



JULY 19, 2020  
9:30 & 11:00AM SUNDAY WORSHIP

GATHERING

**PRELUDE** 9:30am For the Beauty of the Earth  
11:00am Prelude in G

setting by John Carter  
Felix Mendelssohn

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The earth shakes, the mountains quake—tempting our hearts to fear.

**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

Storms rage, winds swirl—destroying schools, hospitals, homes, and lives.

**Still, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

Violence comes to light in our communities and violence continues around the world—  
causing us to wonder if our prayers for peace are futile.

**Yet God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

For those mourning and rebuilding after the storms,

**God is their refuge.**

For those living in fear of their neighbors,

**God is their strength.**

For those dreading disease,

**God is present.**

For the distraught and displaced,

**God is a very present help in trouble.**

Therefore, we will not fear.

**Therefore, we will lay down our weapons and worship our God.**

**HYMN NO. 401**

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

**Here is the place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day;  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt of the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven light years away:  
Here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Before God's majesty and holiness, we become aware of the many ways we fall short of what God created us to be. We repent of our sin and ask God's forgiveness. We cannot earn God's forgiveness by our repentance. Nor can we ever be worthy of God's mercy. It is in the assurance of God's prior mercy given freely to the undeserving that we dare make our humble confession before God. Let us pray: forgive us Lord.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and power, we listen to you say “Fear not” over and over again, but we’re still fearful.

We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and anger and wonder how we can still those waves. We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and wonder where you are. Forgive us for the smallness of our faith. Help us to place our trust in you, Lord Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes on you and on the ministries to which you have called us. For we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Fear not! God is with us, stilling the storms and raging fears in our lives. Place your trust in God always.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## ANTHEM Teach Me Your Way

Text from Psalm 86, Music by Wayne Bisbee

*Jennifer Poiry and Srikanth Sriramula, soloists, Vaughn Roste, piano*

Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and I will walk in your truth;  
knit my heart to you  
that I may fear your name.  
I will thank you, O Lord my God  
with all my heart,  
and glorify your name forevermore.

For you, Lord, are gracious  
and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, and  
full of kindness,  
full of kindness and truth.  
Turn to me  
and have mercy upon me.

Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and I will walk in your truth;  
knit my heart to you  
that I may fear your name.  
I will thank you, O Lord my God  
with all my heart,  
and glorify your name forevermore.

## HEARING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 13:25-33

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*Unafraid: Learning to Live with Fear in Uncertain Times*

Rev. Anne B. Epling

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he has raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

**HYMN NO. 775**

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

WALK WITH ME

I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
In my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

**THE PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

**SENDING**

**MUSICAL BENEDICTION** 11:00am The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

*Fran Page, Cassandra Petrie, Jennifer Poiry, Scott McMeen,  
Marj Sapp, Sandy Shearer, Srikanth Sriramula, Vaughn Roste, soloists*

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift His countenance upon you;  
and give you peace, the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** 9:30am Blessed Assurance

setting by John Carter

11:00am Sonata 2: Allegro Maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn

*Thank you for joining us today.*

*We welcome you to join us for worship  
next Sunday, July 26, 2020 for*

- ♦ *9:30am Outdoor English-speaking service  
(weather permitting, bring lawn chairs if able), North Parking Lot*
- ♦ *11:00am English-speaking service for Live Stream via Facebook or website*
- ♦ *1:00pm Korean-speaking in-person service, McKay Hall*

*We invite you to mail in pledges and offerings to  
First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 10390, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46852,  
or go online and give at [www.firstpresfortwayne.org](http://www.firstpresfortwayne.org), where you can also  
find updated information on our events.*

***Assisting with Worship:***

Rev. Dr. Anne B. Epling, Pastor/Head of Staff

Carrie Winebrenner, Resident Pastor

Dr. Vaughn Roste, Interim Choral Director

Kathryn A. Miller, Organist