

# Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

# ~The Gathering~

Prelude *Celestia* Wood Tami Newsom, organ

Greeting Jessica Lewis

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!

Hymn #551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George's Windsor

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto God's praise to yield; Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown; First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear: Lord of harvest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home; From each field shall in that day all offenses purge away; Give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, But the fruitful ears to store in God's garner evermore.

# Even so, Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home; Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin; There forever purified, in Thy presence to abide: Come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

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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.

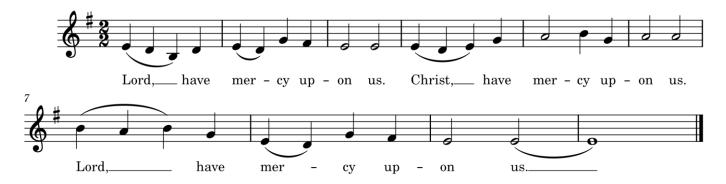
Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions, that you may delight in us as we delight in you.

(please continue in silent prayer)

Kyrie Eleison #574

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Johnson



From "The Worshipbook" 1972 ~ arr. David N. Johnson, 1972

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**Declaration of Forgiveness** 

Gloria (unison; Tune: Dix)

Kocher

For Thy Church, that evermore Lifteth holy hands above, Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love. Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

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The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

MaryAnne Walls

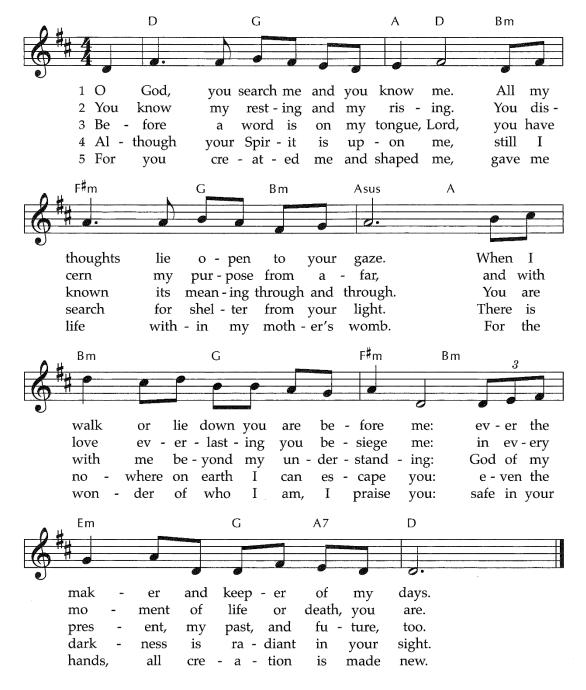
Holy One, you love with a father's tenderness, a mother's zeal. Move now in our hearts. Breathe through the words we hear, the songs we share, the burdens we carry, until we discover our purpose in your liberating love, for we long to join creation's praise and to shine with the mercy of the Christ,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

First Scripture Reading: Romans 8:12-25

## The Word of the Lord

#### Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139 – (Hymn #29 from Glory to God Hymnal)



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Second Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Known" Jessica Lewis

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.

The Anthem

Will The Circle Be Unbroken Women's Ensemble

arr. J. David Moore

Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by. There's a better home awaitin' if we try, Lord, if we try.

I was singing with my sister, and my brothers, I was singing with my friends.

And we all can sing together cause the circle never ends.

I was born down in the valley, where the sun refused to shine. But I'm climbing up to the highland, gonna make that mountain mine.

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 ~

Hymn #323 Loving Spirit Omni Die

Loving Spirit, Holy Spirit, You have chosen me to be; You have drawn me to Your wonder, You have set Your sign on me.

Like a mother You enfold me, hold my life within Your own, Feed me with Your very body, form me of Your flesh and bone.

Like a father You protect me, teach me the discerning eye, Hoist me up upon Your shoulder, let me see the world from high.

Loving Spirit, in Your closeness I am known and held and blest: In Your promise is my comfort, in Your presence I may rest.

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# I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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Postlude

#### Mitten wir im Leben sind

Moore

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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



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.

Questions: call Irene Rice at 865-675-4804 or text to 865-405-5382.



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. <u>Items most needed</u>: 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 July 30 for delivery that week. Be sure to attach a tag with the child's name (or grade and gender for the online sign-up) and the tag number on it. Any questions, contact Debbie Long.



This is the link and QR code to the online 2023 Sunset Gap School Supplies sign-up:

https://tinyurl.com/SunsetGapBackToSchool2023. If you scroll down to the bottom of the online sign-up page you will see the supplies needed for each grade.



Back To School

## 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.

## **Sunset Gap needs your help!** 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. 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>

#### 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

# Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Outside or in the	This class discusses the Lectionary text from the
		sermon, and still meets under the trees in good weather
	weather	and in the parlor in bad weather.
Monday	Library	Monday Connection class and Pastor Matt's class are
Connection/Pastor		studying the book, "In the Footsteps of the Savior:
Matt's Class		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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