



*World Communion Sunday* • October 4, 2020  
*Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ, and Meet Human Needs*

**GATHERING**

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

(Hymns and scripture can be found starting on page 3.)

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need B. Hopkins  
*Leslie Bell, horn*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Emma Kantack

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.  
**For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**  
God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.  
**Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

**CONFESSION AND PARDON** Madison Miller

Call to Confession  
Prayer of Confession  
**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Now, O Lord, transform us as we continue our confession in silence.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**ACT OF PRAISE** Gloria Patri Hymn 581  
*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.*

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** James Peirce

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Philippians 1:12-18a (NRSV)  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** How Deep the Father's Love for Us S. Townend  
*Kappa Phi Epsilon*

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES** Zachary Wiggins

**HYMN 828** More Love to Thee, O Christ More Love to Thee

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Philippians 1:18b-30 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Hailey Lindsey

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Confidence in the Lord

Brendan Farrell

Rebecca Stone

Jonathan Haney

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**RESPONDING**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Chas Wilson

**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; on 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.**

**ANTHEM**

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

H. Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.*

*Alleluya! We will serve Thee faithfully.*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Jason Schibler

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**SENDING**

**HYMN 269**

Lead On, O King Eternal!

Lancashire

**INVITATION AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Fanfare

E. Butler

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Rev. Mark Hults, Scott Stuart

**SOUND:** Frank Counts

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST:** Dr. Mark Coffey

**VIDEO:** John Rayl

**QUINTET:** Alanna Parfait, soprano; Megan Sabella, alto; Elijah Adongo, tenor; Simon Lynch, Colin Hall, bass

**HANDBELLS:** Larissa Eskin, Christine Feigum, Mimi Gray, Eli Moore, Andrew Netardus, Joshua Neumann, Andrew Osmun, Carol Piatnek McCoy, Matt Sumner, Libby Wood

**THANK YOU** to all the college students who led worship this College Sunday.

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; <sup>14</sup>and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear. <sup>15</sup>Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. <sup>16</sup>These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; <sup>17</sup>the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup>What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 828 More Love to Thee, O Christ

1 More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!  
 2 Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.  
 3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;

Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee.  
 Now thee a - lone I seek; give what is best.  
 this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise.

This is my ear - nest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee;  
 This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;  
 This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;

more love to thee, more love to thee!

Perhaps because this prayer-poem by the wife of a leading 19th-century Presbyterian minister grew out of her own physical and emotional suffering, it has continued to speak to many people in similar distress. It is set here to the tune created for its first printing in a hymnal.

TEXT: Elizabeth Payson Prentiss, 1856  
 MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1870

MORE LOVE TO THEE  
 6.4.6.4.6.6.4.4

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Philippians 1:18b-30 (NRSV)

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance. <sup>20</sup> It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup> but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup> Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup> so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. <sup>27</sup> Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup> For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – <sup>30</sup> since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# 269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.  
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher-e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,  
 for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;  
 your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
 with deeds of love and mer - cy the heaven-ly king-dom comes.  
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey.

TEXT: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888, alt.  
 MUSIC: Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835

LANCASHIRE  
 7.6.7.6.D  
 (this tune in a higher key, 233)

## GLORIFY GOD

**Drive-Thru Donations:** Last Sunday's collection was our biggest one yet. The van was stacked with canned goods and pantry items. Thank you for coming out in force to support Gainesville's local mercy ministries.

## MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

**Children's Worship Guides:** Digital versions of our children's worship guides for you to print and use as you participate in worship can be found as links in the Weekly Invite emails from the church office. We encourage your family to discuss thoughts on worship together - even if you don't use the guide.

**Weekly Dose of Digital Discipleship:** Stay connected to the ministries of our church with a Weekly Dose of Digital Discipleship. The goal of this form of discipleship is to create space for our church to refuel and keep our intergenerational church family connected while we are social distancing as an act of loving our neighbors. Questions? Please contact Vicki Sumner at [children@1stpc.org](mailto:children@1stpc.org).

**Connections** is a new form of Digital Discipleship for our children and youth. This Wednesday, we will gather again on Zoom for a time to see and connect with church friends, hear a scripture message, play games, and make a joyful noise in many ways with a variety of musical instruments. Connections will be lead by Ms. Vicki, Mr. Scott, Dr. Coffey, Mr. Mitch, and guests. Join us to see what it's all about!

**College Trajectory Bible Study** is meeting on Zoom. For more information, please email Scott Stuart at [college@1stpc.org](mailto:college@1stpc.org).

**Young Adult Ministry:** We are meeting regularly via Zoom. For more information on Young Adult Ministry or specifically on these meetings, please email Fred Lundy at [youngadult@1stpc.org](mailto:youngadult@1stpc.org).

**The Gordon Hoover Class is Zooming** on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Connect by phone or computer. Everyone is welcome! This Sunday's lesson is 1 Timothy 2. If you are interested in joining, please contact Perry Foote at [palbertfoote@gmail.com](mailto:palbertfoote@gmail.com).

## MEET HUMAN NEEDS

**Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence:** Melda Bassett, Ellen Farber, Jayne Fox, Lib Harrer, Emily Hoyer, Frank Maturo, Elizabeth Miller, and Theral Moore. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Trinity Gilkey, Brian Hill, Matt Roland, Emily Snook, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez, Joe Mueller, and Paul Samala. Essential worker: Bill Clark.

**The church office remains closed** to visitors until further notice. Our church staff is still available at (352) 378-1527 during regular office hours, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or via [email](mailto:). Calls are

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### **FPC Figures for September 27**

Attendance	69
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$15,577
Pledged and Loosed Offerings	\$11,465
YTD General Budget Requirements	\$202,500
YTD Actual General Budget Receipts	\$206,651

### **Leadership**

Mark Hults Moderator	Allison VanDenend Clerk of Session	Dink Henderson Treasurer
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### **Session**


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### **Global Missions**

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