

## Benediction

## Postlude

*Amazing Grace*

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*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude or you may exit the pew when directed by the ushers.*

**If you have not already done so, please place your offering in the marked basket nearest the exit you use. We look forward to seeing you again next week.**

A special thank you to our ushers!

Organist: Vance Harper Jones

Quartet: Betsy Conzelman, Bill Harris, Pat K. Rowlett, David Taylor



*“Celebration of Peter with keys and rooster,” 2006, from a Holy Week procession in Ivisan, Philippines, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN*

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1817

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Building Community ▪ Transforming Lives ▪ Engaging the World

*Trusting that God’s grace embraces and makes covenant with all believers, First Presbyterian Church intends to be an inclusive place of spiritual growth for all people. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of age, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic or racial identity, economic or educational status, or political affiliation*

# Order of Worship

23 August 2020

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## Prayer of Preparation

*O God, we thank you that Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ. Confession continues as a means of our faith being passed from one generation to another. Confession occurs during our baptism, and when we gather around the Lord's Table. Confession is our source of instruction, renewal, and commitment, and it provides a solid foundation for our faith. Lord, touch our hearts with your love as we confess Jesus as the Christ. Amen.*

## Welcome and Chiming of the Trinity

**Prelude**      *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*      Broughton

**\*Call to Worship**      based on Psalm 124

Our help is in the name of the Lord our God.

**The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Our Savior hears us and comes to our aid in times of need.

**The Almighty gives us courage to do what we know is right.**

Our God invites us to turn away from the influences of the world as we confess God alone as our Lord. Together let us pray:

**We give you all praise, O God of salvation. We come with devotion to you, O Christ our redeemer. We honor you, O Holy Spirit, our source of encouragement. We confess one God who sustains us with love, hope, and peace.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, let us worship God.

**Quartet**      *My Hope is Built*      Mote/Bradbury

## Prayer of Confession

**O God of our baptism forgive us for allowing your living water to be fouled. At times we blame you for all our troubles, and we cast upon you the waste in our lives. Our wants are insatiable through misuse of your mercy. We seek your good graces with unending requests. We let the waters of our baptism become barren and stagnant; new life cannot flourish when we do not do your will. Cleanse us through Christ, in**

**whose name we confess our sin, and bathe us with mercy to give us fresh hope to be light bearers in a darkened world. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

## Assurance of Pardon

### Summary of the Law

**“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”      Matthew 22:37-39**

## Prayer of Illumination

**Lesson**      Matthew 16:13-20  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**      *Claiming Our Piece of the Rock*      The Rev. Bellis

**\*Affirmation of Faith**      The Scots Confession Ch. 1

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom alone we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by (God's) inscrutable providence for such end as (God's) eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of (God's) own glory. Amen.**

**Quartet**      *We Are One in Christ Jesus*      Parker/Blycker

## Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

## Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer