

## Go Out as God's People in the World

✠ **Closing Hymn HB #504:** "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

✠ **BENEDICTION:** Hebrews 13:20-21 *by Pastor Janet*  
*Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

✠ **POSTLUDE** *by Tracy (Yu) Qian*

Following today's service please join in the upper hall for  
coffee & conversation.



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### Today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

Organist/Pianist: Tracy (Yu) Qian

Elder Assisting: Sally Kean

# The Lord's Day Worship

October 24, 2020

Worship, 11am

Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship.

If you need instructions, please see the Greeter.

*(Those not wanting to be seen on the video recording, please sit under the balcony.)*

*Hymnals: HB is "The Hymnbook" (burgundy) & HoF is "Hymns of Faith" (scarlet)*

## Gathering of God's People

*After the chimes, please be in quiet reverence & silence cell phones.*

### 3 RINGS OF THE STEEPLE BELLS & CHIMES

**WELCOME** by Sally Kean, ruling elder: assistant chair of worship

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (See insert.)

**PRELUDE** by Tracy (Yu) Qian

† stand as able

† **CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 106:1-3 *(responsively)*:

*Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;*

*his love endures forever. Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord*

*or fully declare his praise?*

**Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.**

† **Opening Hymn HB #383:** "I Love to Tell the Story"

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** based on Hebrews 13:1-19 *(unison)*:

For our failing: to love one another as brothers & sisters; to show hospitality to strangers; to help those in prison & being mistreated; to keep the marriage bed pure, by practicing or imagining sexual immorality; to be content with what we have by coveting money & goods; to discern strange & false teaching; to offer a sacrifice of praise; to share with others; and to submit to the authority of leaders, Jesus, hear our confession & forgive our sin. *(Pause in silent confession.)*

† **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:** Hebrews 9:27-28 *(responsively)*

*Just as people are destined to die only once, and after that to face judgment,*

**So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.**

† **GLORIA PATRI / RESPONSE:** *(unison)* 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.

## Proclamation of God's Word

† **CALL TO GOD'S WORD:** John 10:35 & Romans 4:3 *(unison)*

"Scripture cannot be set aside... What does Scripture say?"

† **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:** *(unison)*

Lord, through your Spirit enable us to consider your Word, and to enact it in our lives to bring you glory and praise. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** Hebrews 13:1-9a N.T. pg. 1718-9

**SERMON:** "Keep on Loving"  
by the Reverend Janet Hufford.

## Response to God's Word

### REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL & MEMBERSHIP VOWS

† **Hymn of Response HB #479** tune 1: "In Christ There Is No East Nor West"

**PRAYERS** of JOYS & CONCERNS followed by **LORD'S PRAYER** *(unison)*

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.

### CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

**OFFERTORY** to prayerfully consider giving in thankfulness

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** *(unison)*

Jesus, in view of your mercy, we offer up thanks thru giving. Amen.

† **DOXOLOGY:** *(unison)* Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## PUBLIC RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

**Statement about Baptism:** Sisters and brothers in Christ, our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being grafted into the life of Christ. Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ, the power of sin was broken and God's kingdom entered our world. Through our baptism we were made citizens' of God kingdom, and freed from the bondage of sin. Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism. I ask you in the congregation, therefore, once again to reject sin, and profess your faith in Christ, and to confess the faith of the church, in which we were baptized.

### ✠ Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Pastor: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? Do you?

**ALL: I do.**

Pastor: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? Do you?

**ALL: I do.**

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? Will you?

**ALL: I will.**

### ✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "The Apostles' Creed" (*unison*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

### Presenting New Members

*by Sally Kean*

Clerk: On behalf of the session of FPC, I present the following new member who was received on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 by reaffirmation of faith: Robert McCleod Peters.

**Statement the New Members:** You come to us as a member of the one holy catholic church, into which you were baptized, and by which you have been nurtured. We are one with each other, sisters and brothers in the family of God. We rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. Hear these words from Ephesians 4:4-6 in Scripture: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."

### New Member Questions

You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share regularly in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Will you?

**New Member: I will.**

After the Holy Spirit was poured out on believers on Pentecost, just as the first followers of Jesus described in Acts 2:42 did, will you devote yourself regularly to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayer? Will you?

**New Member: I will.**

**Prayer for New Members:** Holy God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number *Bob* in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

### ✠ Promise of Congregational Nurture

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ @FPCP, promise to guide and nurture *Bob*, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church? Do you?

**Congregation: We do.**