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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**~ We Gather ~**Welcome

Jessica Lewis

Prelude Joy of the Lord
Musical Ensemble

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\*Call to Worship

We've come to worship God,
who loved us before we were yet born,
who knows us even better than we know ourselves,
whose presence never leaves us,
and whose love for us never ceases.
This is our God.
Let us worship together!

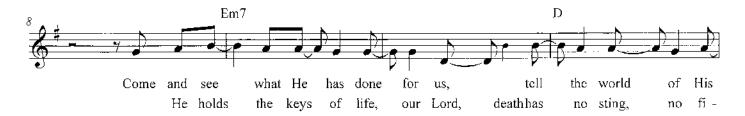
\*Opening Songs

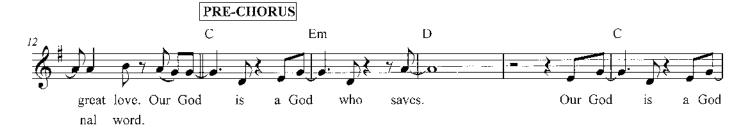
Let God Arise and Gather Us In

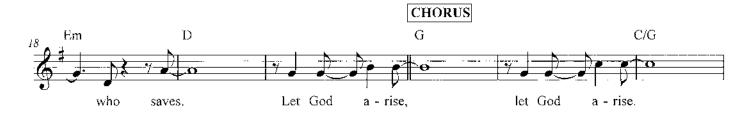
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## \*Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us. You see us at our worst and at our best. There is much we would hide from you—the ways we harm your creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn toward. Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions, that you may delight in us as we delight in you.

(please continue in silent prayer)

\*Declaration of Forgiveness

\*The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

## ~We Proclaim~

Prayer for Illumination

**Kathy Emmerson** 

Holy One, you love with a father's tenderness, a mother's zeal. Move now in our hearts. Breathe through the words we hear, the songs we share, the burdens we carry, until we discover our purpose in your liberating love, for we long to join creation's praise and to shine with the mercy of the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Romans 8:12-25

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Kathy Emmerson Jessica Lewis

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Known" Jessica Lewis

# ~The Response~

\*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 on 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.

**Musical Reflection** 

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) Sandra Porter Bohlken, soloist

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Call for Giving

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

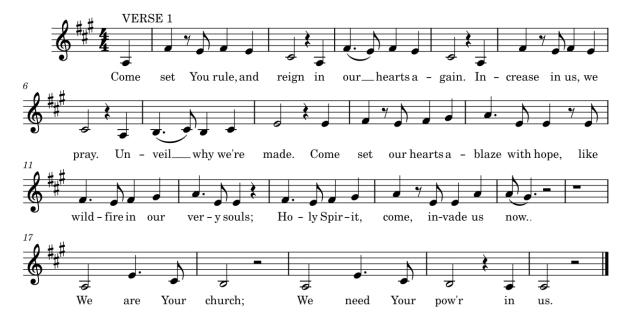
The Lord's Prayer

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.

## ~We Go Out Into the World~

\*Closing Song

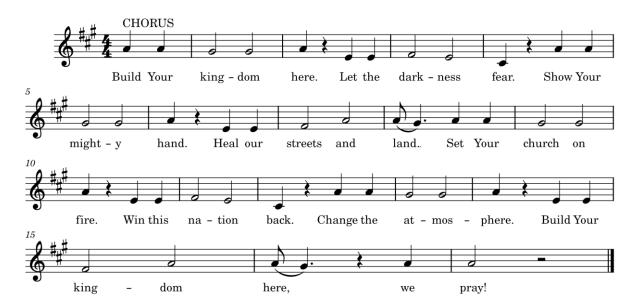
Build Your Kingdom Here



#### Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst; Refuse to waste our lives, For You're our joy and prize.

To see the captives' hearts released; The hurt the sick the poor at peace. We lay down our lives for heaven's cause. We are Your church; We pray revive this earth.



#### Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, Reaching the near and far.

No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.

You made us for much more than this; Awake the kingdom seed in us.

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. We are Your church;

We are the hope on earth. (Chorus)

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## **Special thanks to today's Music Ensemble:**

Sandra Bohlken, vocals, guitar/piano ~ Tim Mashue, bass guitar LisaKay Matchen, vocals ~ Monica Gardiner, percussion



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 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance">https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance</a>, or
- Email the office at office@fpctn.org, or
- Sign the pew attendance pad



No one after lighting a lamp hides it under a jar, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light. — Luke 8:16

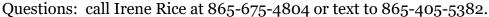
Uniting in prayer has given us a unique opportunity to grow together as a family of faith and to pray alongside Matt during his sabbatical. And although this phase of our journey in prayer

will end on August 13, we will continue to pray with our eyes open to the possibilities that await us. A guide featuring daily readings from the Psalms is available at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/Sabbatical-Prayer-Guide">https://tinyurl.com/Sabbatical-Prayer-Guide</a>.

### **ATTENTION FPC YOUTH:**

Youth can participate in the <u>Small & Mighty youth group</u> on July 24<sup>th</sup> as they go <u>tubing down</u> the <u>Little River in Townsend</u> starting from The Smoky Mountain River Rat Tubing Outpost. Contact <u>masonwarren@fpctn.org</u> for more information.

HELP! The weeds are attacking and winning! Please join us as we work to reclaim our attractive landscape. We will meet at 9:00 am on Saturday, July 29th. With a good turnout, we hope to finish by 10:30 or 11.00. Bring your weed diggers, rakes, gloves or other favorite tools.





The congregation is invited to join Presbyterian Women in <u>collecting school supplies for special area teachers</u> (art, music, physical ed, special ed, etc.) in Cocke and Sevier Counties. Items most needed: tissues, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, scissors, printer paper, ziplock bags, hand sanitizer, markers, construction paper, bottled glue, skin-toned crayons, blank paper or sketch books, rulers. You can place your donations in the designated basket in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Long.

It's Back-to-School time at Sunset Gap. Sign-up is available both at the church and online. Be sure to add your phone number when signing up in case we need to contact you. Please do not gift wrap. Items are due back on July 30 for delivery that week. Be sure to attach a tag with the child's name and the tag number on it (or grade and gender for the online sign-up). WE STILL HAVE OPENINGS TO FILL. Please check the board in the narthex and help us fill in the blanks. Any questions, contact Debbie Long. Questions? Contact Debbie Long.

Use this QR code or the link to the online 2023 Sunset Gap School Supplies sign-up: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SunsetGapBackToSchool2023">https://tinyurl.com/SunsetGapBackToSchool2023</a>. If you scroll down to the bottom of the online sign-up page you will see the supplies needed for each grade.

<u>Sunset Gap needs your help!</u> Sunset Gap's refrigeration truck needs a new \$55,000 engine. Without refrigeration they can only pick up non-perishable food. Careful maintenance and periodic

repairs kept their truck running until last winter, when it broke down. Without their refrigerated truck, they have been unable to pick up perishable items since December 2022. They are asking for donations on a GoFundMe page to help reach this important goal, so they can continue to feed hungry families. If you would like to contribute, please go to: <a href="https://www.gofundme.com/f/fix-our-truck-to-feed-our-families">https://www.gofundme.com/f/fix-our-truck-to-feed-our-families</a>

## 2024 Trip to Egypt:

Hal and Jeanie Oakley are leading an all-inclusive trip to Egypt on April 1-12, 2024. The trip includes visiting Cairo, Alexandria, a 5-day Nile Cruise, and the Pyramids. Total cost, including airfare is \$5275. If you would like to extend your trip through April 17, the group will continue on to Jordan (Amman, Mt. Nebo, Petra), the Dead Sea, and Israel (Jerusalem-3 days). Total cost of trip with



extension to Jordan and Israel is \$7275. If you are interested in either option, please contact Hal Oakley (256.658.5252) or Jeanie Oakley (256.468.4501) for more information.



### PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Kathi Damelio, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson, Barbara Kivlin, Bron Lewis, Debbie Long, Jimmy and Beth Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Mike Murphy, Tami Newsom, Wesson Schult, Les Shear, Janet and Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver

### This Week at FPC

Sun, Jul 23	9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service			
	9:00	a.m.	KidZone's "Creativity Rocks!"/Room A	
Mon, Jul 24	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga	
Thur, Jul 27	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Narthex	
	12:00	p.m.	Pastors Lunch/Library	
	12:30	p.m.	Neighborhood Book Club/Parlor or Room A	
Fri, Jul 28	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex	
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# Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study		This class discusses the Lectionary text from the
		sermon, and still meets under the trees in good weather and in the parlor in bad weather.
Monday Connection/Pastor Matt's Class	Library	Monday Connection class and Pastor Matt's class are studying the book, "In the Footsteps of the Savior: Following Jesus Through the Holy Land" by Max
		Lucado.
Youth	Summer break	The youth Sunday School class is on summer break and will resume in August



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