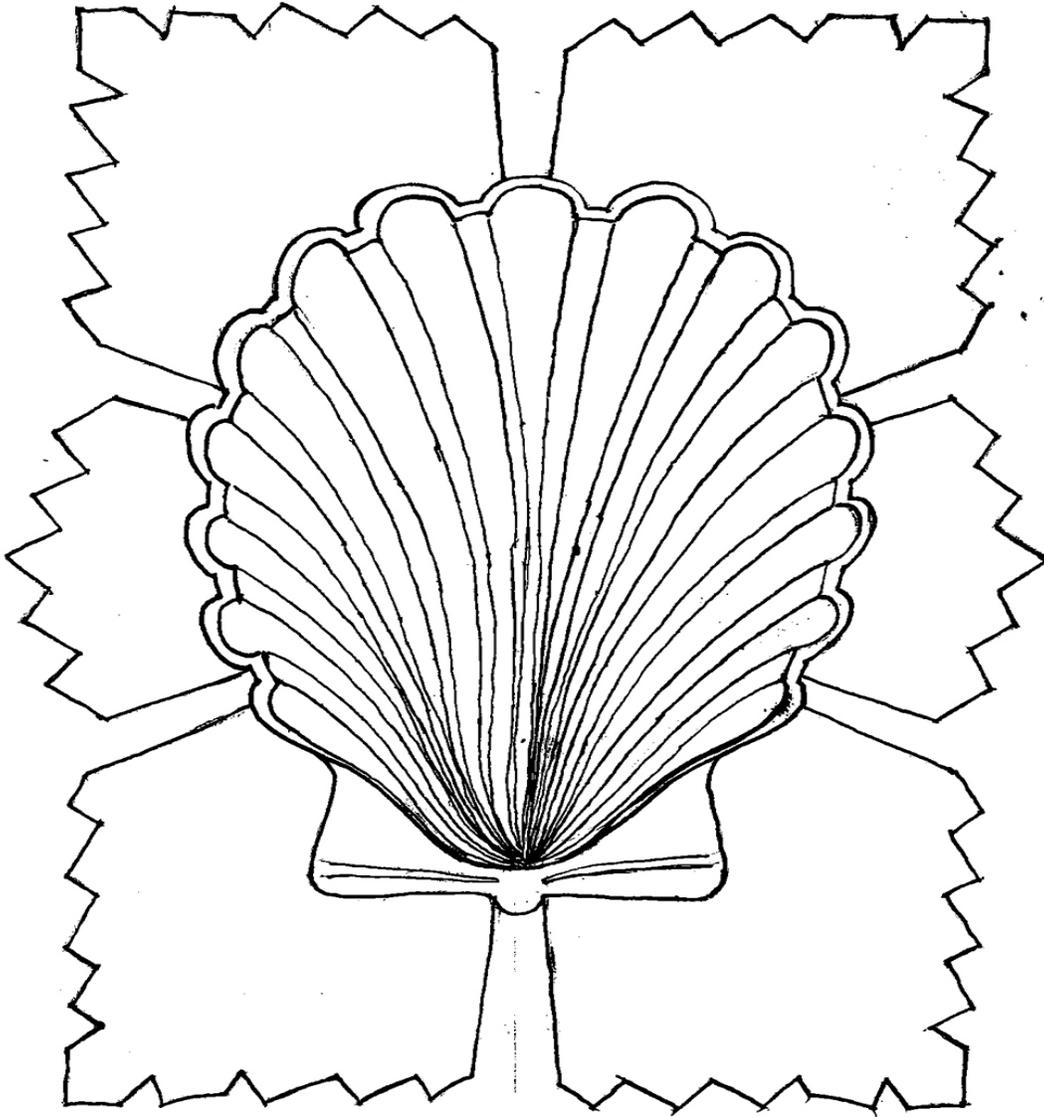


First Presbyterian Church

July 4, 2021

Sixth 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

"Flûtes" de la deuxième Suite pour orgue

Louis-Nicholas Clérambault

Call to Worship

Seek the Lord's presence and tell of the Lord's favor!

Sing praises to the God who brought us out of Egypt, to a land of promise!

With gladness, let us sing songs of grateful praise!

*Hymn

["God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"](#)

No. 331

Prayer of Confession

Judy Pidcock

We confess, O God, that we have made poor use of our freedom. You have set us free from the tyranny of fear and death, making a new life available, but we have given our allegiance to false gods, and to our own worst impulses, and to popular notions of happiness. Forgive us, O God, for settling for a lesser life than you have in mind for us. Continue to set before us the way of Jesus, that we might find deep joy in becoming his servants, to the glory of your name. With mercy, hear now our particular confessions, offered in 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

Laurie Taylor Weicher

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

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

Scripture Readings

Joshua 24:1-8, 13; Galatians 5:1

Sermon

"The Final Tyrant"

Ed McLeod

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

["Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"](#)

No. 347

***Affirmation of Faith | The Apostles' Creed | I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

An Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

"Goin' Home" from *Symphony No. 9: "From a New World"*

Atonin Dvorak

Andy Eaton, Baritone

*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

["Be Thou My Vision"](#)

No. 450

*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

Toccata on "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

Joshua Sobel

*All those who are able may stand.

The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by Dr. and Mrs. William L. Miller in loving memory of Laura's parents, Charles and Elizabeth Sanderson, and her brothers Hugh and Charles Sanderson.