



Lord's Day Worship
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 27, 2021
Serve Sunday: Prayer

Prelude: *Sweet Hour of Prayer* W. Bradbury/arr. Bruce Greer
Gerald Anderson, piano

Welcome and Life of the Church

Call to Worship (Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving from Psalm 145: 1-4; The Message)..... Elder Jack Alderman
Beth Green, American Sign Language

Leader: I lift you high in praise, my God, O my King! I'll bless your name into eternity.

All: I give thanks for you every day, from now to eternity.

Leader: God is magnificent and can never be praised enough.

All: There are no boundaries to God's greatness.

Leader: Generation after generation stands in awe of your work.

All: Each one tells stories of your mighty acts.

Leader: Let us worship God!

Song of Praise: *Today Is the Day*..... Lincoln Brewster and Paul Baloche

*I'm casting my cares aside
I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good
It's good*

*Chorus 1: Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day today is the day*

*I'm putting my fears aside
I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good
It's good (Chorus 1)*

*I will stand upon Your truth (Echo)
And all my days I'll live for You (Echo)
And I will stand upon Your truth (Echo)
And all my days I'll live for You (Echo)*

Chorus 2: Today is the day You have made

*I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm giving You my fears and sorrows
Where You lead me I will follow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day (Repeat 5X)*

Prayer of Confession..... Lavon Stevens

Holy God, we confess that we have not always prioritized prayer in our lives. We can be quick to go to you with our needs and struggles, and yet when our days are going well we sometimes forget to offer you thanksgiving. We expect that you will be there for us, but we often plead we are too busy to pray. Forgive us when we fail to make time for you. Reorient our focus. Remind us that opening our hearts to you matters more than saying the right words. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Response:** *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.*

Anthem: If You Search With All Your Heart..... Craig Courtney

*When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart.
For I know the plans I have for you: plans for welfare, not of evil.
For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future.
I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared.
I will bring you out of bondage, I will bring you home to Me.*

Scripture: Ephesians 6:18; Romans 12: 11-12, 15

Message: "The Language of Prayer"Pastor Lisa Schrott

Duet: How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling PlaceJosef Haydn

Laura Floyd and Pat Smith, sopranos; Gerald Anderson, piano

*How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts.
My heart crieth out for the living God.
O blessed are they that dwell with Thee.
O blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, for they will still be praising Thee.
O lord of hosts, hear my prayer, I would dwell with Thee;
Be Thou my sun and shield.*

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer..... Elder Jack Alderman

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Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

When prompted please share aloud or silently something for which you give God thanks.

Hymn of Discipleship: *Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart* No. 804

Benediction

Postlude: *Doxology* L. Bourgeois/arr. Mark Hayes
Gerald Anderson, piano

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

*Vocal and instrumental music provided by participants from the
CrossRoads Music Team, Sanctuary Choir, New Voices and staff of FPC*

Dr. S. Russell Floyd, III, Minister of Music
Charles D. Frost, Organist
Beth Green, Children's Choir Director
Rev. Dr. William E. W. Robinson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Lisa M. Schrott, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Congregational Life
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LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Joyful Worship and Gracious Invitation

- **Worship with us each week in-person and by livestream at 10 AM.** For the in-person service, masks are not required for those fully vaccinated except when singing. However, you're welcome to wear a mask when participating in worship or activities at FPC. See our FAQs at fpchhi.org. **To worship by livestream**, go to the church website and click on "Sunday Service" (as early as 9:45 AM). **To watch THE LIVESTREAM on your smart TV**, go to the FPC YouTube channel or access the service through our website. To worship later, a recording of the livestream is available (by 2pm at the earliest) by going to the website and clicking on "Sunday Service."
- **We welcome Gerald Anderson** as our guest accompanist today. Gerald taught piano, music theory, and music history at Olivet Nazarene University from 1978-2014. He has performed extensively as a soloist, accompanist, chamber musician, church musician, adjudicator, and clinician. He holds degrees from Southern Nazarene University and Texas Tech University, with a Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. Our organist Charlie Frost is at the Montreat Worship and Music Conference.
- **Hearing devices** are available for use in worship. We also have a new system that's compatible with a smartphone and your own hearing aid. To use it, go to the App store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android) and download WaveCAST Receiver by Williams Sound. Then log into our FPC Member network using the password *firstpres* (case sensitive); open WaveCAST; click on FPC Sanctuary; adjust the volume and enjoy the service!

Sacrificial Service

- **Recycle Bags:** Do you have extra cloth grocery bags that you don't use? The Work In Progress Sunday school class transports food to food banks in Jasper County and the folks who use these food banks need bags to carry their food home. Drop off the bags at church: in the workroom during office hours; and on the coatrack in the narthex on Sundays. Please be sure to launder the bags before donating them!
- We'll celebrate four **Serve Sundays** this summer! Each will offer opportunities for worship, education and service to our church, community and world. We extend a special invitation to families with children and youth, as there will be activities appropriate for *all* ages. Worship will center around the theme of the day. After worship, we'll gather for a short "learn" portion, followed by a "do" or serve portion. **The first Serve Sunday is today, June 27, on prayer. In partnership with the Board of Deacons we'll share how you can join our congregation-wide Prayer Project. You'll also learn new practices to incorporate into your prayer life and help us create a prayer path in our courtyard. All are welcome! Invite your friends and neighbors.**
- **Join us for Christmas in June!** As part of our Global Outreach Ministry, FPC will again assemble shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. A list of items needed is on the website: fpchhi.org/global-missions. Thank you in advance for helping make Christmas a special time for children in need around the world!
- **People In Need (PIN)** is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 AM-noon to assist people in our community with utility bills, rent and food from our pantry.
- **We appreciate members' tithes and pledges and visitors' gifts to help us do the Lord's work.** You can give via the ways below. If you have questions about or need help setting up a recurring gift, email us at info@fpchhi.org.
 - The GIVE button on the homepage of our website fpchhi.org
 - Mailing a check to 540 William Hilton Parkway, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
 - Texting "FPCHHI" to 77977 (NOTE: Message and data rates may apply; for terms and conditions, visit pushpay.com/terms; for its privacy policy, visit pushpay.com/privacy.)

Prayerful Study

- **Children's Ministry** is connecting with children and their families. To learn more, email Jackie Wilhelm at jwilhelm@fpchhi.org.
- **Youth Ministry** meets on Wednesdays. To join them, email Jackie Wilhelm at jwilhelm@fpchhi.org.
- **Several Adult Ministry classes and small groups** meet on Sundays and during the week. To learn more, go to fpchhi.org/adult-ministry/.
- **Pastor Lisa's Book Study: Holy Disunity** Wednesdays in July: It is no secret that we are living in a country that is polarized with respect to so many areas of life, especially politics. Join Pastor Lisa for a four-week discussion on the book *Holy Disunity: How What Separates Us Can Save Us* by the Rev. Layton Williams. She encourages us to strive for an authentic relationship with God, ourselves, one another, and the world around us rather than seeking unity on

divisive topics. *Holy Disunity* is available at Amazon and Barnes Noble. The book study will meet in person and via Zoom on Wednesdays in July: July 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 4:30 pm. Call the church office to register for this class.

Caring Connections

- **We need your help!** The annual **Prayer Project** starts July 1, and you're invited to be part of this important congregational journey. Participating allows us all to live our core church value of Caring Connections by praying for others. To register, call the church office by tomorrow, June 21!
- **Fellowship after worship!** Have you missed connecting with your church family after worship? Join us today in the courtyard for lemonade and our delicious fellowship cookies! Remember to wear your name tag, and if you lost it during the pandemic, call the church office for a replacement.
- If you're a **member or visitor**, send your contact info to info@fpchhi.org to stay connected or complete a Connection Card located in the pew. Completed cards may be left in the basket at the Connection Center in the narthex.
- You're welcome to call the church or email confidential prayer requests to the pastors.

The Lord Needs You!

The 2021 Nominating Committee is seeking seven deacons for the Class of 2024 (a three-year term beginning in February 2022) and two for the Class of 2023 (a two-year term beginning in February 2022) and nine elders in the Class of 2024. Complete the form below and drop it in the offering boxes (marked with a cross) to submit the name(s) of the person(s) you recommend **by June 30**. Thank you!

Name of nominee: _____

Recommendation is for: ____ deacon ____ elder

Your name (optional): _____