SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR JUNE 16, 2024

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Introit 402 How Lovely, Lord MERLE'S TUNE

Gathering Around The Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Mark 4:31-32

One: The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of seeds on earth;

All: it grows up and becomes the greatest of shrubs, and the birds of the air make nests in its shade.

One: Give thanks to God, whose promised reign is coming.

All: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! CORONATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

from 2 Cor. 5:17

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) from 2 Cor. 5:7; Mark 4:26-34

Holy God, the parable of the mustard seed teaches us that a little faith can produce great work in vour kingdom.

Yet we are too timid to bear the fruit of your righteousness, for we walk by sight and not by faith.

Forgive us, Lord; we do not uphold the poor or the oppressed. We do not advocate for the powerless or the voiceless. We do not sacrifice ourselves for the needs of our neighbors.

Renew us with the love of Christ so that we live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who became the seed of your righteousness in us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from 2 Cor. 5:6-10, 14-17

One: We who walk by faith and not by sight believe the good news—If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

All: Praise be to God for the mercy and grace that forgives our sins. Alleluia. Amen!

*PASSING THE PEACE

We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

*RESPONSE 11

GLORIA PATRI

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, amen.

*for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING 2 CORINTIANS 5:6-10

(The scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin)

ANTHEM 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

SECOND READING

MARK 4:26-34

SERMON Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

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*Affirmation of Faith

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS

See prayer concerns list, back page

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

page 35 in hymnal

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM

God has provided us with all that we need. It is our privilege to give back to God. Let us return a portion of what God has so freely given to us. Let us now humbly bring our gifts to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

from Mark 4:26-34

God Sends Us Forth

*HYMN 716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

from 2 Cor. 5:18-20

*BLESSING

HYMN 748

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us a little about yourself! You can scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill out our online form. We would love to get to know you better!



This Week

Wed., June 19 @ 5:30pm - Fellowship Meal

Wed., June 19 @ 6:30pm - Choir practice

Wed., June 19 @ 6:30pm - Confirmation Class

Thur., June 20 @ 4:00pm - Deacons Meeting

Thur., June 20 @ 4:00pm - Session Meeting

Fri., June 21 @ 7:30am - Lunch Ladies to Big City Pizza

Sat., June 22 @ 2:00pm - Food Box Giveaway

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist	Paula Burlew
Ushers	George Joplin & Linda Bonarde
Audio/Video	Paul & Sue Guffey
Coffee Plus	Suzanne Kida

First Reading—2 Corinthians 5:6-10

⁶So we are always confident, even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive due recompense for actions done in the body, whether good or evil.

Second Reading—Mark 4:26-34

²⁶He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Lynn Cain; Gordon Germain; Joanne Waddle; Nina Wilhelm; Rollin Bacon, Brenda Wesley's uncle; Tommy Brence; Georgia Chrisman, Todd Chrisman's mother; Ed & Joyce Mick; Barbie Cooper; Autumn Brock's mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Glenda Wilson; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec'd month of May	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$13,872	\$11,985	\$74,560	\$59,927
Non- Pledged	\$4,025	\$3,289	\$22,238	\$16,443

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week	Suzanne Kidd
Next Week	Susan & Steve Cornelius

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers	Every Member
Liturgist	Naomi Judy
Ushers	Autumn & Forrest Brock
Audio	Paul Guffey
Video	Sue Guffey
Coffee Plus	Brenda Wesley
Director of Music	Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ	Debby McDonald
Interim Pastor	Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

Deacons:

Paula Burlew Cindy Fountain Marshall Judy	Eileen Stockham Mary Beth Waller Marci Randall	Carol Prater Sue Guffey			
Elders:					
Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026			
Charles Leveridge	Sharon Mandt	Jo Salmon			
Zack Vaught	Perry Waller	Laura Wright			
John Wright					

First Presbyterian Church

June 16th, 2024

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Hochhalter, Cara B.. A Parable - The Mustard Seed, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vander-bilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57507 [retrieved June 13, 2024]. Original source: Cara B. Hochhalter.

People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ's peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.