

**The Service of Worship**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter / Youth Sunday**  
**“Faith Through the Setback and Comeback”**  
**May 16, 2021**  
**8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

**Energizer**

*On Top of the World*

Mady Dilday, Carson Fraley, Caroline Ogle

**Time of Quiet Meditation**

Gigi Rudolph

**Prelude**

*Blessed Assurance*

Mac McCall, piano  
arr. Phoebe Palmer Knapp

**Processional**

*My Lighthouse*

**Greetings and Welcome**

Wade Jarman

**Concerns and Celebrations**

Ivy Bowers

**Call to Worship**

Stewart Hardee

If God is for us, who is against us?

**He who gave us his son,  
now gives us the Spirit in power!**

The Holy One is in our midst:

**Equipping us for life in the service of Christ.**

In Christ we are more than conquerors,

**for nothing in creation can separate us from the love of God!**

**Hymn**

*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

Anna Rushing, soloist  
arr. C. Tomlin, L. Giglio

Amazing grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost but now I'm found

Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear

And grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed

Chorus:

My chains are gone I've been set free

My God my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy rains

Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me

His word my hope secures

He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

**Call to Confession**

Anna Faulkner

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**Prayer of Confession**

Seth Hardee

**Almighty God, you love us, but we do not love you fully. You call, but we do not always listen. We often walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We often condone evil, hatred, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

**Period of Silent Prayer**

Sam Vinson

**Assurance of Pardon**

Keller Fraley

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
**We can declare with confidence: we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

**Sung Response**

*Lord, Prepare Me*

SANCTUARY

Sam Adams, Seth Hardee, Anna Rushing, vocal ensemble  
Jack Leissner, guitar

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

**Word and Wonder**

Elizabeth Money, Maya Swaggerty

**Scripture Lesson**

**Deuteronomy 31:1-8**

Duncan Robertson

When Moses had finished speaking all these words to all Israel, he said to them: 'I am now a hundred and twenty years old. I am no longer able to get about, and the LORD has told me, "You shall not cross over this Jordan." The LORD your God himself will cross over before you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua also will cross over before you, as the LORD promised. The LORD will do to them as he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when he destroyed them. The LORD will give them over to you and you shall deal with them in full accord with the command that I have given to you. Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the LORD your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you.'

Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel: 'Be strong and bold, for you are the one who will go with this people into the land that the LORD has sworn to their ancestors to give them; and you will put them in possession of it. It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.'

**Meditation**

Aidan Wood

**Liturgical Dance**

*The Truth I'm Standing On*

Camryn Dilday

Leanna Crawford

**Scripture Lesson**

**Romans 8:31-39**

Caroline Ogle

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Meditation**

Lucy Ogle

**A Service of Confirmation (11:00)**

*(see Confirmation booklet)*

*Confirmand: Lake Williams*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles' Creed (ecumenical)*

Mady Dilday

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

Charlie Robertson

**The Lord's Prayer**

Hallie Faulkner

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (8:30)**

Youth Elders: Lucy Ogle, Sam Adams, Keller Fraley

**Invitation to Offering**

Matthew Rushing

**Offertory Music**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Thomas A. Dorsey

Ben Swaggerty, trombone

**Prayer of Dedication**

Ben Swaggerty

## Hymn

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM (Schutte)

Sam Adams, Seth Hardee, Anna Rushing, vocal ensemble

I I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
(Refrain)

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
(Refrain)

## Benediction

High School Seniors

## Postlude

*Awesome God*

AWESOME GOD

## Worship Leaders

FPC Youth Members  
Brian Dilday, Director of Youth  
Karen Ware Jackson, Senior Co-Pastor  
Rob Jackson, Senior Co-Pastor  
Amanda Hines, Associate Pastor  
Karrie Rushing, Director of Music  
Brad Collier, Organist

Sound Technicians: Alec Fortune, Charles Humbles

AV Coordinator: Rob Ables

AV Team: Carson Fraley, Keller Fraley, Todd Fraley, Colton Money, Eric Money, Anna Rushing,  
Matthew Rushing

We would like to thank our parents and all of you who have supported the youth for being here to share in worship today. Special thanks to our Youth Director, Brian Dilday, our youth advisors, John Ogle, Matthew Chappell, Katie & Henry Treviño, and Benjamin Prosser and our youth interns, Kayce Dilday and Ella Clark for helping plan this service, and Brad Collier and Karrie Rushing for helping with the music. Thank you to Emily Coffman and Greg Steele for teaching our Senior High Sunday School class this year.

*In lieu of sanctuary flowers, a donation has been made to the music ministry of First Presbyterian Church.*

## Reminder of Covid Protocols

As many of us return to in-person worship for the first time since the pandemic began, we are excited to be together! However, it's important that we all continue to protect each other and maintain the Covid-19 protocols put in place by the session. Important guidelines pertaining to worship are as follows:

- Please register your attendance using the notebook in the Welcome Center
- Wear a mask that covers both your mouth and nose at all times
- Maintain a distance of 6' between family units
- Congregational singing is suspended indoors
- Please dispose of your communion cup after the service in the waste basket in the narthex on your way out.

We know that these practices are not ideal, but we also know that they are in place so that we may care for our neighbor to the fullest extent we are able.

## Our Congregation in Ministry

**Mayfest:** The Mayfest Yard Sale will be held September 18 and our Live Auction will be October 15 at Brook Valley Country Club. The Mayfest Golf Tournament is set for August 19 at Ironwood Country Club. We are in need of a coordinator/chair for the Golf Tournament. If interested, contact Kristie Wooten at 252-341-9356. We are not accepting yard sale donations at this time due to lack of space in our storage containers.

**VBS:** Anyone who would like to volunteer for Vacation Bible School, please attend a brief mandatory meeting on Sunday, May 23, 4:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall. VBS will be June 7-10, 9am-12noon. Contact Caroline Whaley with questions, 252-341-7199.

**Presbyterian Women:** Circle 3 will meet May 17, 2pm, in the church parlor.

**Pentecost Sunday:** For Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd, we are seeking people who are comfortable reading a simple text in any other language for a group participation in the service. Please contact Karrie Rushing, Director of Music, as soon as possible if you can help, [karrie@fpcgreenville.org](mailto:karrie@fpcgreenville.org) or 919-219-1166.

**Outdoor Hymn Sing:** Our outdoor hymn-sing on Easter Sunday was such a hit, we've had several requests to do it again! Join us in the 14th Street parking lot at 10am Sunday, June 6 (between services) to sing some of our favorite hymns. Questions? Have a request? Contact Karrie Rushing ([karrie@fpcgreenville.org](mailto:karrie@fpcgreenville.org)).

## **Our Congregation Cares**

**Please lift in prayer:**

### **Church Family**

Jim & Rebecca Bolduc, Dee Chaffee, Louise Congleton, Alan Crandall, Billie Fansler, Rudy Ferreira, Kirby Fuller, Spencer Hill, Stone Hite, Dorothy McGirt, Peggy & Ron Sessoms, Ron Sessoms, Jr., Gene Shannon, Fred Wood

### **Family and Friends**

Thad Barnum & family (friend of Rudy Ferreira)  
Judy Becton (former member)  
Heather Bojur (friend of Rebecca Bolduc)  
Justin Bolduc, Nikki Bell, Avery & Haven (patient) Bolduc & family  
Wayne Bozeman (friend of Melissa Parks)  
Austin Britt (father of Clay Britt)  
Angie Bullock (friend of Clay & Anita Britt)  
Stacey Cayton (son of Judy & Bill Glidewell)  
Maurice Copeland (brother-in-law of Willie Nelms)  
Kathy Dyson (niece of Betty Bailey)  
Joanna Fornes (mother of Paula Ange)  
George Franchock (brother of Karen Kay)  
Adam Gowl and his family (friends of Kristie & Ron Wooten)  
Jo Ann Isbell (friend of Karrie Rushing)  
Jim Jackson (father of Rob Jackson)  
Aria Jenkins (great-niece of Bill & Alison Lehman)  
Margaret Kadar (grandmother of Jessica Leggett)  
Kimberly Little (daughter of Kathy & Emmett Floyd)  
June Modlin (aunt of Ann Tess)  
Ollie Mae Moore (mother of Anita Britt)  
Sheila North (sister of Melissa Nasea)  
David & Rae Pate (friends of Heather Feather)  
Jennifer Finch Privott (step-daughter of Ellen Finch)  
Charles & Ellen Ross (friends of Dawn Flye)  
Sarah Stanley (niece of Craig Stanley)  
Linda Thompson (cousin of Melissa Nasea)  
George Tutino (husband of Pat Tutino)

Military personnel and families;  
our national, state and local leaders and people called our enemies.

**In Memoriam**  
**Janice Rhem O'Rear**  
**June 30, 1935 - May 8, 2021**

Jesus said... *"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live."* John 11:25

The church extends heartfelt sympathy and prayers to her son, Chip, grandson, Will, and family and friends. Memorials may be made to FPC, 1400 South Elm Street, Greenville, NC 27858, (designated for Mayfest for Missions). A service will be held Friday, May 14, 1:00pm at First Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 12-1pm at the church.