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# First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

Rev. John F. Koerner

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Ten Forty-Five



Jesus Sends Out His Disciples

9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude

“Father, I Adore You”

*Arr by Bock*

Welcome

\*The Peace (John 20:19,21,26)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Announcements

Introit

“I Can Only Imagine”

*Jennifer Wetzel*

Call to Worship

Psalm 17:6-7

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God:

**Incline your ear to me, hear my words.**

Wondrously show your steadfast love,

**O savior of those who seek refuge**

**from their adversaries at your right hand.**

\* Hymn

“To God Be the Glory”

*To God Be the Glory*

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his son,

Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,*

*And give him the glory: great things he hath done!*

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer, and higher, and greater will be

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain.*

\*Call to Confession

God is faithful and just. As we confess our sins, so are we also forgiven.

As we are forgiven, so are we transformed.

As we are transformed, so are we bound together in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

\*Prayer of Confession

**In all humility we come to you, O Lord, for you know how many times we have failed you and hurt your loving heart. Forgive us our sins: the wrong things we have done and the right things we have not done. Remold us in your image, we pray, and help us to serve you with our whole being. In Christ’s name. Amen**

\*Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:10

Once you were no people but now you are God's people;  
Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.  
**Glory to God! Amen!**

\*Congregational Response - "Gloria Patri"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn "Jesus Loves the Little Children" *Jeanne Harris*

Children of the Church

Prayer for Illumination(in unison)

**How can we hear you speaking, O Lord, when the vessel of our heart is overflowing with worries and distractions? Quiet us and settle us, we pray. Empty out the vessels of our hearts and set the busyness of our lives aside so that we may have room in which to receive you. Speak to us in your Word, and move us to obey you. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson Genesis 25:19-34

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Lesson Acts 15:22-41

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Barnabas - The Day the Music Died" *Rev. John F. Koerner*

*I am a child of God. I believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.  
I believe he has the power to change my life and your life.*

Piano Interlude - *Silent prayer and reflection*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* The Apostle's Creed

\* Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *Nettleton*

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Prayers of the People

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering - electronic gifts may be made though our website [www.clarksburgfpc.org](http://www.clarksburgfpc.org)

Offertory "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" *Arr by Hayes*

\* The Doxology

\* Prayer of Dedication

SEALING THE WORD: THE HOLY MEAL

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, you speak to us in silence, yet all languages interpret you. . .

. . . that in sharing them, we may discern your presence which becomes our life.

**Holy, Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

We remember and give you thanks . . .

. . . Therefore we rejoice to proclaim:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, as bread that was scattered on the hillside . . .

. . . we pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**Our Father who art in heaven,**

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

**O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.**

**Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works,**

**a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.**

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* Hymn

“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more, And the Morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair: When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore, And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

*When the roll is called up yonder, When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder, When the roll is called up yonder,  
I'll be there.*

On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise, And the glory of his resurrection share; When his chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies, And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.  
*Refrain*

Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun, Let us Talk of all his wondrous love and care; Then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done, And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.  
*Refrain*

\* Benediction

\* Congregational Response “First Song of Isaiah” (chorus only) 2x

**Surely it is God who saves me;**

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

**For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.**

\* Organ Postlude

“The Solid Rock”

*Arr by Hayes*

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Liturgists.....The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church  
 Officiant and Preacher.....Rev. John F. Koerner  
 Worship Leader.....Andrea Myerberg  
 Minister of Music.....Jeanne Harris  
 Organist.....Dr. Mary Kay Devono  
 Parish Associate.....Rev. Charla Waters Koerner  
 Parish Associate.....Rev. James A. Harris

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CHURCH NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**August 2 , 2020**

The flowers in the reredos are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Rev. James A. Harris' 77<sup>th</sup> birthday. He has been a blessing to many folks throughout the years and, we wish him many more. God bless you, James.  
 With love and affection, Jeanne

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**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, August 2**

Holy Communion

The service will be broadcast on the radio on 104.9 FM & 750 AM  
 and it can also be viewed and heard at  
<https://www.facebook.com/fpcclarksburg/>

**Monday, August 3rd**

Prayer Group 10:00 A.M.

**Wednesday, August 5th**

Bible Study 3:30 P.M.

Board of Pensions presentation 6:30 P.M.

**NURTURING FAITH**

**Matthew 14:13-21 tells the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 with just five loaves of bread and two fish, all because he saw the need of the many and felt compassion. What are the needs of those around you? How can you help? Volunteering at a local soup kitchen, donating to a food bank, giving a homeless person a meal – how can you show compassion?**

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FLOWERS-I have openings for flowers for the reredos. Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, Aug 16<sup>th</sup>, and Aug 30<sup>th</sup>.

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**From Terra:** Our first gathering of "S'More of God's Love" will be Wednesday, August 5, 6:30-7:45. It will be held outside in the green space or the parking lot depending on how many are attending. We will listen to and discuss a Bible story, make a craft and have s'mores.

Please comment on the youth group Facebook page or send me a message if you are able to make it and how many. This will make sure I have enough prepackaged s'mores and crafts for everyone to make.

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**SPECIAL CONCERNS-** Please let us know if anyone needs to be added or removed from the Special Concerns / Prayer List. The prayer chain operates every day. Just let Pastor John or Harriett Northey know if there is a concern.

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The family of Lawrence P. Woods would like to express their gratitude for the food, love, and support of the members of the church during the illness and death of their father.