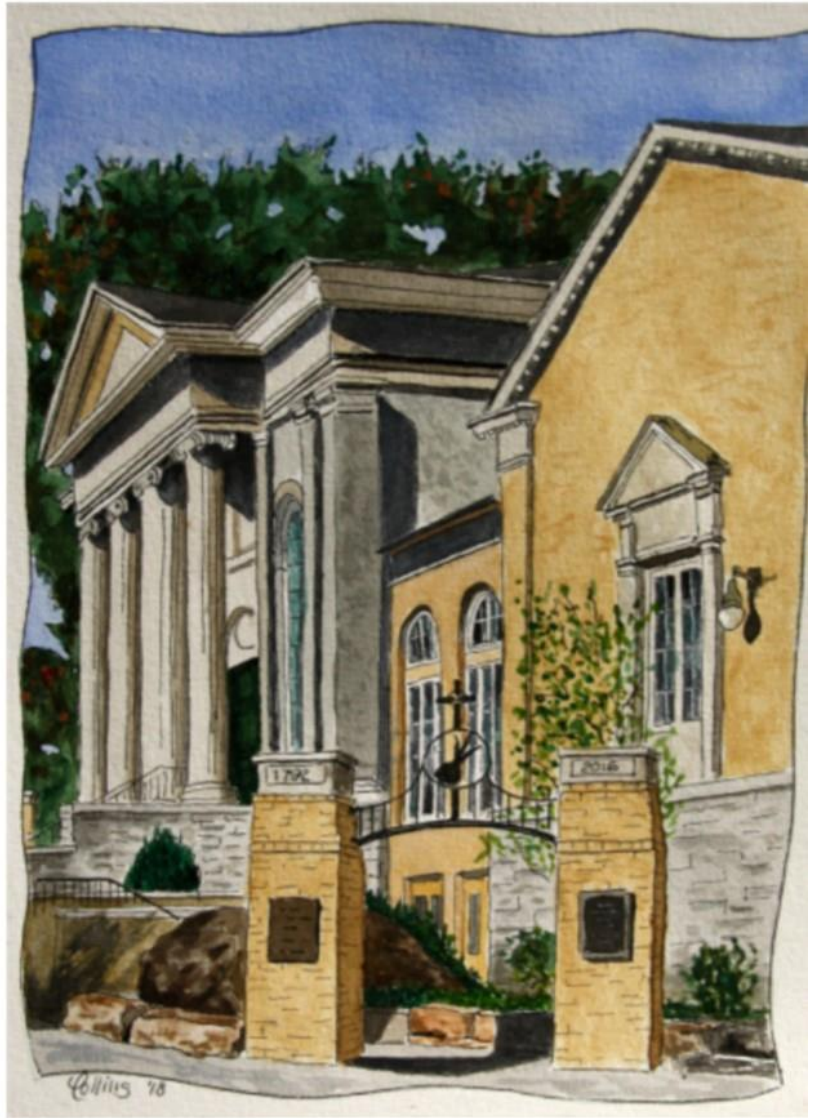


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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JULY 10, 2022**  
✦ **THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE** ✦

**PRELUDE**

*Toccata-Allegro movement*

Georg Muffat

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

What does the Lord require of you?

**To do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God.**

What does God command of us?

**To love God with all our heart,  
and all our soul,  
and all our mind,  
and all our strength,  
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

But to presence, and abundance,  
and grace in our struggle.

**Let us worship the God who believes in us,  
and trusts in us, and abides with us.  
Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,  
but will be beside us every step of the way.**

**† OPENING HYMN 757**

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

Kingsford

**† PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

My Lord God,

I confess that I am the priest and the Levite,  
eager to go about my business and ignore those in need around me.

**Not only did I walk past, I walked away.  
I was too busy, too frightened, my heart was too cold.  
In my own abundance,  
I was too poor in spirit to bear the cost.  
In my own comfort,  
I was too complacent to suffer any inconvenience.**

It was the Samaritan,  
a man despised and without pride of position or parentage,  
who was faithful and loving and who gave of himself sacrificially.

**Gracious God, in your mercy,  
say that it is not too late for me.  
Another may have borne the burden,  
but I can go to the inn and sit with the traveler while he heals.  
I can bathe his wounds and feed him and lighten his spirit until the Good One returns.**

Grant me the grace to do that little service with a grateful heart;  
please stand with me so that I will not walk away and shun the greater service the next time.

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me, the sinner. Amen.**

*(a moment for silent confession)*

## † ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† **MUSICAL RESPONSE** 377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (verse 1) Houston

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

## † PASSING OF THE PEACE

† **MUSICAL RESPONSE** 288 *Spirit of the Living God* Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

## ✠ THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD ✠

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Deuteronomy 30:8-14* Brent Trentham

Then you shall again obey the Lord, observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, <sup>9</sup>and the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

**ANTHEM** *Veni Jesu* Luigi Cherubini

Translation of Latin text: Come to me, O Jesus, my love.

## SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Luke 10:25-37*

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**SERMON**

Rev. Meredith Loftis

✠ THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE ✠

† HYMN OF RESPONSE 345

*In an Age of Twisted Values*

Church United

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Jamie Keith

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.

**RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

You may place your offering in the offering plates when they are passed or you are invited to mail in your tithes and offerings to the church office or give online at [www.fpcknox.org/donate](http://www.fpcknox.org/donate).

**OFFERTORY**

*Toccata- Adagio movement*

Georg Muffat

† DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION 606 *Old Hundredth*

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.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† SENDING HYMN 346

*For the Healing of the Nations*

Regent Square

**† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Psalm XIX*

Benedetto Marcello

† - *Please stand if you are able.*

**We welcome Beverly Landguth as our guest organist this morning.** Beverly has been playing the organ since age 12 and has degrees in music education. She has held jobs as organist and choir director at various churches where she lived. She is retired and now fills in as a substitute organist at various churches.

## HYMNS FOR JULY 10

### † OPENING HYMN 757

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

Kingsfold

1. Today we all are called to be  
Disciples of the Lord,  
To help to set the captive free,  
Make plowshare out of sword,  
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,  
Make love and peace our fast,  
To serve the poor and homeless first,  
Our ease and comfort last.
2. God made the world and at its birth  
Ordained our human race  
To live as stewards of the earth,  
Responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud;  
We sow not peace but strife.  
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud  
That threatens all of life.
3. Pray justice may come rolling down  
As in a mighty stream,  
With righteousness in field and town  
To cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore  
An earth where conflicts cease,  
A world that was created for  
A harmony of peace.
4. May we in service to our God  
Act out the living word,  
And walk the road the saints have trod  
Till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we  
Give thanks in one accord  
To God who calls us all to be  
Disciples of the Lord.

### † HYMN OF RESPONSE 345

*In an Age of Twisted Values*

Church United

1. In an age of twisted values  
We have lost the truth we need.  
In sophisticated language  
We have justified our greed.  
By our struggle for possessions  
We have robbed the poor and weak.  
Hear our cry and heal our nation;  
Your forgiveness, Lord, we seek.
2. We have built discrimination  
On our prejudice and fear.  
Hatred swiftly turns to cruelty  
If we hold resentments dear.  
For communities divided  
By the walls of class and race,  
Hear our cry and heal our nation;  
Show us, Lord, your love and grace.
3. When our families are broken,  
When our homes are full of strife,  
When our children are bewildered,  
When they lose their way in life,  
When we fail to give the aged  
All the care we know they need,  
Hear our cry and heal our nation;  
Help us show more love, we plead.
4. We who hear your word so often  
Choose so rarely to obey.  
Turn us from our willful wandering;  
Give us truth to light our way.  
In the power of your Spirit  
Come to cleanse us, make us new;  
Hear our cry and heal our nation  
Till our nation honors you.

### † SENDING HYMN 346

*For the Healing of the Nations*

Regent Square

1. For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord;  
For a just and equal sharing  
Of the things that earth affords;  
To a life of love in action  
Help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us forward into freedom;  
From despair your world release,  
That, redeemed from war and hatred,  
All may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
Fear will die and hope increase.
3. All that kills abundant living,  
Let it from the earth be banned:  
Pride of status, race, or schooling,  
Dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
May we hallow life's brief span.
4. You, Creator God, have written  
Your great name on humankind;  
For our growing in your likeness,  
Bring the life of Christ to mind,  
That by our response and service  
Earth its destiny may find.