

# *The First Presbyterian Church* *in the City of New York*

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Service for the Lord's Day*

July 11, 2021 | 11:00 a.m.

*The Session and members of First Church extend a sincere welcome to all persons regardless of race, nationality, gender, or sexual orientation. This includes an open invitation to membership, the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, marriage, funerals, memorial services, and service as an officer of the church.*

### GATHERING

*The peace candle represents our prayers for peace in a broken world. The congregation is asked to offer prayers of intercession for one another and for those who lead worship.*

PRELUDE

"Fantasia in C Minor, BWV 537"

Johann Sebastian Bach

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of the prophets, call to us today.

**Call us into your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

God of the poets, remind us again how much you love this world.

**Sing to us your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

God of the disciples, teach us how to follow.

**Teach us your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

God of all creation, help us to know your ways

**We gather to hear your call,**

to sing your praise,

**to teach each other,**

to pray and worship as the body of Christ.

**Let us worship God!**

HYMN 65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,  
we want to be your people,  
but we are sometimes afraid of your demands.  
Our fears run deep and we cannot overcome them by ourselves.  
Forgive us. Have mercy on us.  
Remind us once again  
that the beginning of wisdom is to trust your holiness.  
Help us cling to this trust  
and live with the faith that you provide for us.  
As we worship you in deep conviction,  
speak the words of comfort and hope to us once again.  
Hear us now as we confess our sins in silence...

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## RESPONSE

OLD HUNDREDTH



*Traditional* Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea - tures  
*Inclusive* Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple



here be - low; praise Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;  
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;



praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.  
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

## SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## CHILDREN'S PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**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,  
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## HEARING THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's  
and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;  
for he has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.

Such is the company  
of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God  
of Jacob. Selah

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?  
Those who have clean hands and pure  
hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what  
is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.  
They will receive blessing from the  
Lord,  
and vindication from the God of their  
salvation.

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is the King of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle.  
Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory. Selah.

### ANTHEM

Anonymous

*Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi: quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemisti mundum.  
Qui passus es pro nobis, Domine, miserere nobis.*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have  
redeemed the world. O Lord, who suffered for us, have mercy on us.

-Antiphon for Good Friday, sung in Latin

### SECOND LESSON

Mark 6:14-29

### SERMON

"Count the Cost"

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

Kinley Lange

*Esto les digo, si dos de ustedes se ponen, se ponen en acuerdo, en la tierra para pedir, pedir algo en oracion, mi padre que esta en el cielo, se lo dará. Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos.*

Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

-Matthew 18:19-20, sung in

Spanish

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### SENDING

HYMN 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in C Minor, BWV 537”

Bach

*The congregation is invited to continue worshiping through the postlude, which is offered as a thanksgiving to God.*

## LEADING THIS MORNING

Hannah Faye Allred, M.Div., *Staff Associate for Congregational Care*

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell, *Pastor/Head of Staff*

Audrey Webber, M.Div., *Associate for Hospitality and Visual Arts*

The First Church Choir

Dr. Raymond Nagem, *Guest Musician*

Our guest musician this morning is Raymond Nagem, Associate Director of Music and Organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, and a member of the organ faculty at Manhattan School of Music. A native of Medford, Mass., Dr. Nagem attended the Boston Archdiocesan Choir School and began organ lessons there with John Dunn. He earned his B.A. from Yale University, and an M.A. and D.M.A. from Juilliard. He has worked since 2010 at St. John the Divine, where he has primary responsibility for service playing and choral accompaniment and frequently conducts the cathedral's choral ensembles. We welcome Dr. Nagem to First Church!

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