDE

Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

B. Marcello

Children's music follows worship.

Children's music time following worship will take place in the sanctuary today with a demonstration of the organ by Kathy Parkins. Children are invited to come up to the chancel after the postlude.

Rokoske Care Team Meeting

A care team is being organized for Franzi and Keith Rokoske which will allow many people to help, doing what they can do best, when they can do it. Join us at 12:30 p.m. today in Watts-Hill Hall to learn about care teams in general and Franzi and Keith's team in particular.



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We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Jesus Christ. First Presbyterian welcomes individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that you may know who is sitting nearby, please sign the *Friendship Pad*, pass it along the pew, and **then return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you.

We welcome to the pulpit **Bob Dunham**, pastor emeritus of the University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill, a congregation he served as pastor from 1991-2017. This August he will mark the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a Presbyterian pastor. Bob and his wife, Marla, have two adult children and two grandchildren.

We thank **Leigh Wynkoop** for conducting the chancel choir during the anthem.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary today are given by **David, Michael, and Mary-Russell Roberson** to the glory of God and in honor of the 70th wedding anniversary on June 19th of our parents, **Ruth Haislip Roberson and Russell Roberson** and Ruth's 93rd birthday on June 24th.

★ **The Lord's Prayer when Holy Communion is celebrated:** From the beginning, one of the hallmarks of Reformed worship has been liturgy in the vernacular—in the common language of the people of God. Many, however, continue to use the language of another era (the Tudor dynasty) when praying the prayer Jesus taught. We hope that by using this ecumenical version, new generations will learn and understand this prayer in a fresh way.

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. **Activity bags** are available in the foyer for children to use during worship. Please return bags to the foyer at the end of worship.

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 by the door or return it to the audio/visual console. Receivers are sanitized after each use.

Restroom locations: To the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary; on the second floor of the education building; and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant changing table in the restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Portions of today's *worship texts* are reprinted from *Book of Common Worship* (1993 and 2018 editions), *Eucharistic Prayers*, and *Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal)*. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net A.713926.

Anti-Racism Policy enclosed

Though FPC has long promoted racial equity, we developed the enclosed Anti-Racism Policy to bring us in line with the recommendation of PCUSA that every church have a stated policy. It was drafted by FPC's Racial Equity Task Force and approved by FPC's Service and Mission Committee before going to the Session for adoption. It has been on our website for months, but we wanted to make sure everyone knows of its existence.



CONDOLENCES: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to the following:

- **Jon and Kim Abels (Grace and Lily)** on the death of Jon's father.

Weldon L. Abels died June 1st.

- **Brown Gardner and family** on the death of his wife. **Jane Gardner** died May 30th. Brown and Jane were former members of FPC.

- **Sheila and Bob Breitweiser** on the death of Sheila's mother.

Norma Cordoni died June 6th at the age of 100.

CONCERNS: **Mal King** had outpatient surgery at UNC Hospitals on June 6th.

Ruth Roberson is recovering at home with a broken right hand and sprained left ankle, injuries she received from a fall on May 30th.

Larry and Lynn Farrell, parents of Rachel Bethune, are recovering from falls.

Tony Chavez	Paul Cornsweet	Susan Cyr	Kerry Holbrook	Lee House
Jenni James	Mitzi Leshner-Thomas	Madge McKeithan	Vernon Neece	Franzi Rokoske
Keith Rokoske				

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Dub Gulley, Alfred Tisdale**

Durham Ridge: **Phillip Herndon**

Hillcrest Convalescent: **Julian Boswell, Maxie Honeycutt, Harriett Mitchell, Carol Wills, Jim Wolfe**

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Tim Boyer, cousin of Fred Moore

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Andrew Holbrook, nephew of Kerry Holbrook

Katie Jackson, wife of Matt Hirsch

Michele Miller-Cox, Day School director

Doug Rimmer, brother of Steve Rimmer

Elizabeth Romska, daughter of Bob Lewis

John C. Weicher, father of John Weicher

Francisca Cristobal, family of Al & Judy Arrowwood

Isla Foster, cousin of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

Ford Holbrook, brother Kerry Holbrook

John Keller, son of Tom & Margaret Keller

Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James

Joe Robinson, former member of FPC

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Denisha Williams, daughter of Sybil King

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1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens! 17

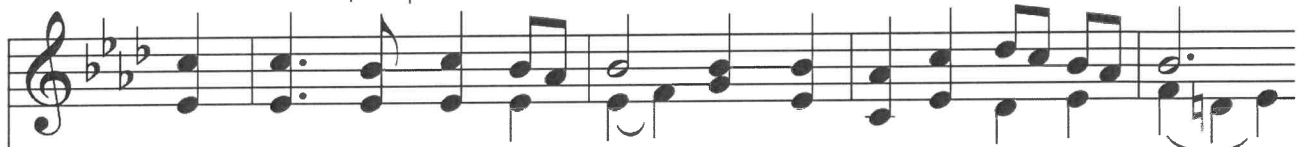
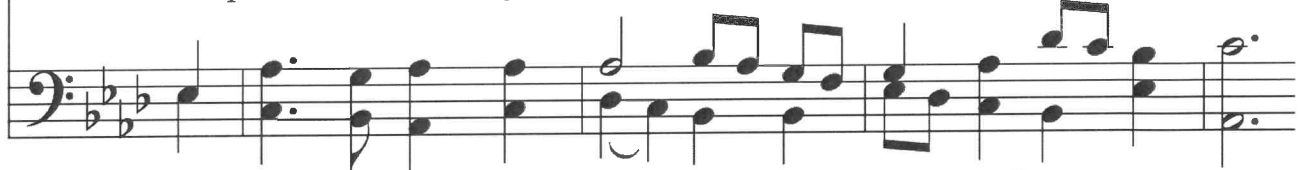
(Psalm 148)



1 Sing praise to God, you heav-ens! Sing praise, each shin-ing light!
2 Sing praise, O earth, sing prais-es! Sing prais-es, hill and plain,
3 Sing prais-es, all you crea-tures in whom God takes de-light:
4 Sing prais-es now, God's peo-ple; your gift of speech em-ploy



Sing, plan-ets in your or-bits; sing, stars all burn-ing bright!
you moun-tains thrust-ing sky-ward, you val-leys ripe with grain!
you whales that roam the o-ceans, you ea-gles in your flight!
to praise the Lord, your Mak-er, with thank-ful-ness and joy!



Sing praise, you winds and tem-pests, you driv-ing rain and snow!
Sing praise, each fra-grant flow-er; your fair-est hues dis-play.
Sing praise, you sheep on hill-sides, you cat-tle in the stall!
Sing with the whole cre-a-tion; a cos-mic cho-rus raise:



Sing, clouds that race and bil-low and shad-ow earth be-low!
Sing praise, you trees of au-tumn in glow-ing, glad ar-ray!
Though word-less, sing your prais-es to God who made you all!
"To God a-lone be glo-ry and ev-er-last-ing praise!"



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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D)

(G)

(D/F#)

(A7)

(D)

E^bA^bE^b/GB^b7E^b

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A)

(D)

(G)

(A)

B^bE^bA^bB^b

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G)

(D)

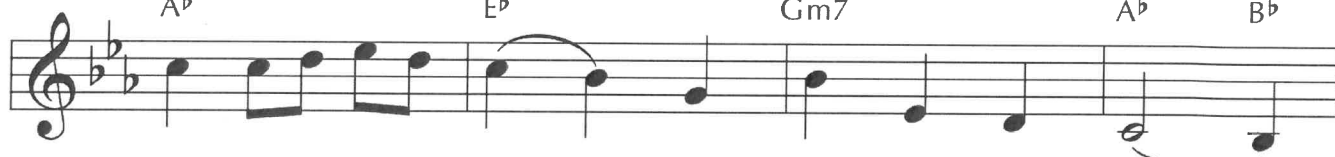
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A^bE^b

Gm7

A^bB^b

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm)

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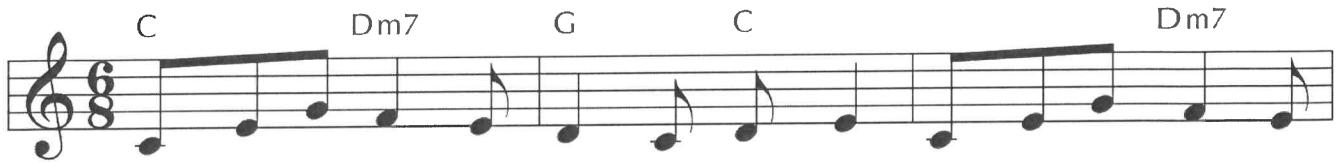
E^b/GA^bE^b

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav - en - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

The Week at a Glance!

Later Today

12:30 PM Rokoske Care Team (Watts-Hill Hall)
5:00-7:00 PM Youth: Flour War (2927 Tavistock Dr)
8:00 PM MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)

Monday, June 10

9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry interviews
6:00 PM Christian Education / Property Committee
7:00 PM Worship & the Arts Committee
7:00 PM Virtual Meeting: Rokoske Care Team
 (via Zoom: <https://duke.zoom.us/j/9196601891>)

Tuesday, June 11

6:00 PM The Things That Matter Book Group Book Selection Potluck (home of Barbara Buckley)

Wednesday, June 12

1:00 PM Program Staff
6:00 PM Stewardship Committee
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 13

9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-In Ministry Interviews

Friday, June 14

Saturday, June 15

9:00 AM-12 Noon Landscaping and Grounds Workday (FPC grounds)

Sunday, June 16



9:45 AM Summer Faith Formation Classes for children and adults / Pride Month Decorating
11:00 AM Worship and commission youth summer mission delegations to Charleston and Breathitt County, KY
8:00 PM MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Vernon Cooper, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff (Sabbatical)
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Omar Guess, Sr., Sunday Morning Sexton
Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



Amy Heit, Parish Associate
Esther Hethcox, Associate Pastor
Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Associate Pastor (Medical Leave)
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
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John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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