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October 10, 2021 **Order of Worship** **Matthew 25, Week 5**

Where you see an asterisk (*), please stand.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRE-SERVICE, 10:30 — "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" — Leo Sowerby

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PRELUDE — "There Is A Balm in Gilead" — Tim Price

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: From our busy lives, God calls us together to worship and pray.
People: We are here, Holy One!
Leader: From different places, Christ calls us together to gather and care for one another.
People: We are here, blessed Jesus!
Leader: From unexpected journeys, the Spirit calls us into unity to serve and to grow.
People: We are here, Holy Spirit! Come, let us worship!

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN #619 — "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"**

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WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you offer us love and mercy, grace and forgiveness, yet we often turn away from you. We live our lives according to what we want. We forget to care for and encourage one another. We fail to place you at the center of our lives. We do not live our lives in response to your love and your grace. Forgive us, O God. Help us put you first in all that we do and serve our neighbors.

SILENT CONFESSION and KYRIE — #576

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE GLORIA — #583

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT — Pat Yancey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — James 5:13-18 — NT pg. 231

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Luke 10:25-37 — NT pg. 71

SERMON — "Sick" — Sandra Brown

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN #796 — "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" (10:30 only)**

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OFFERING

***Call for the Offering**

***Doxology — #607**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Offertory — "Rejoice in Hope" — Quartet

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(The Lord's Prayer is on page 35 in the hymnal.)

WE DEPART IN JOY TO SERVE

***HYMN #295 — "Go to the World!"**

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***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION — "Peace"** — Quartet

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POSTLUDE, 8:30 — "I am Bound for the Promised Land" — John Carter

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10:30 — "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" — Heinrich Fleischer

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MINISTERS: All the Members of the Congregation
PASTORS: The Rev. Sandra Stogsdill Brown, *Pastor*
Patrick Yancey, *Commissioned Associate Pastor*
The Rev. Dr. Neil Weatherhogg, *Pastor Emeritus*
LITURGIST: Debra Stufflebean, 10:30
QUARTET: Jessica Crowder, Lauren Lewis,
Lucero Padilla, Elliot Lauxman
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS: Carrie Riordan
DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES: Allison Brewer
MUSIC STAFF: Dr. Kevin Kellim, *Director of Music*
Dr. Cynthia Neufeld Smith, *Organist*
Dr. Mark Pudwill, *Assistant Organist*

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, October 10
Usher Team 3
Noah's Ark Room open for children during worship (Room 204).
8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Children's SS, Zoom
10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
3:30 p.m. Cycling Group - weather permitting
5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth, Hayride & cookout

Monday, October 11
3:30 p.m. Menninger Bible Study Group
4:45 p.m. Kansas Youth Chorale, Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 12
10:00 a.m. Staff Mtg

Wednesday, October 13
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Zoom & in person, Conference Rm

Wednesday, October 13, cont.
12:00 p.m. Finance Team Mtg
4:30 p.m. Neighborhood Food Distribution
5:00 p.m. Silver Wings Supper, delivered to homes

Thursday, October 14
9:00 a.m. Cross Form, Conference Rm
6:30 p.m. Quartet Rehearsal

Friday, October 15
Pastors' Day Off

Sunday, October 17
Usher Team 4
Noah's Ark Room open for children during worship (Room 204).
8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Children's SS, Zoom
10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
3:30 p.m. Cycling Group - weather permitting
5:00 p.m. Youth Hayride & Cookout

Joys: the birth of Sara Beatrice Keckeisen, daughter of Clint & Katie Keckeisen, granddaughter of Bob & Sara Keckeisen; Laura Messer being called as Minister of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys; Matthew 25 Sermon Series and Sunday School speakers; resuming 8:30 service; Zoom Sunday School; Sunday childcare open from 9:15 a.m. through 10:30 service in Room 204; Youth Group; Neighborhood Food Distribution; Blessing Box ministry.

Concerns: Bob Provo and family at the death of his son, Mark; the family of Geneva Seward at her death; Mark & Cindy Underhill; Rosalie Smith; Mike & Jenny Kuner; Mark Mueller; Judy Kuner; comfort and healing for those impacted by Covid-19; refugees.

MATTHEW 25 SERMON SERIES – PROVIDE CARE FOR THE SICK

In the parable Jesus tells in Matthew 25, he teaches his disciples that feeding the hungry, giving a drink to those who are thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing those who lack clothing, caring for the sick and visiting those in prison is the same as doing it for him. Matthew 25 isn't a one-time event—it's a way of life. Today's scripture readings are James 5:13-18 and Luke 10:25-37.

PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION

Our Adult Education Team has coordinated Sunday School speakers to reinforce each Matthew 25 sermon. We are meeting in the Chapel at 9:15 a.m. Community Care Network of Kansas exists to provide equitable access to high quality healthcare for all Kansans. Member health clinics such as Grace Med, a non-profit in Topeka, provide medical, dental and behavioral healthcare. Funding comes by way of patient revenue, fundraising, contributions and grants so that it is affordable for all.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT HELP NEEDED

Our congregation is partnering with local downtown churches to host a Trunk-or-Treat at Grace Episcopal Cathedral October 31 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. We want to have a large presence with First Presbyterian trunks and volunteers at the event. If you can be there that day with a decorated trunk and are able to hand out candy, please sign up at the front desk at church or online at the Sign-up Genius link offered in Friday's emails. If you want to help but cannot decorate your trunk, please plan to donate candy! It takes a lot of candy, and donations help make sure every attendee has a great time. Candy donations can be left in the basket at the front desk.

BLESSING BOX SUPPLIES ARE LOW

We are running very low on food supplies and personal hygiene items for the Blessing Box. Food items needed: canned fruit, packets of dried fruit, canned soup, canned meats or packets of tuna, canned pasta/ravioli, single-serving cereal boxes/bowls, single-serving juice boxes, individual packets of nuts. Hygiene items needed: toothbrushes; bars of soap; individual-sized bottles of hand sanitizer; travel-sized items (tubes of toothpaste, packets of Kleenex, deodorant, shampoo, lotion).

SUNDAY CHILDCARE

Childcare is provided for children 6 weeks to Kindergarten, opening at 9:15 a.m. and closing after 10:30 worship. We recommend that children over two years old wear masks, but understand how difficult this is for the littlest ones. The nursery staff will be masked and look forward to being with the little ones on Sundays again. For the time being, childcare will be provided in Room 204.