

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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service for the Lord's Day

July 4, 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 in these times of remote worship.

PRELUDE

"Air"

Gerre Hancock

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has saved us and called us to a holy life—
**not because of anything we have done,
but because of God's own purpose and grace.**

Grace was given in Christ Jesus
before the beginning of time.

**Let us approach God with humility.
Let us worship God.**

HYMN 331

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

NATIONAL HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we know that you love us
and that you call us to fullness of life,
but around us and within us
we see the brokenness of the world and of our ways.
Even in our success we often feel empty;
our progress is not satisfying;
our longings never seem to be met.

**Forgive our neglect of your presence,
 our insensitivity to the needs of others,
 and our failure to feed the spirit that is within us.
 Restore in us the fullness of life and an awareness of your constant love.**

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.**

ANTHEM

William Billings

Hail! Sacred music hail! We offer at thy shrine one perfect round complete in sound,
 celestial and divine. 'Tis by thy heavenly aid in one majestic sound, we celebrate
 Jehovah's state, in one eternal round. Great is the Lord our God, whose mercy knows
 no bound; just are God's ways, then let praise go round.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel."

LEADING THIS MORNING

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, *Executive Minister*
Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell, *Pastor/Head of Staff*
Audrey Webber, M.Div., *Associate for Hospitality and Visual Arts*

The First Church Choir
Michael Shake, *Director of Music*

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