

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

## July 11<sup>th</sup> 2021

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

## Gathering Around the Word

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**Call to Worship**

*from Psalm 24*

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

**All: From the east to the west, from the north to the south,  
God's Spirit moves across the face of the earth.**

One: We gather together, united by God's Spirit,  
to celebrate God's glory and proclaim God's praise!

**All: Let's worship God together!**

**Hymn 327**

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies (vs. 1)* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Call to Confession**

*from Ephesians 1:4, 7*

The godliness of Jesus Christ calls us to be holy and blameless. The riches of God's grace promise forgiveness for any trespasses. Let us confess our sin together.

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

**Holy God, you ask us  
to boldly live out your truth,  
yet we are stubborn, rebellious,  
and heedless of your call.**

**We deny our faults and impurities,  
and make excuses for the sins we commit.**

**We expect you to overlook the harm we cause  
while still demanding justice from others.**

**Forgive us, and return us  
to a right relationship with you.**

**By the power of your Spirit, raise us to new life  
that we may return to faithful living,  
in Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*from Ephesians 1:3-7, 13*

Sisters and brothers, God's love and grace is freely bestowed on us through the gift of Jesus Christ. We have redemption, freedom, and every spiritual blessing, according to the riches of

God's grace lavished upon us and sealed for us by the promised Holy Spirit. Dear friends, hear and believe this good news:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

### Response

*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

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### Prayer for Illumination of God's Word

Spirit of the living God, write your word of truth upon our hearts, so that we can faithfully follow and joyfully serve our Lord Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, **Amen.**

### First Reading                      Ephesians 1:3-10

<sup>3</sup> Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven. <sup>4</sup> God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God's presence before the creation of the world. <sup>5</sup> God destined us to be his adopted children through Jesus Christ because of his love. This was according to his goodwill and plan <sup>6</sup> and to honor his glorious grace that he has given to us freely through the Son whom he loves. <sup>7</sup> We have been ransomed through his Son's blood, and we have forgiveness for our failures based on his overflowing grace, <sup>8</sup> which he poured over us with wisdom and understanding. <sup>9</sup> God revealed his hidden design to us, which is according to his goodwill and the plan that he intended to accomplish through his Son. <sup>10</sup> This is what God planned for the climax of all times: to bring all things together in Christ, the things in heaven along with the things on earth.

### Sharing Faith with the Younger Church

### Second Reading                      2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Once again David assembled the select warriors of Israel, thirty thousand strong. <sup>2</sup> David and all the troops who were with him set out for Baalah, which is Kiriath-jearim of Judah, to bring God's chest up from there—the chest that is called by the name of the LORD of heavenly forces, who sits enthroned on the winged creatures. <sup>3</sup> They loaded God's chest on a new cart and carried it from Abinadab's house, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, Abinadab's sons, were driving the new cart. <sup>4</sup> Uzzah was beside God's chest while Ahio was walking in front of it. <sup>5</sup> Meanwhile, David and the entire house of Israel celebrated in the LORD's presence with all their strength, with songs, zithers, harps, tambourines, rattles, and cymbals.

<sup>12</sup> King David was told, "The LORD has blessed Obed-edom's family and everything he has because of God's chest being there." So David went and brought God's chest up from Obed-edom's house to David's City with celebration. <sup>13</sup> Whenever those bearing the chest advanced six steps, David sacrificed an ox and a fatling calf. <sup>14</sup> David, dressed in a linen priestly

vest, danced with all his strength before the LORD. <sup>15</sup> This is how David and the entire house of Israel brought up the LORD's chest with shouts and trumpet blasts.

<sup>16</sup> As the LORD's chest entered David's City, Saul's daughter Michal was watching from a window. She saw King David jumping and dancing before the LORD, and she lost all respect for him.

<sup>17</sup> The LORD's chest was brought in and put in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it. Then David offered entirely burned offerings in the LORD's presence in addition to well-being sacrifices. <sup>18</sup> When David finished offering the entirely burned offerings and the well-being sacrifices, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of heavenly forces. <sup>19</sup> He distributed food among all the people of Israel—to the whole crowd, male and female—each receiving a loaf of bread, a date cake, and a raisin cake. Then all the people went back to their homes.

## Sermon

# Responding to the Word

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Hymn 69

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (all verses)*

HERE I AM (Schutte)

## Confirmation of Young Adults

*We welcome, affirm, and celebrate the commitment of  
Katie Burlew, Adam Edwards, Claire Edwards, and Calvin Gates,  
and receive them into full membership at First Presbyterian Church.*

**Affirmation of Faith**     *Derived from Confirmands' Statements of Faith*

**I believe in one God, the all-powerful and merciful Parent,  
creator of all, revealed to us through Scripture;  
and in God's son, Jesus Christ,  
who taught us to love one another despite our differences,  
and whose death redeemed and saved us from misery.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who lives within us, surrounds us through all creation,  
and helps to guide us along life's journeys.  
I believe in the Church: that it is a home, a safe place,  
accepting of everyone regardless of who they are.  
I believe in the welcoming power of God's love,  
and that God loves each one of us and wants what is best.  
I believe that we are all pieces in a divine plan of the universe;  
and that God is the reason I am here today,  
calling to me through friends, family, and the beloved Church.**

## **Sharing our Prayers**

### **Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Dedicating our Gifts**

*The Lord gives what is good and makes a pathway for generosity to follow. Let us walk in the righteousness of Christ as we bring our gifts to God.*

### **The Doxology**

*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.*

### **Charge & Benediction**

### **Blessing**

### **HYMN 175**

*Seek Ye First*

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### **Postlude**

*Members, please remain following the service  
for a brief congregational meeting to elect new Deacons.  
Visitors may feel free to leave, or stay and observe.*