



**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Online Worship for June 28, 2020**

This service is one of two options during the Coronavirus time of physical distancing in which worship is happening only online. At 10:45 a.m. on Sundays we will livestream through ZOOM an informal conversational time of worship like our First Light Worship. You can find the link to that on our website or Facebook page: fpcboise.org or facebook.com/fpcboise

For this service you have the printed bulletin resource to walk you through worship with accompanying YouTube links for pre-recorded video content. We are glad you are “here” with us! Feel free to give us a shout-out to tell us you worshiped by emailing Pastor Andrew at andrew@fpcboise.org and “signing in” for worship.

Prelude *Allegro* from Symphony IV William Boyce

Link - <https://youtu.be/ARsMkvL9RDc>

Welcome

This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Link - <https://youtu.be/LJpjT3oaKEo>

Call to Worship

God calls us by name and gathers us as God’s holy people.
We answer this call by the grace of God.
The triune God reminds us that we live in, and for, each other – a communal people.
Come, let us worship God together.

***Hymn 370** *This Is My Father's World* TERRA BEATA

Link - <https://youtu.be/QepVhUv42CE>

This Is My Father's World 370

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.

Prayer of Confession

God of deep and abiding relationship, how often we stray from the way of you lead us in abundant life. The price of sin is a spiritless life, which is no life at all. Where are joy, peace, or lasting love to be found, except in you - the One who creates justice. You sent your son, your only begotten Son, that we may have life. May we hear his Word, may we follow his way – trusting that you have forgiveness us all that holds us back from you and your world. Lord, have mercy on us... (Silence) Forgive us, O God, and move us to trust, that we may boldly live your grace and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Friends, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves. But to say we are first and foremost sinners goes too far. Our identity rests not in our brokenness but in God's love. Know that, whatever you believe separates you from God, God's love is more than enough to bridge the gap. Jesus died for you, rose for you, lives and reigns in power for you. Jesus is praying for you. The good news of all that is? We are forgiven. You are forgiven. So be at peace.

Link - <https://youtu.be/nyw7r5GrkPw>

Time for Children/Celebration Chapel

Link - <https://youtu.be/WmKn4bQnwH4>

Special Music *Aria in F Major*

G. F. Handel

Link - <https://youtu.be/ymeBSEJ2vhM>

Prayer and Scripture reading: link - <https://youtu.be/48wi7j6uP04>

Prayer for Illumination

Unsettling Word, life-giving Word, sanctifying Word, come to us as ones who crave water in the desert. Grant that we may hear and respond to you, that we may form our lives by the Word made flesh among us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Listen to the Word

Psalm 13

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken. But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

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

Reflection on the Word and Life

Link - <https://youtu.be/BqT'Ti2RkkhM>

“La-venting”

The Psalms are one of those areas we do not preach from that often. I’m not qualified to actually say what that is that prevents us, but I imagine part of it is the vulnerability that the Psalms invite. They are an emotional and raw look in our inner lives with God... and the average preacher would prefer some good didactic discourse, or a narrative story that we can draw out with a good punchline. Within the song book of the Bible (the Psalms) its even more rare to spend time with the Psalms of Lament which give heartrending witness to our frustration, pain, and despair. Our despair with the world... and our despair with God. The Psalms of Lament are not the dog-eared pages of our Bibles... and that is a major loss to all of us. We need what they provide. We need to acknowledge our pain, our loss, our heartbreak, our frustration – and we need to know that nothing is off-limits, even voicing our disappointment with God.

The cathartic power of lament has another obstacle. Good will. So often when we hear the lament of our neighbor, we imagine they want us to fix the problem. We rush in like good Samaritans there to save the day: the White Knight for the world. But its rare the lamenting person is really looking for your solutions... and they will most likely chaff at the idea that they are a problem to be solved. We have got to get over our impulse to be problem solvers... and rather be those who can hear the pain of our neighbor, validate it, and honor it... and sit in it... without solving anything.

This is one of the things I love about the end of the movie Moana... when it turns out the evil lava demon (Te Ka) is actually the hurt and in pain goddess Te Fiti that Moana has been trying to save the whole time. The story reminds us that our pain makes us strike out at everyone... and the healing we need is the person willing to enter our pain and acknowledge it alongside us. Moana does that in song – like the Psalmist – as she sings,

“I have crossed the horizon to find you
I know your name
They have stolen the heart from inside you
But this does not define you
This is not who you are
You know who you are.”

God knows who we are as well... and God yearns to provide a space of lament for us that we may express the pain that is coming to define us... that God may honor our hurt, and sit with us as we travel through it, and beyond it... to a place of healing and wholeness.

God knows who you are; You know who you are. Do not let your unacknowledged, unfelt, unheard pain define you. Unburden yourself – that you may be set free. And be a gift of unburdening love and listening to your neighbor without solving them... that they too may be free.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

***Affirmation of Faith** (adapted from the Brief Statement of Faith)

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

***Doxology** (Tune: Old Hundredth, Hymn 607)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

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Prayers of the Community

Link - <https://youtu.be/4P10y4vJwDg>

The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

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.

***Hymn 634 To God Be the Glory TO GOD BE THE GLORY**

Link - <https://youtu.be/gnnBRYWg9HI>

***Charge and Benediction**

Link - <https://youtu.be/a3tIH23t1aw>

Postlude

Link - <https://youtu.be/vg3FrDnO1Po>

Leading Worship

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kukla
Ryan Dye, Minister of Music

ADORATION

634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.