

*Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.*

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 13, 2023**

*The asterisk (\*) indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

## **Silent Prayer of Preparation**

*O God, we gather to hear of the mighty acts you perform, of how you deal justly with your people. You have led them from peril and delivered them from persecution. By the hands of Christ you lift us up to safe places and give us a vision of how we may dwell secure in your love. Hear us now as we give thanks for your providence and praise for your mercy. Amen.*

## **Gathering Music**

### **The Gathering of God's People**

#### **Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship**

"Song of Peace"

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

## **Welcome and Announcements**

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

Leader: God lifts us from death to life

**People: and preserves us for God's purposes**

Leader: through the compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord

**People: and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: With thanksgiving, praise the Lord!

**People: Let us worship God together.**

### **\*Hymn**

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

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# The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

## **\*Call to Confession**

### **\*Prayer of Confession** (*in unison*)

**Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us! We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying ourselves. We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, feeding ourselves in face of the injustice that holds them captive. Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and brotherly-sisterly love. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)**

## **\*Assurance of Pardon**

### **\*Response Hymn**

“Gloria Patri”

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## Ministry of the Word

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Children’s Sermon**

### **First Scripture Reading**

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

**Solo** "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Sy Miller & Jill Jackson, 1955

Soloist: Kevin Mack

### **Second Scripture Reading**

Genesis 50:15-21

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “The Providential Hand of God”

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

## The Response to the Word

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Scot's Confession (3.01)

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.**

### **\*Hymn**

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

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### **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, forever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Offering**

### **\*Response**

“Give Thanks”

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### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

## The Sending of God's People

### **\*Closing Hymn** “May God Support You All Your Days”

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### **\*Charge and Blessing**

## \*Congregational Response

### “We Are the Church”

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff contains the melody for the lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth-er!".

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## \*Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. Charles Callahan

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**Pastors:** Désirée M. Youngblood  
Dr. Mark A. Johnson

**Music Director:** Thomas Lloyd  
**Organist:** Carol Welk

**Liturgist:** Connie Dwyer

**Flowers:** Carole Sue Ames

*The flowers are given by Carole Sue Ames for the glory of God and in thankfulness for her family, her church family, neighbors, and friends.*

*Our liturgist, Connie Dwyer, is a life-long member of First Presbyterian Church. She is an Elder and Deacon, and currently serves as Clerk of Session. She also volunteered as the first administrator of Community Nursery School, now Presbyterian Child Center. Connie is a retired London City Schools teacher. She and her husband, TJ, have three sons and daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren. Time with family, reading, running, traveling, skiing, and gardening are favorite ways to spend her days. Connie also volunteers at London Elementary School, Madison Health, and as a docent at the Columbus Museum of Art.*