

Welcome to FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 24, 2022—10:45 a.m.

*Bold-faced type are words the congregation speaks together.
The * invites you to stand in body or spirit.*

Prelude *Fugue in C Major* J.S. Bach

Welcome This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Call to Worship

Come, and worship the God of life!

We come as praising people, singing God's goodness.

Come, and worship the God of hope!

We come as praying people, bringing needs, joys, yearnings.

Come, and worship the God of promise!

We come as listening people, ready to hear God's Word.

Come, and worship the God of love!

We come, prepared to be transformed and empowered by that love.

People of God, let us worship!

***Hymn 645** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

Prayer of Confession *(spoken together and silent)*

We are perplexed, O God. We believe that you are Love. We believe that you are the Creator of the heavens and earth. We believe that you are the Ruler of all things. Why, then, does life seem so unfair? Why do bad things happen to good people? Why does evil seem to so often hold sway over justice? We confess that in our confusion, we are tempted to abandon you and follow other gods whose ways are not so nearly veiled in mystery. But we thank you, Holy One, that you do not abandon us. Forgive us, we pray, for our lack of faith. Restore our hope in that which cannot be seen. Make firm our conviction that in all things you work for good. O Lord, have mercy on us...

[Silent prayer, followed by:]

Forgive us, O God, and move us to trust, that we may boldly live your grace and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace / Passing the Peace

Anthem *God of Mercy, God of Grace* Jerry F. Davidson
FPC Summer Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, as the Scriptures are read, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

Listen to the Word:

Romans 8:24b-26, 28

^{24b} Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

Genesis 39:1-4, 7-16, 19-23

¹ Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ² The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ His master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. ⁴ So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. ⁷ And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, 'Lie with me.' ⁸ But he refused and said to his master's wife, 'Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. ⁹ He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?' ¹⁰ And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. ¹¹ One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, ¹² she caught hold of his garment, saying, 'Lie with me!' But he left his garment in her hand and fled and ran outside. ¹³ When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, ¹⁴ she called out to the members of her household and said to them, 'See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and cried out with a loud voice; ¹⁵ and when he heard me raise my voice, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside.' ¹⁵ ¹⁶ Then she kept his garment by her until his master come home, ¹⁷ and she told him the same story. ¹⁹ When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, he became enraged. ²⁰ And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison. ²¹ But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. ²² The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. ²³ The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

Reflection on the Word and Life: "Perspectives from the Pit"

Rev. Helen Ervin

***Hymn 840**

When Peace Like a River

VILLE DU HAVRE

***Affirmation of Faith** (The Creed of The United Church of Canada)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Offertory

Prière

Denis Bedard

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***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

Prayers of the Community & 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn 611**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response**

We Are One in the Spirit

BY OUR LOVE

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

Postlude

Prelude in C Major

J.S. Bach

Leading Worship

Rev. Helen Ervin
Mark Biales, guest organist
FPC Summer Choir

Rev. Bruce D. Ervin
John Goodell, liturgist
Erik Noyce, guest director

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Skip & Pat Dautel in celebration of the wedding of our son Don and new daughter-in-law Amy.

Welcome to Our Guest Speaker

Helen Ervin is a retired Disciples of Christ minister. She moved to Boise after serving congregations in Tennessee, Washington State, and Indiana. Her final Indiana pastorate was at First Christian Church of Bloomington, where she served for 25 years. Helen and her husband Bruce (also a retired minister) arrived in Boise last August and are enjoying living near family. Helen is the mother of three adult children and--more importantly--two perfect grandchildren! She enjoys traveling, hiking, and gardening and hopes to resume taking water color lessons in the near future. She also volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children in Foster Care.

Music Note

We extend a special welcome to our guest organist for July, Mark Biales. As a Colleague of the American Guild of Organists, Mark has served churches in Ohio, Maryland, California, and Washington. During the day, Mark is a product manager for a robotics company following a long tenure at Amazon. Mark lives in the North End with his partner, Alex.