



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

June 27, 2021

11:00am

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord

We Gather as God's People

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

From Kinderszenen Op 15. 1. Of Foreign Lands and Peoples.

Robert Schumann

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 9, selected verses

Russ Lemken, liturgist

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

*HYMN #32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day. The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food. God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even in our faithlessness, God loves us still and waits in mercy to forgive. Trusting in the promises of God let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most merciful God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe. You encourage us to hope in the future, but we fall back in fear. You urge us to give of ourselves and our resources freely and generously, but we cling to what we have and hide our talents. You call us to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed. Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day. Hear now our silent individual confessions.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! By faith we have been saved, and our hearts washed clean. Refreshed, revived, renewed, empowered by the Holy Spirit, live as ones who are forgiven and freed, giving thanks to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Popular Melody Op 38 No 2

Edvard Greig

We Share God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 17

SERMON

"Encountering Our Giants"

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

SOLO

Who Is This Gigantic Foe?
Peggy Vaughan, soprano

Charles Wesley/ST. KEVIN

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OUR 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.

We Go Forth As God's People

*HYMN #275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he. Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him. His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the Love of the Lord

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May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

POSTLUDE

Warrior's Song

Stephen Heller

*You are invited to stand.

Worship Leadership Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Russ Lemken, Liturgist
Peggy Vaughan, Music Director & Soloist John Holter, piano Ushers: Lisa Jones, Carla Smith
Ron Skinner, audio & video Joanne Lang, Worship Ministry Team Chair

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION AND HYMN SING! July 4 is on a Sunday and we will celebrate through song and a re-telling of the history of some of our favorite hymns. Come join us! Worship with us in person at 11:00 or remotely!

FOOD DONATIONS Don't forget to bring your food items for the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. There are nearly 90,000 people experiencing hunger, living in the Greenville area and nearly 30,000 children experiencing hunger in the same area. The Greenville branch of the NC Food Bank distributed 4.5 million pounds of produce last year. Items of particular need: protein/meat products, canned fruit and vegetables, easy to open fruit cups and granola bars for children. We carry your donations to the Food Bank each week and they are so very appreciative of our generosity!