

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Please stand as you are able.

August 11, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

(Please use this time to turn your hearts toward worship.)

PRELUDE

By the Waters of Babylon

arr. Jeannie Lee, organist

*By the Babylonian rivers we sat down in grief and wept, hung our harps upon the willow,
mourned for Zion when we slept. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange and bitter land?*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others.)

Jacob Christiansen

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(adapted from Psalm 27)*

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

I will fear no one.

The Lord protects me from all danger;

I will never be afraid.

I have asked the Lord for one thing;

one thing only do I want:

to live in the Lord's house all my life,

to marvel there at his goodness,

and to ask for his guidance.

In times of trouble he will shelter me;

he will keep me safe in his Temple

and make me secure on a high rock.

I will sing, I will praise the Lord.

Trust in the Lord.

Have faith, do not despair.

Trust in the Lord.

*HYMN 71

Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me

Glory to God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(seated, unison)*

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth. *(silent confession)* Amen.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*RESPONSE 177

I Will Come to You (verse 1 and refrain)

Glory to God

"I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear.

You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here.

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine."

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S SONG 2233

This Is Where Children Belong

Sing The Faith

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song: this is where children belong.

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

ANTHEM

A Simple Song

L. Bernstein; Emily Jackson, Soprano

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude.

Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude.

Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things, for God is the simplest of all.

I will sing the Lord a new song— to praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.

I will sing His praises while I live all of my days.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord.

Blessed is the man who praises Him and walks in His ways.

I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help.

I will lift up my voice to the Lord, singing Lauda, Laude.

For the Lord is my shade upon my right hand,

And the sun shall not smite me by day not the moon by night.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord and walks in his ways.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Daniel 1:1-4, 6-7

1 ¹In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ²And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God. And he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god. ³Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility, ⁴youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans. ...⁶Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah. ⁷And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego.

Daniel 3 (selected verses)

3 ³King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its breadth six cubits. He set it up on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. ... ⁴And the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, ⁵that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. ⁶And whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. ... ⁸Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews. ⁹They declared to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! ... ¹²There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

¹³Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? ... ¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up." ... ²¹Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. ... ²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True,

O king.”²⁵ He answered and said, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”

SERMON

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: Strangers in a Foreign Land

Dennis Brewer

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Westminster Shorter Catechism, Qs. 4, 5, and 11)

What is God?

God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Are there more Gods than one?

There is but one only, the living and true God.

What are God’s works of providence?

God’s works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Trust and Obey arr. Wayne Fritchie; Haley Jackson, flute
*When we walk with the Lord in the light of His word,
What a glory He sheds on our way:
While we do His goodwill, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.*

*RESPONSE 177

I Will Come to You (verse 2 and refrain)

Glory to God

“I am hope for all who are hopeless; I am eyes for all who long to see.

In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

God, in your grace . . . **you hear our prayers.**

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 74

When God Restored Our Common Life

Glory to God

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 177

I Will Come to You (verse 3 and refrain)

Sing the Faith

“I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.

All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

POSTLUDE

Sing to the Lord a Bright New Song!

David Paxton

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WE EXTEND A HEARTFELT “THANK YOU” to Rev. Libby Lizárraga for officiating at communion at early service, to the Family for serving as liturgists, to Leigh Woodruff for helping with music during the Time for Children, to musicians Haley Jackson and Emily Jackson, and to Dennis Brewer for preaching at both services. We appreciate the gifts that you are bringing to worship from within the congregation today.

IF YOU HAVE A PASTORAL EMERGENCY while our Co-Pastors, Phil and Jan Butin, are away on vacation, please contact Rev. Georgia Senor (gseonor@fpcbentonville.org or 479-409-4597) on Sunday or Rev. Kade Curry (revkade@yahoo.com or 501-827-9550) Monday through Thursday. Our Church Office (442-4411) will also be able to help you during the week.

THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to elect new elders and deacons immediately following the late service on August 18.