

Worship at Fellowship Presbyterian Church
July 12, 2020 9:30 am
6th Sunday after Pentecost/15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering Music

Cynthia Hartis

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kathryn G. N. Campbell

Prelude

Call to Worship – *inspired by Psalm 119:105-112*

God's word is a lamp unto our feet

And a light unto our path.

As we come to worship this morning, may we present God with offerings of praise.

May we learn from God's ordinances.

As we come to worship this morning, may we come with joy in our hearts.

May we incline our hearts to God, prepared to be changed.

Let us worship God together!

Opening Hymn

"We Will Bless You, God of Strength and Might"

Morris/Bringle

We will bless you, God of strength and might;

We will praise your Holy name.

You have clothed yourself in robes of light

And you ride on wings of flame.

You make springs to gush from rolling hills;

With your oil our faces shine.

Every beast and bird, your bounty fills, and You

gladden our hearts with wine;

Yes, you gladden our hearts with wine.

By Your power the cedars reach the skies for the
stork to build her nest.

Sun and moon in rhythm set and rise,

Marking time for work and rest.

On your watered land the grasses grow and your
hungry flocks are fed.

By Your grace, we reap the field we sow, and
delight in our daily bread;
Yes, delight in our daily bread.

Every creature given breath now sings;

All our lives with joy abound:

For You bless the world with wondrous things, and
all earth is holy ground!

You make springs to gush from rolling hills;
With your oil our faces shine.

Every beast and bird your bounty fills, and You
gladden our hearts with wine,

Yes, You gladden our hearts with wine.

Prayer of Confession

John Archambault

Lord, forgive us when we doubt your mercy and your love. We are so caught up in getting everything that we want; and we want it all right now. We have trouble waiting and remembering that it is in the waiting that we might hear your voice. It is difficult for us to believe that we can be fruitful, good soil for your words and work. We find excuses not to be attentive to you, but to focus instead on our own desires. Slow us down, Lord. Remind us again of your mercy and your love; for we offer this in Jesus' name. (Time for silent confession.) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Time for Children (and the Young at Heart)

Hymn #458

"Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet"

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my
feet
and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my
feet
and a light unto my path.*

*When I feel afraid, and I think
I've lost my way, still You're
there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as
you are near.
Please be near me to the end.*

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and a light unto my path.
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and a light unto my path.*

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading – Romans 8:1-11

*This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

Second Scripture Reading – Matthew 13:1-9, 8-13

*This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Grow Where You're Planted

Hymn of Commitment "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" (Hanson)

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Open to the seed of your Word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil.
Where love can grow and
peace is understood.

When my heart is hard,
Break the stone away.
When my heart is cold,
Warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost,
lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Sharing Our Fellowship Family's Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People and 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.

Offering

(Checks and/bank drafts can be mailed to 2005 New Garden Road, Greensboro, NC 27410. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of Fellowship Presbyterian Church.)

Offertory

"The Heart of Worship"

Redman

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn #250

In the bulb there is a flower; in the
seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise;
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

"Hymn of Promise"

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning, in our
time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in
our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the
last a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Charge and Benediction**Passing of the Peace**

The Peace of Christ Be with You!

Worship Participants:

Rev. Dr. Kathryn G. N. Campbell
Blake Tickle, MDiv
Cynthia Hartis
John Archambault
Patrick Harman
Charles Layno
Steve Brandt

Pastor
Music Director
Accompanist
Liturgist & Percussion; Member of Session
Guitar
Technical Support
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Prayer Concerns and Celebrations:

- Bruce Weaver has been diagnosed with bone cancer. Please lift him up in prayer.
- Katie Steele continues to recover at home.
- Melissa Johnson underwent successful surgery earlier this week.
- Phyllis King celebrates becoming a great grandmother on July 2!
- Anne Batten requests prayers for her son and daughter-in-law, Aaron and Laura, who live in Clearwater, Florida, in the midst of the COVID pandemic.
- Peggy Koppel had a biopsy earlier this week; prayers for her as she awaits results.
- Jeanie Harrison's Aunt Patty Griffin, (her mother's only sister) passed away in Florida.
- Please continue to remember our homebound in your prayers: Margie Lathan, Ruth Trace, and Lea Groves. Continued prayers are sought for David Wood, Gwen Flowers, Dorothy Archambault, Ruth Steele, Tim King family, and Roe Roe Tucker.
- We continue to pray for essential workers – doctors, nurses, police, emergency personnel, custodial crews, grocery employees, and others who continue to put themselves at risk for the sake of the community's success. We also pray for those who have been affected by COVID-19.

Announcements:

• **Navigating Racial Equity: Fellowship's 21-Day Journey - Starting July 15th**

Fellowship is providing a unique opportunity for learning to its Fellowship Family starting July 15th. Navigating Racial Equity: Fellowship's 21-Day Journey asks those who are interested and sign up to participate in 21 days of listening and acting, seeking to better understand systematic racism and injustice and how we can act to bring equity and healing to our nation. Those who participate are invited, starting July 15th, to watch, listen to, read or do each day something that helps bring insight into the racial divide in our country. Participants will be provided with resources from which to choose. While interacting with the daily resource, participants will be asked to reflect and journal those reflections in some way. Participants will be invited to share during weekly small group meetings (via Zoom) throughout the journey.

- Those who are interested or who have questions should contact Pastor Kathryn - there is an organizational meeting by Zoom scheduled tomorrow, **Monday, July 13, at 6 pm** for approximately 30 minutes. If you're unable to join the meeting but interested in joining the challenge, please let Pastor Kathryn know.
- The information for the meeting is here:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86799132666?pwd=ZE43SmtaNWxWMEl0ck5RYXpweWFqUT09>
- Meeting ID: 867 9913 2666; Password: 474998
- Dial by your location
 - +1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)
 - +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
 - +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
 - +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
 - +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
 - +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
 - Meeting ID: 867 9913 2666
 - Password: 474998
- **Pastor Kathryn is looking forward to meeting you** - but how does she do that in our current COVID environment? Please head to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044faaa923a6fb6-meet> to select a 30-minute slot to meet so she can pop over (in person or virtually) and get to know you and your family. Do you have questions, need help signing up, or can't make any of those dates? Please contact Martha in the main office and she will be happy to help!
- **Greensboro Urban Ministry Collection Update: Thank you Fellowship Family for your super support!**
 - Gary (Anderson) and I delivered **551.5 pounds** of non-perishable food on Tuesday. Mary O'Neill, the pantry director, thanks our church for support of Urban Ministry. It was more food, than I had expected and the need is becoming greater. Mrs. O'Neill indicated that their special request is still for the following, listed below. Also don't forget regular non-perishable food: Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Fruit, and Peanut Butter. Thanks again team for making this great project happen.
- **Fred Delafield**
 - If you have any questions or would like to help with the **next collection on August 2nd**, please contact Fred at 336-273-9111 or fbrandeau@bellsouth.net.

This Week's Events:

- **July 13, 4:30pm:** Day School Committee via Zoom
- **July 13, 6 pm:** 21-Day Challenge Informational Meeting via Zoom
- **July 14, 11 am:** Congregational Care Committee Meeting via Zoom
- **July 15, 7am:** Men's Faith Exploration Study @ Panera Bread (Lawndale)
- **July 15, 6 pm:** Building and Grounds Committee Meeting via Zoom
- **July 16, 9am:** *Meyler Oil* in the Fellowship Hall
- **July 16, 6:30pm:** Mission Committee via Zoom
- **July 19, 9:30am:** Worship Livestream on Facebook Live & Zoom

Worship and Building Use Update - June 25, 2020

Part 1: Worship

With the Fellowship Family's health in mind, in conjunction with the CDC, World Health Organization, and Gov. Roy Cooper's office, the Session decided that virtual worship will continue through the current streaming platforms through at least the month of July - Session will reevaluate at its July meeting and make its decision on a month-to-month basis. Not only will worship continue to be available through Facebook Live, but will also be streaming through Zoom, should members of the Fellowship Family want to see each other. Please look for log-in information about Zoom below.

Part 2: Building Usage

- **Effective July 6th**, the church will begin opening up for approved meetings with ***groups of ten or less***, with the following requirements:
 - Everyone who comes into the building **MUST** wear a mask
 - Each meeting must be approved by the church office.
- The meeting room and restrooms are the only areas that are available. It is recommended that one person utilize the restroom at a time
- Each meeting must have a **host**, who is responsible for:
 - Preparing the room
 - Asking all attendees the following health questions, which **must** each be answered in the negative:
 - Have you been around anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
 - Do you have a fever or felt feverish in the past 14-21 days?
 - Do you have shortness of breath or other difficulty breathing?
 - Do you have a cough?
 - Are you suffering from other flu-like symptoms such as gastrointestinal upset, headache or fatigue?
 - Have you experienced a recent loss of taste or smell?
 - Have you traveled to any regions affected by COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 - Taking attendees' temperature (*touchless thermometer is available at the front desk with the check-in notebook*)
 - All attendees will complete a sign-in sheet which will be kept in a notebook on the welcome desk outside the Day School Office
 - Explaining the requirements of attendance
 - Cleaning the room after the meeting (*cleaning supplies available in the meeting rooms*)
- Hosts will need to inform attendees that they may bring their own bottled drinks, but they must take the container home with them. No food or drink may be provided.

- The staff of FPC continue to work hard in the office. Should you need to come to the office to speak with any of them, please plan to abide by the same guidelines as for groups, including wearing a mask and signing in at the desk outside of the Day School's office door.
- *Should you have any questions regarding the session's decision, please contact Julie Davis, Clerk of Session, or Pastor Kathryn.*

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