

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023

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

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Holy God, you set before us every day a bounty of good things. Bring us to your feasting table, hungry for your Word, eager to rebuild the cities you have made, and ready to receive strangers so that we celebrate at all times and in all places the peace that is life in you. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Thy Kingdom Come"

Daniel Protheroe, 1866-1934

"Thy Kingdom come" on bended knee
The passing ages pray;
And faithful souls have yearned to see
On earth that kingdom's day.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, we are invited guests at the banquet of the King.

People: God invites everybody, good and bad, to the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: Let us not reject our invitation to the banquet.

People: We hear God's call and accept God's invitation, but will God find us worthy of the kingdom of heaven?

Leader: Our righteousness is in our Lord Jesus Christ. We become servants of God when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

People: **What does the Lord require of us? To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. Come, let us worship the Lord.**

***Hymn**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

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The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

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

Welcoming God, you invite all people to your feast, but we decline to come. You invite all people into your kingdom, but we try to keep others out. You forgive us all through your Son, but we condemn those who are not like us. Have mercy on us, Lord, when we seek to be holier than you. Help us to hear your invitation and to know that you welcome us just as we are. In Jesus’ name we pray. 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

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Choir Anthem “Psalm 23”

Jessie Seymour Irving, 1872

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make

Within the paths of righteousness,

E'en for His own name's sake.
Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.
Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Be My Guest”

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Confession of 1967 (9.54)

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

***Hymn**

“Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House”

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Invitation to Offering

***Response**

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” (v. 1)

#708

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sending of God's People

*Closing Hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

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*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Response

"We Are the Church"

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth-er!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below each staff.

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*Postlude

"St. Denio"

arr. Wilbur Held

Pastors: Désirée M. Youngblood
Steven A. Watters

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Liturgist: Harriet Dana

Acolytes:

Flowers: Given by Pastors Désirée Youngblood and Mark Johnson in honor of Devin's adoption and in memory of Bubba (Chuck Miller) on his birthday.

Harriet (Harri) Dana is a wife, mother, & grandmother. She and Bob moved to Choctaw Lake in 2011 after living in Columbus for 40 years. She is an elder, co-chairing the Property Committee with Pam Dennewitz. Harriet is passionate about flowers and can be seen on a regular basis working in the flower beds around First Presbyterian.

Harriet is also known for her many travel adventures which began at the age of 11 when her father was transferred from Sunburst, Montana, to Santiago, Cuba, during the Castro revolution. Her father was subsequently transferred to Lockport, Illinois, where she attended high school. She is a graduate of Beloit College and has taken courses at The Ohio State University where she was an administrative associate for 22 years.

Bob & Harri have been team leaders for Marriage Encounter and Kairos Prison Ministry. They took a trip to Portugal and northern Spain this summer where Bob sang in 4 cathedrals with the First Community Church Choir.