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**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**THE APPROACH**

**\*\*Please rise\*\***

**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**One**: Let us now prepare our hearts to worship almighty God.

**\*\*Entry of the Bible:**  Please rise

**\*\*Lighting the Christ Candle:**  Please rise

**Introit –** “People Pray” B. Harding

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**\*\*Call to Worship**

**\*\*Hymn #305 –** “God who stretched”

1. God who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place, flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space: we, your children in your likeness, share inventive powers with you; great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.
2. Proudly rise our modern cities, stately buildings row on row; yet their windows, blank, unfeeling, stare on canyoned streets below, where the lonely drift unnoticed in the city’s ebb and flow, lost to purpose and to meaning, scarcely caring where they go.
3. We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race: known the ecstacy of winging through untraveled realms of space; probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power, facing us with life’s destruction or our most triumphant hour.
4. As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew:

children of creative purpose, serving others, honouring you. May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun; great Creator, give us guidance, till our goals and yours are one.

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Passing the Peace**

**\*\*Childrens’ Hymn - #339 –** “He’s got the whole world in his hands” vs .1,2,4,5 (traditional version)

1 Who made the earth and the heaven?

- Mighty hands!

Who made the man and the woman?

- Awesome hands!

Who made the tree and the garden?

- Loving hands!

Who’s got the world in mighty hands?

2 Who made the stars and the children?

- Mighty hands!

Who made the stream and the salmon?

- Awesome hands!

Who made the lamb and the lion?

- Loving hands!

Who’s got the world in mighty hands?

4 Who sent the storm and the thunder?

- Mighty hands!

Who sent the flood and the fire?

- Awesome hands!

Who sent the dove and the rainbow?

- Loving hands!

Who’s got the world in mighty hands.

5 Who loves the man and the woman?

- Mighty hands!

Who sent the Lamb and the Lion?

- Awesome hands!

Who makes a new earth and heaven?

- Loving hands!

Who’s got the world in mighty hands?

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 65:1-9 – p.574

**Epistle Lesson**: Galatians 3:23-29 – p.887

**Responsive Psalm** – 22:19-28

**ONE:** But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion!

**ALL: From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him!**

**ONE:** All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

**ALL: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live for ever!**

**ONE:** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

**ALL: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**

**\*\*Gloria Patri**

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.

**Gospel Lesson:**  Luke 8:26-39 – p.790

**Anthem –** “It won’t stop!”

**Sermon**: "Set free!"

**\*\*Reaffirmation of Faith** (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, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sits  
at 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.

**\*\*Hymn #310** - “Bring many names” vs.1-3,6

1 Bring many names, beautiful and good;

celebrate in parable and story,

holiness in glory,

living, loving God:

hail and hosanna,

bring many names!

2 Strong mother God, working night and day,

planning all the wonders of creation,

setting each equation,

genius at play:

hail and hosannas,

strong mother God!

3 Warm father God, hugging every child,

feeling all the strains of human living,

caring and forgiving

till we’re reconciled:

hail and hosanna,

warm father God!

6 Great, living God, never fully known,

joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,

closer yet than breathing,

everlasting home:

hail and hosanna,

great, living God!

**Offertory**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People: (The People Respond)**

ONE: God of the earth and all its peoples,

**ALL: Let your light shine!**

**\*\*Doxology**

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.

**\*\*Hymn - #730** – “Oh for a world where everyone” vs. 1,2,4,5

1 O for a world where everyone

respects each other’s ways,

where love is lived and all is done

with justice and with praise.

2 O for a world where goods are shared

and misery relieved,

where truth is spoken, children spared,

equality achieved.

4 The poor are rich, the wise are strong,

the foolish ones are wise.

Tell all who mourn; outcasts belong,

who perishes will rise.

5 O for a world preparing for

God’s glorious reign of peace,

where time and tears will be no more,

and all but love will cease.

**Sunday School Closing –** presentation of certificates

**\*\*Benediction** - Go Now in Peace (Don Besig)

Go now in peace Never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of every day

Go now in faith Steadfast, strong, and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe

Reach out to others So all the world can see.

God will be there Watching from above

Go now in peace, In faith, and in love

Amen, amen, amen.

**Recessional**

**A****NNOUNCEMENTS**

All are welcome at First Presbyterian Church. We hope you experience the love of God and of this congregation as we worship, celebrate, and serve one another.

**PASTORAL CARE:** In order to provide support to the people of First Church, when you or a loved one is sick or in hospital, we encourage you to contact the church (902-752-5691), Reverend Andrew (902-331-0322) or Cathy Lewis, Chair of the Pastoral Care Team (902-759-9649), to inform us directly. It is also important that you inform the hospital that you would welcome a visit from your minister and/or your Elder.

**UPCOMING FIRST CHURCH EVENTS**

**Meetings**: There are no meetings scheduled this week.

**Sun., July 29th –** We will celebrate Holy Communion.

**Note:** The church will be closed for the month of July for vacation. Sunday services will resume Sunday, August 3rd.

**Reminder –** Please spread the word about our new service - “Downtown Ministries - A Contemporary Service of Prayer, Meditation, Fellowship and Music”, every Sunday at 6:00p.m.



* Today we wish the Rev. Dr. Morley Shaw a very happy birthday; he will celebrate his birthday tomorrow, June 23rd.
* Phyllis O’Brien will celebrate her birthday Wednesday, June 25th.
* Rev. Andrew will also celebrate his birthday Saturday, June 28th.

Happy Birthday to all of you!!

**SCRIPTURE READERS & USHERS:**

**Reader:** Sharon Mason

**Ushers**: Main Door (Office) – Ian Semple

James St. – Ruth-Anne MacIntosh

MacLean St. (Main Entrance steps) – Ellen Jardine

**EARLY CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS:** Lynne Ann & Lois MacLellan

