

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

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## 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."

So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

SERMON “A Mexican-Englishman in New York” Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell  
preaching on the Fourth of July  
at the Church of the Patriots”

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH selection from the Confession of Belhar

**We believe that God has entrusted the church  
with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;  
that the church is called to be the salt of the earth  
and the light of the world,  
that the church is called blessed  
because it is a peacemaker,  
that the church is witness both by word and by deed  
to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

OFFERTORY arr. John Rodgers  
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious  
did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. 'Tis grace has brought  
me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures. He will my shield and  
portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less  
days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun. —John Newton

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### SENDING

HYMN 339 “Lift Every Voice and Sing” LIFT EVERY VOICE

### BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Trumpet Tune in A Major” David N. Johnson

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

## 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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