



Farragut Presbyterian Church

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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~The Gathering~

Prelude

Largo
Tami Newsom, organ

Eccles

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Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Let every tongue confess the good news:
Jesus Christ is Lord; glory to God!
Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #229

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

**From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
**Let the Redeemer's praise be sung through every land, in every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**In every land begin the song, to every land the strains belong:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
**In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends Thy word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
**Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Prayer of Confession

God of our salvation, we falter before the demands of your word and turn away from your call to life. Forgive us, O Lord. Pour out your mercy on us as you showed mercy to your people of old, that we may turn from our sinfulness and walk the path of self-emptying love made known in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:23-32

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Psalm 78

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

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Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. **(R)**

That which we have heard and known and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,
and the wonderful works he has done. **(R)**

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
He split open the sea and let them pass through; he made the waters stand up like walls. **(R)**

He led them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with a glow of fire.
He split the hard rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as from the great deep.
He brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers. **(R)**

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Second Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Common Denominators”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith (from the *Confession of 1967*)

We believe the new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us as we are. We therefore accept ourselves and others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand except God’s grace. The new life does not release us from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. We still struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, we live in good cheer, bearing witness on good days and bad, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

The Anthem

God Is Here!

arr. Lloyd Larson

Brenda Luggie and Krista Belding, brass duet
Tami Newsom, accompanist

Call for the Offering

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

~The Sending~

Closing Hymn #411

Arise, Your Light Has Come

Festal Song

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.**

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Concerto #2 in G Major
Tami Newsom, organ

J.S. Bach

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This Week at FPC!

Sun, Sept 27	9:00 (outdoor) and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship		
	6:00 ****	p.m. ****	Youth Group/Fellowship Hall Family Promise Week
Mon, Sept 28	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Zoom
	11:00	a.m.	Lectio Divina/Zoom
Tues, Sept 29	7:00	p.m.	Session/Zoom
	4:00	p.m.	PW Coordinating Team/Room A
Thurs, Oct 01	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts/FH, Rm A, narthex
	10:00	a.m.	Covenant Group/Room A or outside
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Fri, Oct 02	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Zoom

Sunset Gap Pound Party: Presbyterian Women invite the congregation to join them in restocking the Sunset Gap food pantry. Items most needed include: flour, sugar, cornmeal mix, cooking oil, and peanut butter. Also, any travel size toiletries are appreciated. Items may be placed in the narthex basket, given to Debbie Long, or dropped off at her home through Sunday, October 11. *Thank you!*



Family Promise: The volunteer sign-up site is ready for our host week, 9/27-10/3. Because the families are still sheltering in place through October, we are being asked to help with dinners and gift cards for gas and breakfast/lunch items. Volunteers are asked to go to westsideuuc.org and scroll down the home page to where it says "SignUp.com." Choose the day that works for you. Beth Loyless will contact dinner hosts regarding numbers, needs, and the daily code for the blue door by the playground. Contact Beth Loyless with any questions. *Thank you.*

The **FPC Merry Mask Makers** are delighted to announce a face mask sale on Sunday, October 4th at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. for FPC members and friends. Face masks of all colors, styles, and sizes (adults, teens, children) will be available. Most masks will be sold for \$5 each and all proceeds will go toward new medical supplies/equipment for Fellowship Hall.



Our next 2020 Special Offering is the **Peace and Global Witness Offering** scheduled to be collected on Sunday, October 4. One quarter (25%) of this offering goes to a locally chosen organization supporting peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community. Another 25% is given to local Presbyteries and 50% to promoting peace and justice worldwide through the Presbyterian Mission Agency. This year our Outreach Committee decided to respond to a special plea from the local **Knoxville Bridge Refugee Services**. They have requested special help for the significant number of Bridge clients that have tested positive for COVID. With our monetary help, they will purchase Kroger gift cards to provide groceries delivered to the homes of quarantined clients, as well as bottles of hand sanitizer to distribute generally to all active clients to keep them safe. We ask for your continued support for our annual **Peace and Global Witness Offering** and for your prayers and commitment for the refugee community here in Knoxville. You may make a donation to this special offering by going to the e-giving section on our website, or putting a designation on your checks and mailing it to the church office or using a Peace & Global Witness pew envelope found in the sanctuary and on the volunteer desk. *Thank you for your generosity.*

