

The Worship of God

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 5, 2026 – 9:00 Morning Worship

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!

PRELUDE

“The Peace May Be Exchanged”

Dan Locklair

WELCOME

GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the whirlwind of the week,

we come to find rest.

From all that feels unknown and uncertain,

we come to remember what matters.

We come to worship from generation to generation,

to find our place among the ancestors

choosing to know more about God’s love.

OPENING PRAYER

Be still (*hands do a “smoothing” motion in front of body as though folding an article of clothing*)

and know (*gently tap temple with right hand*)

that I am God (*right palm faces left and moves from chest upward*)

SING

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#475

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new life, we gather in this time and place feeling raw and vulnerable.

So many voices sound within and around,

weighing us down with burdens too great to bear.

We forget your constant love.

Daily, we are reminded of how we fall short.

We look for love in all the wrong places

and put our trust in life and all the wrong things.

Quiet the voices, still our minds, and make us mindful of you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, “Come to me, all you that are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

Thanks be to God.

SHARING GOD’S PEACE

I invite you to turn to one another and share a sign of peace:

You’re invited to unmute yourselves and exchange peace with one another

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Romans 7:15-25a

...The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Reverend Susan Phillips

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SING

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#39

GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#607

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We come to this table thankful, God,

that you give enough food and forgiveness to go around.

We come, thankful that you show us in the stories of Jesus
the way of compassion and hope.

We come thankful that your Spirit is alive in our gathering,
our eating, and our drinking.

We need to be at this table, God,

because there are wounds in this Body of Christ that need healing.

There are members in this body who hurt.

We eat from one loaf and drink from one cup

in hope that we become more like one community in you.

People of God, what is the truth of this breaking:

in your brokenness we are healed,

in your struggle, we know freedom,

in your gift of self, we are released to serve.

People of God, what is the truth of this pouring:
in your outpouring, we are renewed,
in your sacrifice, we know God's way,
in your forgiveness, we can live.

Holy Host of this sacred table, as we eat and drink,
give us eyes to see those who are not with us at this table
so that we may consider a community with them.

As we share silence, may we hear those who may be silenced among us.
As we offer our prayers, give us the hearts and minds
to receive new words of truth that have been too hard to receive.
As we go out from this table, give us the paths to walk toward your way of love.
Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION IS SHARED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

SING

"This Is My Song"

#340

SHARED BENEDICTION

Let us go out into God's world in peace;
have courage; hold on to what is good;
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

SENDING

Like Rebekah let us go with the compassion of God to choose love and rest
for all who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens.
Go with the blessing of the Spirit, who rests in your every hope.
May the peace of Christ be with you all now and always.

POSTLUDE

"The People Respond...Amen!"

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