



~The Gathering~

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

Rejoice the Lord is King
Dr. Christy Lee, piano

arr. Dan Forrest

Call to Worship

Why do we come to worship God?

We come seeking a blessing from our Lord.

What is this blessing that we seek?

We seek an encounter with our God,
who washes us in mercy, calls us to service,
and fills us with love.

Let us worship God together.

Hymn #263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.**

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**Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!**

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Prayer of Confession

**You are love, O God, and you have loved us from the beginning.
Forgive us when we do not share your love with the world:
when we choose selfishness over compassion;
what feels comfortable rather than what is right;
when we strive for success instead of faithfulness;
when we value independence over community.
Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short.
Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way.**

(please continue in silent prayer)

Kyrie Eleison #574

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Johnson

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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Declaration of Forgiveness

The Response #579

Gloria Patri

Greatorex

**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.**

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The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

**Come, Holy Spirit; when we become stubborn and unbelieving, open hearts
to receive your Word, then set us free to follow in the power of Christ's love.
Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**How great is the Lord and worthy of praise,
whose glory above Mount Zion displays!
In light of God’s splendor our cities are dust;
Eternal our refuge, unquestioned our trust.**

**The rulers of earth are shaken with fright,
when God, filled with wrath, appears in their sight;
But we as the chosen have witnessed God’s heart,
and at its remembrance, all fears soon depart.**

**The far-fashioned bounds of earth lift their voice,
and for God’s goodwill, the mountains rejoice;
Whose righteousness follows the course of our days;
whatever our pathway, our Guide for always.**

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Second Scripture Reading: Mark 6:1-13

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“From Sea to Shining Sea”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith (based on 2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

Jesus said to us, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, we will boast all the more gladly of our weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in us.

Therefore, we are content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever we are weak, then we are strong.

The Anthem

Tribute to America
Dr. Christy Lee, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

Call for the Offering

~The Eucharist~

The Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues)

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. — Ho-san - na in the high- est. —
 — Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho-san - na
 in the high- est. — ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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.**

Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

The Prayer after Communion

~The Sending~

Hymn #564

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Materna

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
 For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
 America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
 And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!**

**O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress
 A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
 America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
 Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!**

**O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
 Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
 America! America! May God thy gold refine
 Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!**

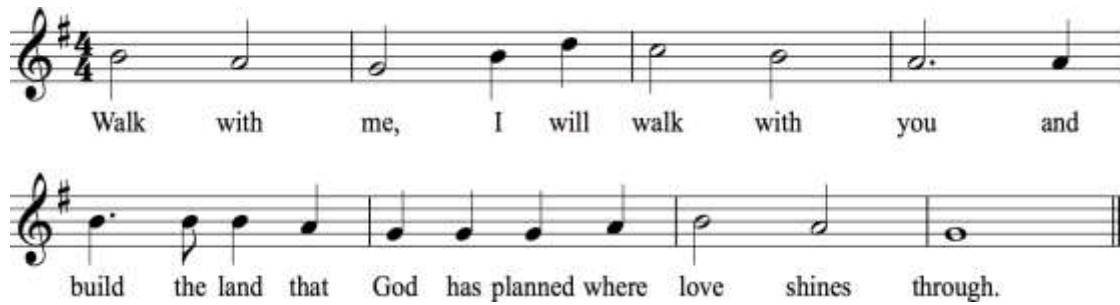
**O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
 Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
 America! America! God shed His grace on thee
 And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!**

Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response

Walk With Me

Rev. John Rice



Postlude

Battle Hymn
Dr. Christy Lee, piano

arr. Marilyn Ham



We welcome **Dr. Christy Lee** as our guest musician today. Dr. Lee is the Coordinator of Collaborative Piano at Mississippi State University. She has worked as collaborative artist, coach, and assistant conductor with opera companies all over the world. Dr. Lee has held academic appointments at the College of The Bahamas, The Cleveland Institute of Music, Encore School for Strings, Delta State University, Florida State University, Maryville College, and the University of Tennessee. She holds the Bachelor of Music degree, magna cum laude, in piano performance from The University of Alabama, the Master of Music degree in collaborative piano from The Cleveland Institute of Music, and the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Accompanying and Chamber Music from Florida State University. Dr. Lee is also Organist/Choirmaster at First Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Mississippi.



If you would like the church office to record your attendance today, you can:

- scan this QR Code and click on the generated google doc link or
- go to <https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance> or
- email the office at office@fpctn.org

The church office will be
CLOSED
on Monday, July 5th
to celebrate the holiday



Look for the signup board for **Sunset Gap Back to School**. Select an item and sign your name and phone number on the signup board.

Signups are also available online for other children at: <https://tinyurl.com/2021SunsetGapSchool>. **Items are due**

back to the church by July 25 for delivery the following week. Please attach a tag with the child's name and number of the item to your purchase. School Supplies needed include:

Wide rule notebook paper, pencils, colored pencils, scissors, 3-ring binder, 3 spiral notebooks, pencil sharpener, 4 glue sticks, crayons, erasers, hand sanitizer, large box of Kleenex, and Clorox wipes. Questions? Contact Debbie Long.



In lieu of our usual Vacation Bible School programming this year, we are using an amazing summer program called **FPC Kids Zone!** It runs on Sunday mornings in Room 1 from 8:45-10:00 a.m. and is open to kids ages 2-10. Our theme this summer is *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, RENEW!* We will be focusing on how to be good stewards of God's green earth and what the Bible teaches us about how to do just that! Please contact Mason Warren, Director of Family Ministries at masonwarren@fpctn.org or (865) 966-9547 ext. 105 for more information.

Send a birthday card to the daughters of Mark Hare and Jenny Bent, mission workers supported by our church. **Annika Hare** will celebrate her 10th birthday on July 10. **Keila Hare** will celebrate her 12th birthday on July 16. Cards will need a USA Global Forever stamp (\$1.20) and will take 2-3 weeks to get to Costa Rica. Include the name of the church under your signature, so the family will know our connection. The address is:

(Child's Name)
c/o Mauricio Chacon-UBL
APDO 901-1000
San Jose, COSTA RICA



Presbyterian Women invite the congregation to join them in collecting needed school supplies for the special area teachers this year. (Music, art, physical education, special ed, computers). Needed items include:



Hand sanitizer
Paper towels
Kleenex
crayons
#2 pencils
Expo dry erase markers



These items will be distributed to the schools in Cocke County or Sevier County.
Deadline to donate is August 10.

A reminder that if you have reserved tickets for the [Smokies Baseball Game](#), you can pick up your tickets that night at the Smokies Stadium Will Call Window. Parking is \$5 per vehicle. Contact Leigh Ann Neely with questions.



**Tennessee SMOKIES Baseball Game
and Fireworks Show:**

**July 17th at 7pm
vs. the Mississippi Braves**

Let's Play Ball!



The Stephen Ministry Program:

Would you like a confidential, caring listener?

Our Stephen Ministers offer comfort to those experiencing grief, loss, anxiety, loneliness, or family issues. All shared feelings and information are held in sacred confidence. If you would like a trained Stephen Minister who would call on a scheduled basis, contact the church office or one of our

Stephen Ministry Leaders:

Matt Nieman
Jeanie Oakley
Elizabeth Wilson
Beth Martin

**Fun, Food and Fellowship
for those 50+**

Daytime Rockers will gather on Thursday, July 22 at 11:30 a.m. to "break bread" at Bonefish Grill in Turkey Creek.

You can sign-up in the narthex, or RSVP directly to Gloria Purjet.



This Week at FPC!

Sun, Jul 04	9:00 outdoor and 11:00 a.m. indoor/online worship		
Mon, Jul 05	8:45 *****	a.m. *****	FPC Kids Zone/Room 1 OFFICE CLOSED
Tues, Jul 06	3:00	p.m.	Stephen Ministry Leaders/Parlor
Wed, Jul 07	6:30	p.m.	Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Room A
Thu, Jul 08	4:50	p.m.	FPC Fellowship Golf/Avalon/Contact W. Walls
Fri, Jul 09	8:00	a.m.	Men's Breakfast/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Fellowship Hall

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Parlor	This class is currently using both a lectionary study and <i>The Present Word</i> Adult Bible Lessons. The Summer 2021 <i>Present Word</i> book looks at God's gift of faith as the source of hope.
Monday Connection	Zoom/and Room A	This class is studying <i>The New Testament You Never Knew</i> , by well-known Bible scholars N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird. The two team up to take you on a tour of the explosive story behind the New Testament. No class on 07/11 and 07/18.
Pastor Matt's Class	Zoom/library	Please join Pastor Matt's Bible study in the library on Sunday mornings at 10:00. We've just started a series on the Old Testament book of Proverbs. The study is also available over Zoom. Consult Pastor Matt's Saturday morning email for the Zoom credentials.
Youth	On summer break	Please email masonwarren@fpcn.org if you have any questions.



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