

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service for the Lord's Day

July 18, 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 "Impromptu in C Major, Op. 78, No. 2" Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 89

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

I have sworn to my servant David:

**'I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'**"

HYMN 182

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

KINGSFOLD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we are so grateful that you hold onto our hearts
regardless of what we say or do.

We know that we do not make your heart glad
when we do not care for those on the margins,

And yet you still love us regardless of what we do.

Teach us Lord to cover all of those around us with love,

And forgive us when we do not love others with our whole hearts.

Guide us Lord until we fully and completely love those around us,

And until then may we also rest in your infinite and amazing grace.

We say these words as we confess all the sins on our hearts this day...

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end.

-Psalm 119:33

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 6:30-34; 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

SERMON

"Scripture on the Margins"

Audrey Webber, M.Div.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

selection from the Confession of Belhar

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.

OFFERTORY

Virgil Thompson

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay; one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away. Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

-Psalm 23; Isaac Watts, para.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING

HYMN 463

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Impromptu in A Minor, Op. 78, No. 3”

Coleridge-Taylor

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

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today is Ellie Monica Fichte,
daughter of Soo Mi Thompson and Andrew Michael Fichte.

The flowers this morning are given in memory of Turpin Harry Rose
who passed away July 11, 2020.

LEADING THIS MORNING

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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