



Toll free conference call number (844) 855-4444, access code 654132#

Worship will also be connected through Facebook Live

Worship, August 14, 2022, 11:15 am

+Stand as you are able

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Music

+Call to Worship

L: God of creation, You brought life to all that we see. You set the boundaries of the universe and placed us within its care.

P: Creator God, breathe life into Your creation

L: Holy Spirit, You bind Your children together in community. Your bonds transcend borders created by humankind. You kindle the fire within us that stirs our passion for faith, justice, and reconciliation.

P: Spirit God, inspire us to reconcile

L: Jesus the Christ, You came to teach and to lead. You showed us the cost of discipleship when You stood up against the powers of the world, and they tried to suppress Your truth by sentencing You to death. Your life was more powerful than death and Your truth lives on in us.

P: Jesus the Christ, help us reflect Your light of truth and peace

Let us pray: **Gracious God, you have called us to know our place in the great cloud of witnesses. You have called us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us. You have called us to worship as those who put their trust in Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Accept our worship and prayers today, as we pray in the way that Jesus the Christ taught us, saying: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.***

+Hymn *Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show (481)*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, We know You to be generous and full of compassion but in our anxiety we have stumbled and lost our way. When called to be a voice for the voiceless we have been silent.

When challenged to fight for justice we have turned away. When co-opted to the work of breaking down barriers we have been quick to judge and slow to welcome. Forgive all the moments when we have neglected to seek out Your will and to follow it. Grant us the courage to be Your faithful people that Your compassion may flow through us to heal a broken world.

(Moment of silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

L: God would have us be honest in all things. To cry out when we are in pain, to seek guidance when we are lost, and to trust in God's strength when we are afraid. Give thanks that we are reconciled to God and free to be the people that God would have us be.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response of Praise *O Lord, Hear My Prayer (2x)*

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call, answer me,
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me.*

Passing of the Peace**Hearing the Word****Prayer for Illumination**

**May our hearts be filled with your word, O Lord, that we may embody your word in the world.
Amen.**

Scripture Reading Hebrews 11:29-12:2 ²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

¹²Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hymn *How Firm a Foundation (361)*

Gospel Reading Luke 12:49-56 ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed (ecumenical)* Presbyterian Hymnal, pp 14

Offering Prayer

L: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,

P: The world, and those who live in it.

L: Heaven and earth are yours, O Lord,

P: and of your own we give you.

L: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; in the way of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 25). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Response of Praise (v.1 only)

SERVICE MUSIC

582 **Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me.
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

**Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People**

Taking the Word into the World

+Song *Guide My Feet (354)*

+Charge and Benediction

Hymns

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

Praise the Lord, God's glories show, alleluia! Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!
Angels round the throne above, Alleluia! All that see and share God's love, Alleluia!

Earth to heaven and heaven to earth, Alleluia! Tell the wonders, sing God's worth, Alleluia!
Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia! Praise God, praise for evermore! Alleluia!

Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia! Praise with providence and grace, Alleluia!
All that God for us has done, Alleluia! All God sends us through the son, Alleluia!

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow.
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

Guide My Feet

Guide my feet, while I run this race (3x)
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

Hold my hand, while I run this race (3x)
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

Stand by me, while I run this race (3x)
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

I'm your child, while I run this race (3x)
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

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Scriptures for Sunday, August 21

Jeremiah 1:4–10
Psalm 71:1–6
Hebrews 12:18–29
Luke 13:10–17

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Betty Murphy
Ruth Roeber
The McDermott family
Johanna Willis
Nita Kleier
Jean Jennings' family
Emille Walden
Kelly Montana
Lynda Jaeger
Kittie Dupps
Skip Dixon & Family
Ron Carlin
Ella Grace Marksberry

Worship Services

Join us for in person services at our new location at 710 Western Reserve Rd., Crescent Springs, KY. You can also worship with us online via Facebook Live, or by joining the conference call. Worship services begin at 11:15 am.

"Mysteries of the Universe" Study

Join us Mondays at 9 pm via Zoom for the "Mysteries of the Universe" study. Contact Rev. Sharon for details.

Ice Cream Social

Our August "Joint Worship" with Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church will be on Sunday, August 28 in the COF space, and will feature an ice cream social. Anyone interested in helping plan the event or make ice cream should let Rev. Sharon know!

Donations for Johanna Willis & RideCincinnati

On Sept 17, 2022, Johanna Willis will be participating in RideCincinnati, a bike ride to raise money for cancer research. She has registered to ride 50 miles and is required to raise \$750 additional dollars, beside the \$100 registration fee. All donations are recorded online. To donate, please go to: <https://ridecincinnati.org/rider/2241>. Please, prayerfully consider donating.