



of Lynn Haven

MORNING WORSHIP 6th Sunday After Pentecost

July 4, 2021 10:00 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY LENT | EASTER | **PENTECOST**



Welcome to all who gather to worship this day! We are now in the season of Pentecost, which focuses on the teachings of Jesus and how we are shaped and challenged by them. It is our hope that you feel the warmth of God's presence and welcome here. If this is

your first time joining us, we are honored by your presence and hope to see you again soon! To stay informed, visit **www.firstchurchlh.org** and subscribe to our weekly email.

- About the Service -

Wearing a face mask is no longer required **if you are fully vaccinated**. Please observe responsible distancing as a courtesy to others worshipping with us.

The single chime and Prelude call us to silent, prayerful preparation for worship.

The People's words are in **bold text**. *Indicates that the congregation may rise.

Offering plates are in the Narthex (sanctuary entrance) before and after worship.



a member congregation of:

The Presbytery of Florida, The Synod of South Atlantic, and The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Session (spiritual leaders of the church):

Moderator: **The Rev. Lisa Martin** Clerk of Session: **Rosa Stanley** Class Of 2021: **Marcia Burden, Steve Gabbard** Class Of 2022: **Rich Kangas, Nancy Mills, Wanda Wallace** Class Of 2023: **Huey Hayes, Ann Fyfe**

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Improvisation on Shenandoah"

Daniel Berghout

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 48)

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! We marvel at God's steadfast love! God's name, like God's praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. God's hand is filled with victory; let everyone give thanks! This is God, our God, forever and ever. The Lord will guide our ways forever. Let us worship God!

*OPENING PRAYER (pray together)

We praise you, loving God, for all the ways you are present in our lives, bringing hope out of despair, freedom out of bondage, and renewed vision out of darkness. As we worship you this day, make your presence known among us once more, that we may delight in worship and be rededicated to serve others as you have served us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

ORGAN PRAISE

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (pray together)

God of endless mercy, we are more in touch with the pangs of our weakness than we are with the power of your love. In fear, we worship idols; in despair, we collapse in hopelessness; in anger, we seek to dominate others. Forgive us, and grant us peace. In the name of Christ and the way of love, Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

PIANO MEDITATION "Day by Day"

Oscar Ahnfeldt, arr. Greg Howlett

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Mark 6:1-13

(see back side fold)

MESSAGE

"Wouldn't Take Nothin' for My Journey Now" I

ow" Rev. Lisa Martin

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*DECLARATION OF OUR FAITH (L. Withrow, Worship Resources) We believe in God, who promises to journey with us always, in all our seasons of life. We believe God wants to fill us with power so that we may be witnesses to all the ends of the earth, starting right here at home. We believe in the risen Christ, who shows that God's love is stronger than our fears, more enduring than our worries, and deeper than our despair. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the hidden power of God, working for good, bringing hope, encouraging justice, building peace, promoting healing, creating joy. We believe that God is at work in us and in our community of pray-ers and do-ers. Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PIANO MEDITATION

"There is a Fountain"

Traditional American melody, arr. Tim Akers

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 Depart to Serve the Risen Lord

*HYMN

"America the Beautiful"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "National Hymn" (see back side fold)

arr. Brad Thoreson

THE GOSPEL Mark 6:1-13

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

"Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? ³ Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

⁴ Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. ⁷ Calling the twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

⁸ These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹ Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. ¹⁰ Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹ And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your sandals as a testimony against them."

¹² They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

"America the Beautiful"

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain; For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

> O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America! America! May God thy gold refine, Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- July 4, 2021 -

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please make sure that you have picked up bread and juice from the Narthex. You may place the cups in the pew cupholders in front of you, and then leave them in the cupholders afterward. The Sacrament is available to everyone!

Our Christian sympathy is extended to DeeDee and John Broadhead on the death this past Thursday of DeeDee's 46 year old son Christopher, who was diagnosed with stage four cancer just five weeks ago. May God bless all who grieve.

FPC hosts the Presbytery of Florida on Tuesday, August 3, and we need your help! This is an opportunity for us to bless our brothers and sisters from Tallahassee to Pensacola with good southern hospitality. We expect to welcome an estimated 80-90 commissioners for this day long meeting. To volunteer, contact Aline in the office!

These Days devotionals for July – September are available in the Narthex. Take one for yourself and one to share!



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