

Sunday, August 23rd, 2020
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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"Who Do You Say That I Am?"

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Liturgy for Sunday, August 23rd, 2020

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: *"Abide in me as I abide in you"*
- John 15: 4

Ringing of the Church Bell
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive)

When we look to the rock from which we were cut,
and to the quarry from which we were dug,
we see our ancestors Abraham and Sarah,
who were alone until God blessed them
and made them many!

When we look to the cornerstone of the church,
we see Christ, the Son of the living God.

Beginning with Peter,

God has made us into living stones.

God's house will stand forever! Amen.

Prelude

*** Hymn: "We Gather Together"**

1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be thine!

3 We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation endure through tribulation:
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Calendar, Flowers, and Birthdays

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| Sunday, August 23 | Baptism - Ryder Paul | 10:30 am |
| Saturday, August 29th | Parking Lot Striping | All day |
| Friday, September 4th | Queen Esther Movie | 7:00 pm |
| Saturday, September 5th | Rummage Sale | 7:00 am—1:00 pm |
| Tuesday, September 8th | Book Club | 2:00 pm |
| Tuesday, September 8th | Deacons' Meeting | 3:00 pm |
| Tuesday, September 8th | Session Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| Tuesday, September 15th | WOW Meeting | 2:00 pm |

Flower Dedications:

Chancel Vase Flowers are given:

~ In loving memory of a sweet and gentle lady, Louisa Quillen,
celebrating her August birthday with Jesus.

~ In honor of Jacob Todd and the celebration of his birthday, August
29th. God has blessed Jacob with a wonderful musical talent and we
are grateful that he shares his talent with us as our organist and
choirmaster.

~ A bud vase of flowers is placed in honor of Ryder Paul and the
celebration of his baptism today. Ryder, many people love you but
Jesus loves you most of all!

September Flowers: If you would like to dedicate flowers for any
service in September, please email or call the church office. (Marty
will be out of town for the next month). *Chancel vases are open: 9/13*
(2); 9/20 (1); 9/27 (1)

Birthdays:

Jacob Todd—August 29th

Coming Events ...

Live Stream—Sight & Sound Theatre—Queen Esther

On Friday, September 4th at 7:00 pm, we will be live-streaming



Sight & Sounds production of Queen Esther in Fellowship Hall. To comply with distancing requirements, we'll have a maximum capacity of 20. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the sanctuary.

Blessing of the Animals

On Saturday, October 3rd at 10 am in our parking lot, we will have a blessing of the animals. Come, join the fun and worship with your critters!



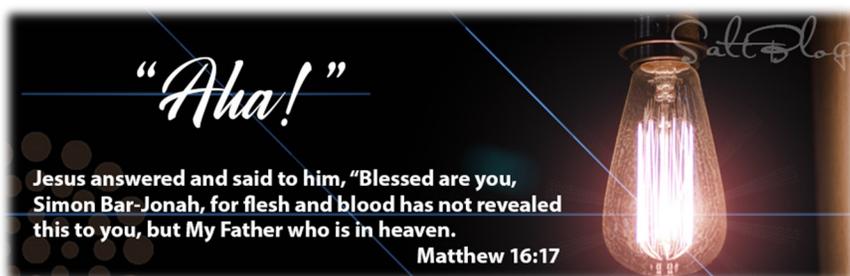
Neighborhood Picnic

It's time to join our neighbors to celebrate summer's end! Come meet the wonderful folks in our neighborhood at our first ever Neighborhood Picnic.



Bring a dish to share and let's rollout the welcome mat!!

Saturday, September 26th at 4pm. Rain date is October 10th.



Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God,
we confess that we have conformed our lives
to the ways of the world
and not the ways of your kingdom.
We think of ourselves too highly
and regard others as lowly.
We exalt possessions and power,
when you alone are to be exalted.
We let conflicts prevail over grace
and divisions over harmony.
Have mercy upon us, we pray.
Forgive and transform us,
that we may be holy and acceptable to you,
discerning and doing your will.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ends.
When we call out to God, God answers.
God saves us
with a strong and outstretched hand.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven
and helped to live in grace. Thanks be to God.

* Gloria Patri (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.

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Lord our God,
your name and your word
are exalted above everything.
We are listening for your word;
we are looking for your light.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
renew our minds and hearts
so we may discern your will
and respond in faith.
We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior. Amen.

*** Doxology** (unison)

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

1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 51: 1-6 [NIV]

Elder Lisa Bayles

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness
and who seek the Lord:

Look to the rock from which you were cut
and to the quarry from which you were hewn;

2 look to Abraham, your father,
and to Sarah, who gave you birth.

When I called him he was only one man,
and I blessed him and made him many.

3 The Lord will surely comfort Zion
and will look with compassion on all her ruins;
he will make her deserts like Eden,
her wastelands like the garden of the Lord.

Joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

4 "Listen to me, my people;
hear me, my nation:

Instruction will go out from me;
my justice will become a light to the nations.

5 My righteousness draws near speedily,
my salvation is on the way,
and my arm will bring justice to the nations.

The islands will look to me
and wait in hope for my arm.

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
look at the earth beneath;
the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment
and its inhabitants die like flies.

But my salvation will last forever,
my righteousness will never fail.

Current Prayer Concerns:

Collection Plate

A reminder that, until we can resume our normal worship routines, our collection plate is situated on the small table in the center rear of the sanctuary. Thank you.

Hearing Assistance

Headphones are available at the back of the sanctuary for hearing assistance.

Directory Updates/Corrections:

Update: Merle Fisher

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SO PETER ANSWERS
JESUS' QUESTION AND
JESUS' SAYS HIS ANSWER
ISN'T REALLY HIS - IT
COMES FROM GOD.



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SO MUCH FOR
PETER'S
CONFESSION!

OUR EXPRESSIONS
OF FAITH ARE GIFTS
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.



SO EVEN
PRAYING IS
GRACE!



MATTHEW 16:13-20

EVERY TIME,
YES.



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Church Rummage Sale!

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City
13th Street & Coastal Highway

Saturday, September 5th
7am-1pm

Rummage Sale will be in parking lot behind
the church.

You never know what you may find!



2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 16: 13-20 [NIV]

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13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20 Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Time with Children and Youth

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Sermon: "Who Do You Say That I Am?"

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* Hymn "Where He Leads Me"

I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
"Take thy cross and follow, follow me."

Refrain: Where he leads me I will follow,
Where he leads me I will follow,
Where he leads me I will follow,
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

2 I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him, with him all the way. *[Refrain]*

3 I'll go with him through the judgment,
I'll go with him through the judgment,
I'll go with him through the judgment,
I'll go with him, with him all the way. *[Refrain]*

4 He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
And go with me, with me all the way. *[Refrain]*

Sacrament of Baptism – Ryder Jace Paul (special bulletin)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

Loving and eternal God,

We come to you in prayer and thanksgiving. We pray for the newly baptized, Ryder Jace Paul. May he grow in knowledge of you and grow in love for you. May he be a faithful disciple, loving neighbor as self and sharing your grace with all the world.

We pray for your church universal. May it shine forth as a beacon of hope in the darkness comforting all who seek its light.

We pray for our elected leaders. May they govern with wisdom, grace and charity putting the concerns of those they govern ahead of their own.

We pray for the poor and all who are struggling financially. May they be given provision and opportunity.

We pray for those who are suffering with sickness of any kind. For those close to us we pray for May they find comfort and healing.

We pray for peace both in our own streets and throughout the world. May swords be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks.

Father in heaven, all things are possible by your hand and we bring these prayers and petitions to you in the name of your Son, our Lord and Savior who taught us to pray to you by saying, **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.**

*** Hymn "Amazing Grace"**

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come,
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

**Charge
Benediction
Postlude**