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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



~ **We Gather** ~

Welcome

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

Feels Good (Upbeat Song)
 Musical Ensemble

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*Call to Worship

Where two or three are gathered together, God is in their midst.
**We gather to proclaim the promises, to retell the stories,
 to remember who we are as people of God.**
 Let us worship!

* Opening Song

Amazing Grace (Peaceful Easy Feeling)

1. Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound,
 That saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found,
 Was blind, but now I see.

CHORUS
 ‘Cause I got a peaceful, easy feelin’
 I know He won’t let me down.
 ‘Cause I’m al – ready standin’
 On solid ground.

2. The Lord has promised good to me,
 His word my hope secures;
 He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures. *(Chorus)*

3. When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
 Bright shining as the sun;
 We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise,
 Than when we first begun. *(Chorus)*

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

Refrain

All C G Am F Dm7
 Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be a -
 Gsus G7 Em7 Am C7 F G7
 fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de -
 Em7 Am Dm Gsus C F C (F) *Fine*
 fense, and God will be my Sav - ior.

Leader or All C G/B Am C7
 1 There - fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing
 F Dm7 Gsus G7 Em7
 from the springs of sal - va - tion and on that day you shall
 Am C7 F G7 Em7 Am Dm7 Gsus C F
 say, "Give thanks to the Lord and call up - on God's name."
to Refrain

Leader or All Am Em F
 2 Make God's deeds known a-mong the peo - ples; see that they re -
 G7 C Dm7 C Am Em F
 mem-ber that the Lord is ex-alt - ed. Sing the prais-es of the Lord,
 D7 G F Em G7 *to Refrain*
 for God has done great things and this is known in all the world.

Leader or All C G/B Am C7 F Dm7 Gsus G7
 3 Cry a-loud, in-hab-i-tants of Zi-on; ring out your joy, for the
 Em7 Am C7 F G7 Em7 Am Dm7 Gsus C F
 great one in the midst of you is the Ho - ly One of Is - rael.
to Refrain

*Prayer of Confession

**Beautiful Savior, you have made your law clear:
Love. Love one another.
Owe one another nothing but love. Do no wrong to a neighbor.
But we have not mastered what it is to love.
We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action
and thoughtless lack of action.**

**Forgive us. Teach us how to love more fully, more perfectly, as generously as you
love, following your law and fulfilling your will.**

(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

John Begovich

**Holy Spirit, as your word is read and preached, pass among your gathered
people, opening minds to increase understanding, opening hearts to bind us
together in your love. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Matthew 18:15-20
Romans 13:8-14

John Begovich
Rev. Matt Nieman

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“One Debt to Pay”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

*Affirmation of Faith – from the PCUSA Study Catechism, question #3

How do you live for the love of God?

**I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a love that never
ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I live for the Lord who died
and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those
around me to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died
for them no less than for me.**

Musical Reflection

By Our Love
Sandra Bohlken, solo

Christy Nockels

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Call for Giving

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

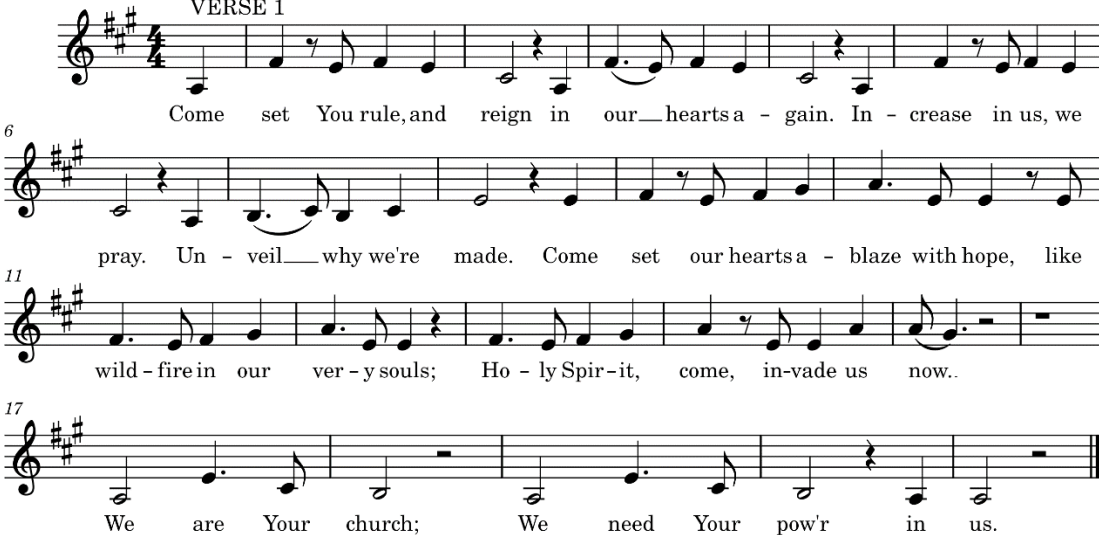
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

~We Go Out Into the World~

*Closing Song

Build Your Kingdom Here

VERSE 1

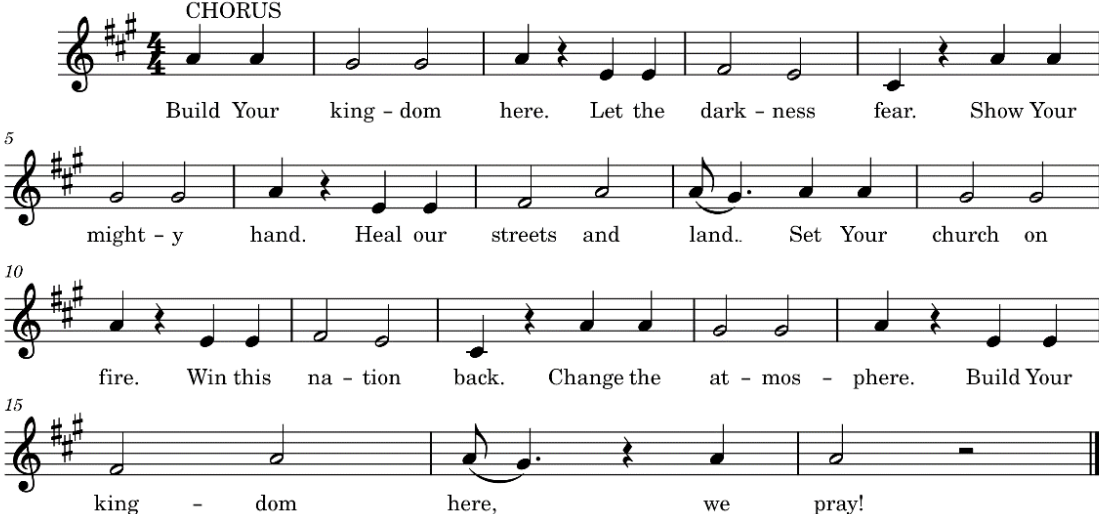


6 Come set You rule, and reign in our hearts a - gain. In - crease in us, we
11 pray. Un - veil why we're made. Come set our hearts a - blaze with hope, like
17 wild - fire in our ver - y souls; Ho - ly Spir - it, come, in - vade us now..
We are Your church; We need Your pow'r in us.

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. (*Chorus*)

CHORUS



5 Build Your king - dom here. Let the dark - ness fear. Show Your
10 might - y hand. Heal our streets and land.. Set Your church on
15 fire. Win this na - tion back. Change the at - mos - phere. Build Your
king - dom here, we pray!

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*)

*Charge and Benediction



Special thanks to today's Music Ensemble:

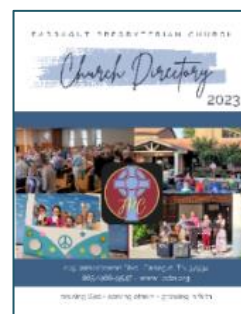
Sandra Bohlken, guitar, vocals ~ Tim Mashue, bass guitar ~ Monica Gardiner, percussion and Bruce Wilson, vocals

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@fpcn.org, or
- Sign the pew attendance pad



The new **2023 CHURCH DIRECTORIES** are still available to pick up in the narthex again this Sunday. They are alphabetized so it should be simple to find yours. If you cannot locate your directory, please refrain from taking one with someone else's name on it, and let the office or Mikie Lancaster know, and we will get you a copy.

FEED THE HUNGRY: Special thanks to Gayle Williams, Gale Montgomery, MaryAnne Walls and



August Coordinators Robert and Terry Olberding for providing and serving a meal to the less fortunate at Volunteer Ministry Center in August. If you would like to participate in this meaningful outreach program this month, on September 19th, see September Coordinators Karen Brown Gonzalez and Chuck Gonzalez, or you can sign up in the narthex.



SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY: We have been asked to provide specific items for holiday meals in November and December for food pantry families. We'll be collecting boxes/bags of stuffing mix, cake mixes, and ready-to-frost cans of icing. In total for the two months, we figure we'll need 400 of each item. You can place your donations in the Shepherd of Hope shopping cart in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support of this special outreach to our community.

University of Tennessee UKirk SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER: On Friday, September

29th from 6:00-8:00 pm [UT UKirk, the Presbyterian Campus Ministry](#), will host an open house and silent auction to raise money for this wonderful ministry. Our house is at 1831 Melrose Ave, Knoxville, TN 37916 and there is some parking available on site and public parking nearby. If you would like to sign up to provide an item or bring food for the event, please follow the link below or use the QR Code.



<https://tinyurl.com/UKirkSilentAuction> If you are donating an item, please bring it to UKirk or give it to UKirk board member Susan Harbin by **September 22nd**. We hope that you will come out for the Open House and Auction to see the UKirk House, meet the students, and learn more about our campus ministry.

ATTENTION YOUTH! The Small & Mighty Group will conclude their Summer Events with a trip to **Mountain Challenge at Maryville College** on September 17. Contact Mason Warren at masonwarren@fpcn.org to attend.

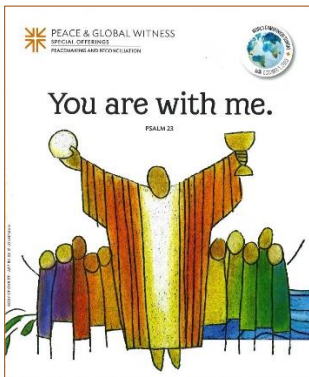
SUNSET GAP FOOD PANTRY DRIVE: Please join Presbyterian Women to help stock Sunset Gap food pantry. They are serving from 443-597 families each month in 2023. Items most needed are the basics - flour, sugar, cornmeal mix, cooking oil, peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauce (preferably in cans, Hunts is available at Kroger and Walmart). We will be collecting Sept 17- Oct 8. Thank you for your generosity during this period when unemployment seasonally increases. Questions? Contact Debbie Long.



IT'S FOOTBALL SEASON!

Our Church Life Committee will be hosting our **TAILGATE LUNCHEON at 11am on Sunday, October 8th (note new date)** after a single blended worship service at 10:00 a.m. outside. Luncheon will follow in Fellowship Hall. Dust off your team jerseys and pom-poms and add the date to your calendar. More information to follow in the next few weeks.

SAVE THE DATE: Faith Lutheran Church is sponsoring a **FALL FESTIVAL** on Sunday, October 22, from 2-5pm to benefit the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry. It will be a great time of music, food, and fellowship for the whole family. All five churches that sponsor the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry (including Farragut Presbyterian Church) will gather in Faith Lutheran's parking lot with bounce houses and face painting for kids, Faith's Praise Band, Chancel Choir and other musicians on stage, food trucks, and more. Admission will cost 2 cans of food donated to the pantry!



We will collect the 3rd Special Offering of the PC(USA), the **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING**, on October 1st - World Communion Sunday.

Help us, O God, to put our faith into action — to not only talk about peace, but to put peace into our daily practice. In Christ, with Christ, we pray. Amen.

God's presence empowers us to bring peace to all people. Through our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we as a single congregation, participate in this larger work that we would not be able to do on our own. A gift to this Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world, as well as right here at home. 25% of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community. 25% of this Offering goes to our mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region. 50% of this Offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe. Peace begins with each of us.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Helen, Agee, Candice Blake, Kathy Emmerson, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson, Bron Lewis, Jimmy and Beth Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver



This Week at FPC

Sun, Sept 10	9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 Traditional Worship Services		
Mon, Sept 11	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
	6:30	p.m.	Emergency Preparedness Meeting/Room A
Tues, Sept 12	7:00	p.m.	Christian Education Committee/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Stephen Ministry Group/Library
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #1/Room A
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #2/Library
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Wed, Sept 13	7:00	p.m.	Personnel Committee/Library
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #444 /FH, Narthex, Room A
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #3/Library
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Room A
Thur, Sept 14	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Narthex
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
	1:00	p.m.	CE Trunk or Treat Planning Committee/Library
Fri, Sept 15	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Library
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
Sat, Sept 16	5:00	p.m.	Chamber Singers Retreat/Entire church
	9:00	a.m.	Chamber Singers Retreat/Entire church

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Outside or in Room D in bad weather	This class discusses the Lectionary text from the sermon, and still meets under the trees in good weather and in Room D in bad weather.
Monday Connection	Room A	Starting today , Monday Connection will be discussing the book, <i>“Glittering Vices – A New Look at the Seven Deadly Sins and Their Remedies”</i> by Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung....a C.S. Lewis Book Prize Winner
Pastor Matt's Class	Library	This class is studying “Questions Jesus Asked” based on the book by Magrey deVega. The class will discuss 6 of the most provocative questions Jesus posed to others in order to bring us a fuller appreciation for the wisdom, power, and presence of God in our lives.
Youth	Café (Parlor)	The youth Sunday School class meets to “DIVE IN to the Old Testament!” Each week throughout the school year, youth explore a specific book of the Old Testament utilizing videos and discussion.



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To praise God, welcome all, serve others, grow in faith, and make disciples of Jesus Christ.