

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR JULY 2, 2023

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 401 *Here in This Place* (vrs. 1&3) GATHER US IN

Gathering Around The Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,

All: **The world, and all who live in it;**

One: For God founded it on the seas
and established on the waters.

All: **Lift up your heads, o You gate**

One: And be lifted up You ancient doors

All: **That the King of Glory may come in.**

*HYMN 260 *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION *from Ps. 89:1, 2*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We come, Lord, seeking You today, but we flounder on the way.

We come meaning to serve You but our will is weak.

We come, Lord, seeking Your love

even when we have failed to love as You taught us.

We ask Your forgiveness.

Lord, bring a revival to us, a revival of heart and soul.

Restore in our lives courage and strength, faith and resolution.

Restore in our lives a passion for Your Word and Way.

Lead us again by Your Spirit

in faithful ministry and fruitful service

as we come to You with open hearts. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Christ is our all in all.

All: **By the grace of Christ we are forgiven.**

By the love of Christ, we are made new.

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

*RESPONSE 581 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.

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD *from Matt. 10:40-42*

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

FIRST READING ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8

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

ANTHEM 853 *We Are Marching in the Light of God* SIYAHAMBA

SECOND READING LUKE 24:13-35

SERMON "What Time Is It?" Rev. Dr. Ray Mendenhall

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 500 *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread* ST. FLAVIAN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH IONIAN CREED

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth,
of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.

A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,
he died alone and forsaken.

He descended into the earth to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven,

to be everywhere present throughout all ages,
and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,

the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church,

Spirit of healing and forgiveness,

source of all resurrection and of eternal life.

Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS *See prayer concerns list, back page*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord!**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

- prayer continues -

THE LORD'S PRAYER *page 35 in hymnal*

SHARING THE FEAST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

MINUTE FOR MISSION Mary Beth Waller

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM *from Matt. 10:40-42*

*Jesus said, Truly I tell you,
those who offer a cup of cold water
in the name of a disciple
will not lose their reward.
Beloved, let us offer to God the gifts
of our lives and labor.*

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 Matt. 10:40-42; Rom. 6:17, 18*

God Sends Us Forth

*HYMN 395 *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* LIBSTER JESU

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*BLESSING

HYMN *Irish Blessing* *inside back cover of hymnal*

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

Thur., July 6 @ 4:00pm - Worship Meeting

Thur., July 6 @ 5:45pm - Centering Prayer

Fri., July 7 @ 7:30am - Men's Breakfast

Sat., July 8 @ 10:30am - Needle Workers Group

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Mary Jones

Ushers.....John Wright & Marshall Judy

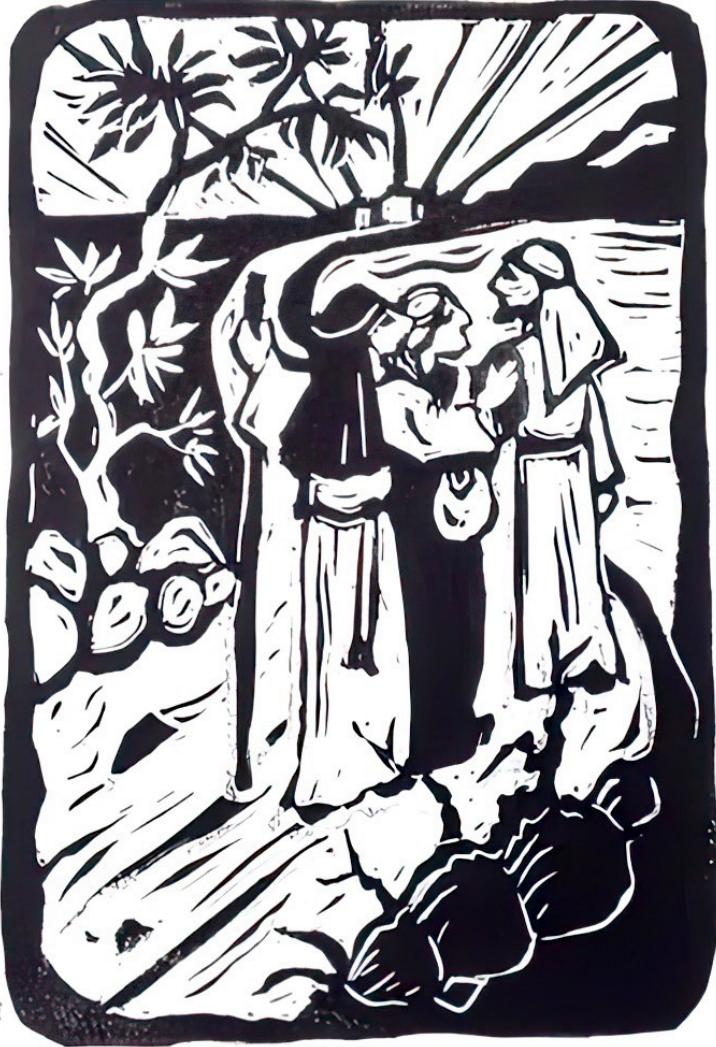
Sound.....Mary Beth Waller

Coffee Plus.....Cathy Wright

First Presbyterian Church

July 2nd, 2023

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



Hochhalter, Cara B.. On the Road to Emmaus, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=58918> [retrieved June 22, 2023]. 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.

First Reading—Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

¹For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: ²a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; ⁴a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; ⁵a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to throw away; ⁷a time to tear and a time to sew; a time to keep silent and a time to speak; ⁸a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace.

Second Reading—Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Bill and Cindy Fountain's grandson, Ming; Pat Carpenter; Dave Fraley and family; Ed & Linda Cook; John Wright; Nora Harp; John Cain; Jon Burlew; Hannah Vaught's Brother-in-law, Steve Cravens; Jeff & Kathy Bishop's daughter, Ashley; Jared and Ann Hines; John Joplin; Michael & Rebecca Davis; Jack Reynold's children; Bill House; Ed & Joyce Mick;

Assisting In Worship Today

- Ministers**.....Every Member
- Liturgist**.....Zack Vaught
- Ushers**.....Erin Stephens, Carol Wade, Marty Whitson, & Suzanne Kidd
- Sound**.....Josh Jones
- Coffee Plus**.....Lynn Cain
- Director of Music**.....Theresa Jean Kibby
- Piano & Organ**.....Debby McDonald
- Preacher**.....Rev. Dr. Ray Mendenhall

Deacons:

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| Paula Burlew | Eileen Stockham | Marty Whitson |
| Cindy Fountain | Mary Beth Waller | Katie Jones |
| Carol Prater | Susie Lackey | George Joplin |
| | Stephanie Ousley | |

Elders:

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| <i>Class of 2023</i> | <i>Class of 2024</i> | <i>Class of 2025</i> |
| Forrest Brock | Charles Leveridge | Kelly Joplin |
| Kimberly King | Zack Vaught | Sharon Mandt |
| Chris Phillips | John Wright | Perry Waller |