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In preparing our hearts for worship, we will be dimming the lights in the narthex, indicating a time to prepare ourselves for worship. Please enter the sanctuary quietly and in time to hear the welcome and announcements.

July 20, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Pentecost



Prayer of Preparation

Teach us your way, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth;
Give us an undivided heart to revere your name.
Psalm 86.11

We Enter into God's Presence

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

Living Hope
Grace Hartz - Soprano

Phil Wickham

Welcome / Greetings

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards

*Call to Worship based on Psalm 91 and Romans 10

Liturgist

As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did

not worship him. Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth. People of God, behold and see your God!

We open our eyes to see his glory.

We open our ears to hear his wisdom.

We open our hands to offer him gifts.

We open our mouths to sing his praise.

We open our hearts to offer him our love.

Jesus Christ is Lord!

*Opening Hymn #321

The Church's One Foundation

**1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**

**2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.**

**3. Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**

**4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

**5. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, and meek and lowly, may live eternally.**

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you; you call, but we do not follow; you command, but we do not obey, you bless us, but we do not thank you.

Please forgive and help us.

Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others; you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us; you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

Please forgive and help us.

Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission, but we still insist on our own; you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor, but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them; you suffered and died for the sake of all, but we do not give up our comfortable lives.

Please forgive and help us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Words of Assurance – Colossians 1.19,20

For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Christ God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. People of God, Jesus died that we might live. Jesus was raised to assure us of this hope.

In his name we are forgiven and live in peace. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Reading

Colossians 1.15-28

Liturgist

Colossians 1.15-28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

In Jesus Name
Grace Hartz - Soprano

Katy Nichole

Sermon

“Assessment”

Offertory & Collection of Prayer Cards

*Doxology #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here and below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

We Respond to God’s Word

Prayer of the People, Thanksgiving, & The Lord’s Prayer

Liturgist

O Lord God, Creator above us, Spirit within us, Lord ahead of us, open us to yourself, that we may become transparent to ourselves. Make us masters of ourselves, that we may be the servants of others.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we bless you for the gift of our lives. We bless you for the invisible threads of loyalty and trust that bind us to the people we love and care for, for fidelity in our marriages, for care and love for our children, for the gifts you’ve allowed us to discover within ourselves, and for the gifts other people have given us by giving of themselves. We bless you for useful jobs to do, for leisure to enjoy, for fun to have, for homes to live in, for bodies to touch, for love to share.

We pray to you for our friends and the people we care about, for people whose life has somehow become boring and lusterless, whose marriages have lost their tenderness, whose health is poor, whose hope for the years ahead is dim, and whose death is near. We pray for peace. Let all who think lightly of making war be converted to think strongly of making peace. We pray for people for whom today is another day of trying to find something to eat, for people in our world for whom today is another day lived under the yoke of oppression, for people who have no friends and are desperately lonely, for people who have lost somebody so close to them that they are almost dying with grief, and for people today who are dying.

O Spirit of Christ, give us a joy that outlasts our sorrows, give us a hope stronger than the despair of our discouragement, and give us a new belief that we have reason to rejoice—

to be glad for who we are because you made us and gave us life, and all we have is a gift from you. In the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, who teaches us to pray:

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 Follow God's Word into the World

*Hymn of Sending #634

To God Be The Glory

**1. To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

**2. Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.**

Refrain

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory: great things he has done!**

Benediction

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Postlude

Postlude on 'Lancashire'

Jason Payne

Welcome Grace Hartz, todays soprano!

Grace Hartz is a graduate of Walled Lake Central High School. She has performed lead roles in many of their musicals as a soprano.

KIDS' WORSHIP BAGS

The kids' worship bags are available at the welcome desk (on the wooden tree hanger). The activities in the bags are updated each week to reflect the lectionary readings for that Sunday as well as some other fun items. The yellow bags are for kids aged preschool to 8 years old; and the white bags are for kids aged 8+ years. Kids are welcome to take a bag each Sunday to use during worship and/or to take home to enjoy. If your child forgot to pick up a worship bag before service, please let an usher know and they will get one for your child.

CARES Food Pantry

The number of people needing assistance in providing enough food for their family continues to grow. Between 750 and 800 households are served by CARES each month. Please take home a yellow CARES shopping list, found in the pews, and take it with you on your next shopping trip. We have provided a plastic bin in the Narthex for your generous donations. Thank you for remembering your neighbors.

Garden and Nutrition – every Saturday, 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Once again, this year, FPCF is sponsoring DCDI's Garden and Nutrition Class, every Saturday, from 9:30 am – 11:30 am. Sometimes we'll be in the classroom (Room 208/210) and always in the garden. We'll learn vermicomposting, making a gingerbug, and more! Bring your kids or grandkids! If you have any questions, please contact Tom Neal, Sharon Cressman, or Colleen Tavor.

Hospitality Time Schedule

You are invited to bring ONE food item on ONE Sunday each month. Your Sunday depends on the first letter of your last name. It would be greatly appreciated if you are also able to help with set-up or clean-up. Please note healthy options are welcome as well such as fruit, eggs, cheese & crackers, veggies etc. Here's the upcoming schedule:

July 20: Last names beginning E-K

July 27: Last names beginning L-R

August 3: Last names beginning S-Z

August 10: Last names beginning A-D



QR Code for Donations!

If you ever forget to go to the ATM, or simply don't carry cash on you, we've decided to include the church QR code for a more streamlined donation process. To donate, just scan the QR code and follow the prompt just scan the QR code and follow

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