



First Presbyterian Church



Sunday Worship

13th Sunday After Pentecost – Year A
30 August 2020
9:30 a.m.

Everyone Is Welcome!



You are invited to join us on our journey of faith! We seek to serve God, to minister to our community, and to love one another. Help us in our quest to become an ever more inclusive church that welcomes all people from all backgrounds, abilities, and identities. Come along and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God.

In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives.

As they respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ,
believers are transformed and renewed.

In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God's service in the world.
(Book of Order, Directory for Worship W 1.1001)

First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale Order of Worship for Sunday 8/30/20:

Prayer in Preparation

God of mystery and might,
whose wonderful works are to be remembered,
move in our lives, change our minds, soften our hearts,
direct our feet,
that we may follow you more faithfully.

Yes, Lord, we seek to follow Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.



Ministry of the Church

One: We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

All: Thanks be to God!

Joys and Concerns

One: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: For all these people and all who are in need

All: Please hold your people near, O God!

Gathering for Worship

Leader: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

All: Praise the Lord!

Leader: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: Let us worship God!

Hymn: #366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

v. 1

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.**

Call to Confession:

Leader: Jesus Christ overcame evil with good
so that all people might be saved from sin.

Let us then confess our need for grace,
confident of God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray...

**All: God of mercy,
we confess that, like the disciples,
we set our minds not on divine things
but on human things.**

**Doubting your loving care, we grab for
more than we need.**

**Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink
from living as your followers.**

**Doubting your loving plan, we become
stumbling blocks in your creation.**

**Forgive us that we may gain new life in you,
for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Jesus took up his cross for our salvation.
In return for our old life of sin,

he promises a new life of grace.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
All: Thanks be to God.

Giving of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

Response: #282 Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. (2x)**

Children's Sermon

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Holy Spirit, *Exod. 3:4*
who spoke to Moses from the burning bush,
speak to us now in the reading and proclaiming
of your word. **Amen.**



Ministry of Music

Carlyn Zimmermann et al.

Old Testament Lesson:

Exodus 3:1-15

Minister: Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." ¹³But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Minister: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word

Affirmation of Faith: The PCUSA Confession of 1967 (Section 9.48)

Leader: Let us confess our faith together...

**All: Jesus Christ has given the church
preaching and teaching, praise and prayer,
and Baptism and the Lord 's Supper
as means of fulfilling its service of God among all people.
These gifts remain, but the church is obliged
to change the forms of its service
in ways appropriate to different generations and cultures...**

Minute for Mission/Interim Box Time: The PCDC

Invitation to the Offering:

Leader: The apostle Paul encourages us:
do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit,
serve the Lord.

In loving service to this loving Lord,
we now return to God a portion of the bounty
God has provided.

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***Doxology: #606**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Holy God of holy ground,
like Moses, we question our fitness to serve
heaven's purposes on earth.
Overcome our qualms with the assurance
of your presence;
bless these offerings that, through them,
we may do your will;
in the name of the triune One. **Amen.**

Hymn: #366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

v. 2

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be
End of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Minister: God inspires us to pray, hears our prayers, and answers our prayers.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Minister: Let us pray...

Silent Prayer

Minister: Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer...

**All: 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.**

Hymn: #366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

vv. 3-4

**Come Almighty, to deliver; let us all life receive
Suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above;
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

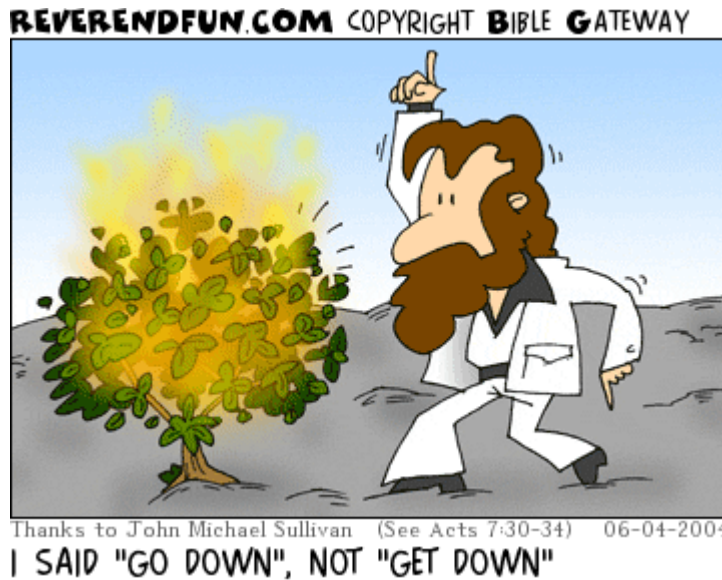
Charge and Blessing

Minister: Hold fast to what is good; repay no one evil for evil.
Rejoice in hope; be patient in suffering; persevere in prayer.
May Almighty God,
who creates all good,
redeems from all evil,
and hears all prayer,
be with you and all people in suffering and in hope.

All: Amen.

Postlude:

A Thought for Today:



Household Prayer: Morning

God of love, today help us to live peaceably with all.
Help us live in genuine love: to love our neighbors as ourselves,
and to love you, O God,
with our whole heart, mind, and strength.
In Jesus' loving name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy God,
because you have been with us this day,
we have stood on holy ground. Thank you.
We know that you will remain with us through this night. Thank you.
We know that you will be with us again tomorrow. Thank you.
In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Worship Assistant: Lisa Hollabaugh

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

Bible Study with Pastor Kerry returns on September 9

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

9:30 am Virtual Worship via Zoom

Pastor Kerry's Office Hours

Monday 9:00am - 12:00 noon

Wednesday 9:00 – 12:00 noon

Kerry is on vacation until September 6th

If you would like a visit—or if you know someone who needs a visit—please let Kerry or one of the Deacons know.

Announcements

Faith Dialogues brings you a series of autumn discussions: “The Church and Politics” written by David True and distributed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Discussions will begin virtually after worship on Sunday, September 13. More details to come!

Kerry will be on vacation from Sunday August 30 until Saturday, September 5.

We thank Rev. Deb Troester for filling the pulpit today!

There are numerous ministry and fellowship opportunities described in the September Newsletter, including the First Saturday Mission Drive-Thru on 9/5. Read all about them in the newsletter and on our webpage and Facebook pages!

Joys and Concerns

Pray for God's grace, mercy & help:

- +Covid19 Pandemic
- +Social unrest and political polarization
- +Those in the destructive path of Hurricane Laura

Remember to pray for:

- Our National Leaders
- Students, faculty, and staff as schools re-open
- Our nation in midst of violence
- Marion Medical Mission
- Our world, in the midst of terrorism
- Refugees in Europe
- Resolution to the migrant dilemma
- Homeless, unemployed and those
- without adequate health care
- Service men and women:
- Missionaries in Africa and everywhere

Each week we pray for one of the faith communities that participate in the Carbondale Interfaith Council. This week the council asks us to please pray for: Church of the Good Shepherd, UCC.

The Mission/Ministry we are praying for this month is: The Presbyterian Child Development Center

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