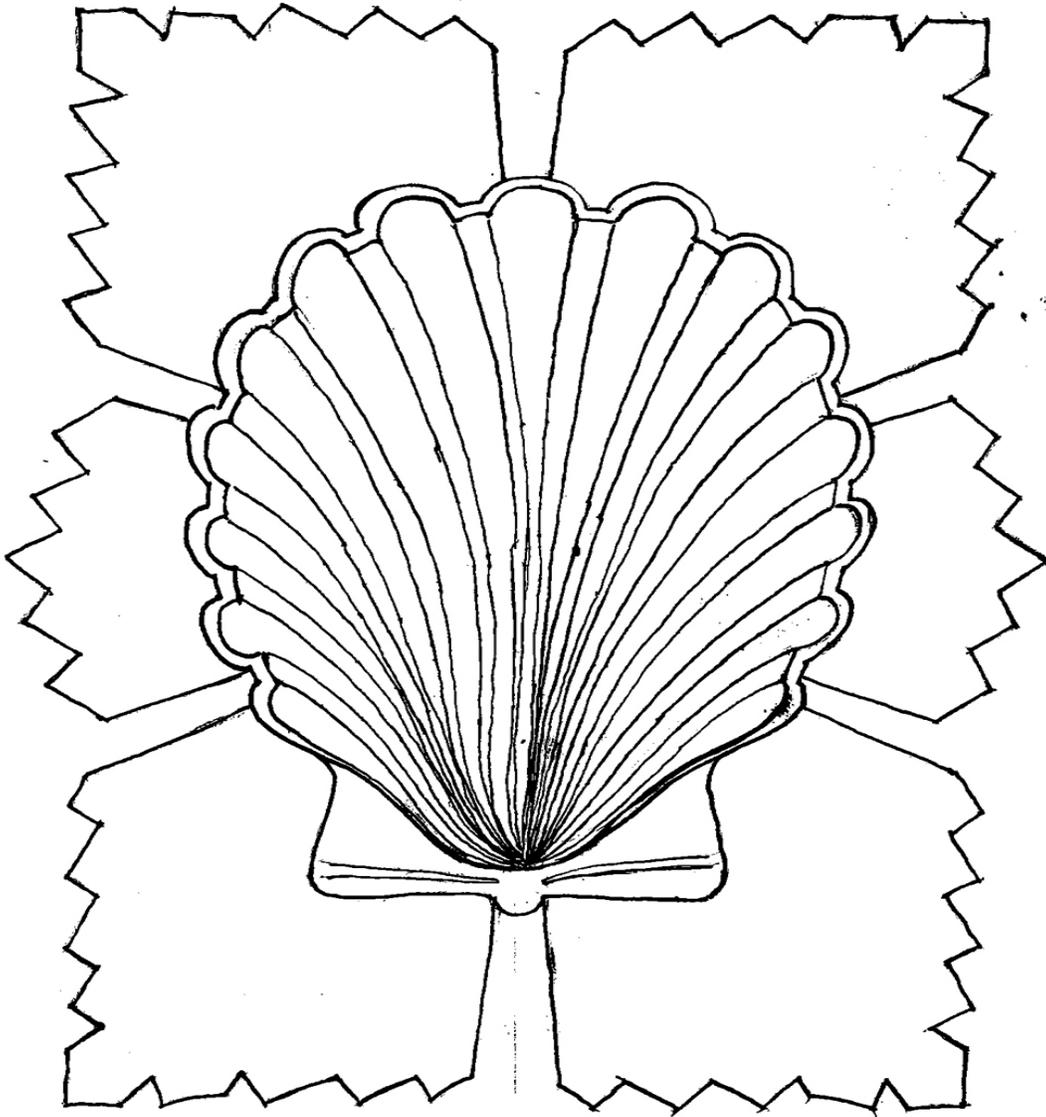


First Presbyterian Church

July 18, 2021

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



*Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends
of the earth with love, faith and action.*

We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Andante Religioso" from Sonata no. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

Call to Worship

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

*Hymn

["O Christ, the Great Foundation"](#)

No. 361

Prayer of Confession

Ed McLeod

God of Covenant Promise, you call us to live peaceably in the manner of Jesus, but we are more comfortable with division and hostility. You call us to follow the Prince of Peace, but we choose alienation and separation from our neighbor. Heal that which divides us and make us one in Christ. We offer this prayer before you as well as those in the depths of our hearts in this time of silence...

Kyrie | Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Pardon

Friends in Christ, in response to this gift of God's grace, how then shall we live?

With gratitude, following after the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.

This is the way of Jesus, in whom we find life!

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

We Celebrate our Life Together

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and The 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.

Congregational Response to Prayer

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

We Listen to God's Word

Moment for Children

Katy Schafer

Children ages 4 - 5th grade can leave for a LEGO lesson for the remainder of the service. Pick up in Memorial Hall.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 133, Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon

"No Longer Strangers"

Laurie Taylor Weicher

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

["Where Charity and Love Prevail"](#)

No. 316

*Affirmation of Faith | From The Second Helvetic Confession | **The church is an assembly of the faithful called or gathered out in the world; a communion, I say, of all saints, namely of those who truly know and rightly worship and serve the true God in Christ the Savior, by the Word and Holy Spirit, and who by faith are partakers of all benefits which are freely offered through Christ. They are all citizens of the one city, living under the same Lord, under the same laws, and in the same fellowship of all good things. For the apostle calls them "fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God."**

An Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

"O Rest in the Lord" from *Elijah*
Kathy Hopkins, Mezzo-Soprano

Felix Mendelssohn

*Doxology | **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above; ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

We Bear God's Word into the World

*Hymn

["Called as Partners in Christ's Service"](#)

No. 761

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response | **Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in Your Spirit, strong and true, our lives may be our gift to you.**

*Postlude

Improvisation on "Becher"

Joshua Sobel

*All those who are able may stand.

The Acolyte is Sloan Wagner.

The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in loving memory of Lindsey and Evelyn Hopkins and their son, Bob, by Bob's wife, Mary Ann, and his children, Lindsey and Britt.