

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 4, 2021 6th Sunday After Pentecost 10:00 AM

PRELUDE *He Leadeth Me* W.B. Bradbury; K. Ball

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE & POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Worship is marked by lighting the Christ candle, a reminder that Christ is present among us. The pouring of the water reminds us that in baptism we are cleansed, delivered, raised, forgiven, reborn, anointed, restored, and strengthened for a life of faith.

INTROIT *You Are Welcome Here* M. Burrows

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist: Daisy Boyer

Leader: People of the covenant, stand with me and worship God.

People: **We stand in the confidence of our ancestors who have faithfully brought us to this celebration.**

Leader: People of the covenant, lift your voices in praise and adoration.

People: **We will lift songs of awe and wonder and will pray prayers of confession to our Lord and Redeemer.**

Leader: People of the covenant, live into the promise that God will be our God and we shall be God's people.

People: **We have gathered here and now that our lives may be renewed and that our witness might be empowered. Let us worship God!**

***HYMN #759** *O God, We Bear the Imprint* Todos Los Colores

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Come as you are, loved, redeemed, and forgiven not because of what we have done, but because of Who God is. Together we pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

When we ponder the vast universe at Your command, O God, we are astounded. We are nothing, except that You have given us life with all its blessings. How often we have squandered these gifts in meaningless pursuits. We have treated others as commodities and thrown away relationships instead of honoring You through our adherence to Your command to love one another. We boast at our own accomplishments and forever cry for more and more stuff. Loving and commanding God, forgive our self-centeredness, our arrogance, and our continued lack of care for the "other." We are desperate for healing, forgiveness, and a new perspective on life. Hear us for it is through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Through Jesus Christ who offers us forgiveness, we offer our prayer. Amen.

People: **Is it really true that we are forgiven?**

Leader: Yes, believe and live the Good News of Jesus Christ!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ALL: **Hallelujah! Amen!**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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*Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle-lu-jah, halle-lu-jah!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SPECIAL MUSIC *Inside Your Kingdom* Timothy Bushong

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING **II Samuel 5:1-10**

SERMON *One Nation Under God*

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. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all the 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 and 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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *For the Beauty of the Earth* B. Wolaver

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer (*debt*s)

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer

***HYMN #340** *This Is My Song* Finlandia

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *You Shall Go Out with Joy* The Trees of the Field

POSTLUDE *Battle Hymn of the Republic* M. Ham

IN OUR PRAYERS: IN OUR PRAYERS: Judy Noll, Terry Housholder, Brenda, Skip Oman, Steve North, Mary Frances Moss, Jason Sybert, PNC, Palestine, and Israel, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, all those adversely affected by the Covid-19.

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“A More Light Church”

We Believe in a God of Abundance

We believe God is bigger than we could ever imagine. We are all created in the image of a God of abundance, of limitless possibilities and expansion. We strive to live out God’s call of welcome to all of God’s beloved children (and we mean ALL). No matter where you find yourself on your walk of faith, you are welcome here! Single, married, divorced, widowed, of all racial and ethnic identities, of all sexual orientations and gender identities, (LGBTQIA+) conservative, liberal, progressive, or apolitical: you are welcome here! One parishioner shared, “Life leads us in interesting directions; God led me to FPC in BG. The church family is my refuge, my base, my strength. The Bible-based theology challenges me to help build God’s inclusive world. This church family inspires me with its sense of mission in the community and world.”

Christ welcomes all! All are welcome here!

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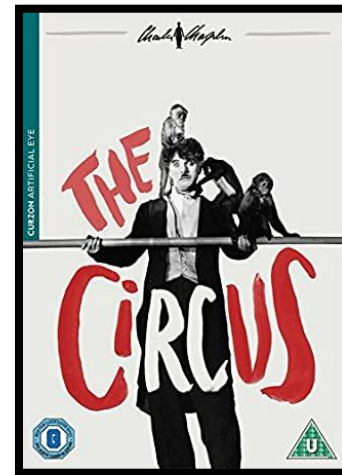
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Confirmation Class Retreat
 June 25-June 27

Week July 4 thru July 11

SUNDAY	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion
TUESDAY	5:00	p.m.	Horizon Youth Theatre rehearsal
WEDNESDAY	9:00	a.m.	Sorting clothes in the Deacons' Shop
	5:30	p.m.	Lectionary Bible Study today
	6:00	p.m.	Horizon Youth Theatre rehearsal
THURSDAY	9:00	a.m.	Red Cross Training in the Fellowship Hall
	9:30	a.m.	Deacons' Shop open to the public
	5:30	p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting via Zoom
	6:00	p.m.	Horizon Youth Theatre rehearsal
	7:00	p.m.	Outreach Meeting here at church
FRIDAY	6:00	p.m.	Horizon Youth Theatre Rehearsal
SATURDAY	11:30	a.m.	Celebration of Life Remembrance for Laine Crabtree in the Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service w/commissioning of campers



The Youth Group is presenting "**Homemade Pizzas and A Silent Movie Fundraiser**", Saturday night **July 24th**. Mike and Linda Evans will orchestrate the pizza making aspect so that you and your family can enjoy a slice or two starting at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Then at 6:30 pm we will move to the sanctuary to enjoy "*The Circus*", starring Charlie Chaplin with our own Lynne Long providing the piano accompaniment. **RSVP by Thursday, July 22** so we are sure to have enough pizza for you. Donations will

be greatly appreciated.

ALL PROCEEDS will go to the Youth Fund to finance Camp Rejoice and the 2022 Youth Triennium. Thank you for all your support!

Presbyterian Women (PW) is once again planning our annual rummage sale for **August 27 and 28, 9-3 pm**. We will need lots of stuff and lots of helpers to make this a successful event! Now is the time to gather all the stuff you wanted to get rid of while stuck in your home during the "Covid months"! **(for more info. see the July Crier article)**



We are accepting donations of housewares, toys, linens, sporting equipment, etc. in the Fellowship Hall at the following days/times:

- ◆ August 15: Sunday, 11-12 pm **(Helpers available!)**
- ◆ August 17-19: Tues.-Thurs, 9-4 pm
- ◆ August 20: Friday, 9-12 pm
- ◆ August 21 Saturday 9-1 pm
- ◆ August 22: Sunday 11-12 pm **(Helpers available!)**
- ◆ August 24-26: Tues.-Thurs 9-4 pm

Due to disposal issues, we will not be accepting mattresses, computers, or TVs. Clothing should be donated to the Deacons Shop. Save your Christmas items for Jingle Jumble! **Please contact** Susan Dunn (419-308-3491) or Nancy Hess (419-806-4788) **if you are uncertain whether a specific item will be accepted.**



Horizon Youth Theatre presents "Godspell" July 30-August 1, 2021, in our sanctuary. The session has approved the use of our sanctuary for rehearsals starting this past week and three performances at the end of July. As you drop by the church on any given day you will see the chancel set with theatre boxes and an open stage. This 13-member cast of high school seniors and last year's graduates is directed by Cassie Greenlee.

Godspell first hit the stage in 1971 and is a retelling of the Gospel of Matthew with a strong emphasis on the community

gathered around Jesus and his teachings. Popular songs, like "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord," and "Day by Day" will resonate with many in our congregation. This is a wonderful outreach to our community as these youth share their singing and acting talents spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

O God, We Bear the Imprint

1. O God, we bear the imprint of your face: the colors of our skin are your design, and what we have of beauty in our race as man or woman, you alone define, who stretched a living fabric on our frame and gave to each a language and a name.
2. Where we are torn and pulled apart by hate because our race, our skin is not the same, while we are judged unequal by the state and victims made because we own our name, humanity reduced to little worth, dishonored is your living face on earth.
3. O God, we share the image of the One whose flesh and blood are ours, whatever skin; in Christ's humanity we find our own, and in his family our proper kin: Christ is a brother we still crucify, his love the language we must learn, or die.

This Is My Song

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.
3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations: myself I give thee; let thy will be done.