

## ***Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church***

Sunday, July 26, 2020  
8th Sunday after Pentecost

### ***Announcements***

Linda Longfield

### ***Prelude***

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

*arr. Unke*

### ***For Prayer and Reflection:***

In faith, we see how you work on us, O God.  
In hope, we consider how you pray for us.  
In truth, we know that you govern us, O Lord.  
In love, we trust that you have saved us  
for the eventual completion of the joy of Jesus Christ.  
Thus, we gather to seek your presence,  
to rejoice in your wondrous works,  
and to glorify your holy name.

### ***Call to Worship***

Come, you who seek the Lord.  
Let your hearts rejoice! Glory in God’s holy name.  
**Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord.**  
**Tell the world of God’s wonderful works.**  
Come, seek the presence of God continually.  
Let your souls draw strength from the Lord.  
**Trust in God; keep faith in the Lord.**  
**God is at work in all things for your good.**

### ***Opening Prayer***

#### ***\*Hymn of Praise #112***

“You Servants of God”

*Hanover*

You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God rules in the heights, almighty to save; though hid from our sight, his presence we have;  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

“Salvation to God who sits on the throne!” let all cry aloud and honor the Son;  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might:  
All honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

### ***Call to Confession***

#### ***Prayer of Confession***

**Living God, you have revealed to us things hidden from the beginning of the world. Yet our eyes cannot see you, our ears cannot hear you, our senses have grown dull with sin, our bodies weary with ceaseless strivings. Save us, O God, from foolish diversions and wasteful pursuits. Correct us, O Christ, and conform us to your image. Help us, O Spirit, for we are weak and we know not how to pray.**

***Silent Confession (Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession)***

#### ***Declaration of Forgiveness***

##### ***Gloria Patri #734***

“Glory Be to the Father”

*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.

*Prayer for Illumination*

*First Scripture Reading*

Psalm 128

*Special Music*

“Christians, While on Earth Abiding” arr. Ben Logan (c. 2003 Lorenz...)  
Hannah Eby, flute

*Second Scripture Reading*

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

*Sermon*

“Hidden, Growing, Bountiful, and Good”

*Hymn of Response #427*

“You Are My All in All”

*Jernigan*

You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the Treasure that I seek,  
You are my All in All.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

Seeking you as a precious jewel,  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool,  
You are my All in All.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

*Affirmation of Faith*

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.**

*Joys and Concerns*

*Prayers of the People and 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, for ever. Amen*

*Sending Hymn #70*

“Lord, for the Years”

*Lord of the Years*

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,  
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
For young and old, for this and every nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,  
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us—  
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;  
Past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

***Benediction***

***Postlude***

“When in Our Music God is Glorified”

*arr. L. Larson*

***Leaders in worship:***

Liturgist: John Dillman  
Preacher: Rev. Timothy Slemmons  
Music Director: Kristen Eby  
Vocalist: Jill Klinebriel  
Musicians: Alex Eby, Hannah Eby, John Eby, Linda Longfield  
Technical Directors: Bryan and Sara Blair

***Lectionary Reading for August 2***

Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

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