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# First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

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Rev. John F. Koerner

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July 5, 2020



Ten Forty-Five

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude  
Welcome

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

*Arr by Carter*

\* The Peace

Since Christ has extended to us the peace of God, let us, as his disciples,  
spread his peace to others. The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Introit- trio- “Learning to Lean” *Suzi Heger James Harris, Jeanne Harris*

*Please join us in singing the chorus:*

Learning to lean, learning to lean, I’m learning to lean on Jesus.  
Finding more power than I ever dreamed, I’m learning to lean on Jesus.

Announcements and Friendship Register

*please fill out the attendance card in the bulletin*

Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

Lord, you have called us and we are yours.

**Thank you for the freedom we enjoy in this great country.**

**Thank you that we can come to worship you without fear of persecution.**

Continue to bless us and keep us, O God.

**Turn our hearts and our nation to you and you alone.**

\*Hymn

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

*America*

My country, ‘tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died, Land of the  
Pilgrims’ pride, From every mountainside Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, Land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and  
Templed hills; My heart with reapture thrills Like that above.

Let Music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom’s song; Let mortal tongues awake, let all that  
breathe partake, let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.

Our fathers’ God, to Three, Author of liberty,  
To thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With freedom’s  
Holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.

\* Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us,” the Bible says.  
“But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and  
cleans us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:8-9) In humility and hope, let us confess  
our sin to God.

\* Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that far too often we do not want a savior who is a king. We would prefer Jesus to be subject to us, rather than the other way around. We are not keen for a redeemer who has any claims on us and certainly not one who makes demands of us. We have our own plans and agendas, after all. We are happy for Jesus to rubberstamp them for us, but a savior who is a king to whom we owe allegiance and obedience? No thanks. Forgive our foolishness, O God! Forgive our arrogance and selfishness. We know that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from you, but we are forgetful, rebellious and stubborn. Thank you for not giving up on us. We ask for forgiveness and restoration, not because of anything we have or have not done, but only for the sake of Christ the King. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

Through the crucified body and blood of Christ the King, we have been given a pardon from God. "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:13-14).

**Praise be to God! Amen!**

\* Congregational Response "Gloria Patri"

Special Music "The Statue of Liberty" *Jeanne Harris*

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn #304 "Jesus Loves Me" (verse 1) *Jesus Loves Me*

Children of the Church *Jeanne Harris*

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Let us pray together.

**Almighty God unto whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may receive your word and worthily praise your holy name. Through**

**Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 12:1-9

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson

Acts 9:1-19

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Ananias the Forgotten Hero"

Rev. John F. Koerner

Apostle's Creed

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* Hymn

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

*Materna CMD*

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self control, Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee  
And crown they good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!

Prayers of the People

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering  
Offertory

“America the Beautiful”

*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. . .  
. . . blessing of your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, 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 . . .

. . . With the confidence of the children of God, we pray together the prayer that Jesus  
taught us:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

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 “God Bless America” *Materna CMD*

God bless America Land that I love  
Stand beside her And guide her  
Through the night with the light from above

From the mountains To the prairies  
To the oceans White with foam  
God bless America My home sweet home

\*Charge and 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.**

\* Postlude “America the Beautiful” *Arr by Koury*

Endnotes

- 1. Downloaded from Homiletics.com 6-29-2020.

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

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**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, July 5**

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/>  
Holy Communion will be celebrated

**Monday, July 6**


Prayer Group by Zoom 10:00 A.M.

**Wednesday, July 8**

Bible Study w/ Zoom option 3:30 p.m.

**Sunday, July 12**  
Evangelism Fellowship meeting after church

**Church News and Announcements**  
**July 5, 2020**



*Holy Spirit, show each of us gathered here someone who needs a friendly word, a kind smile, a gentle touch; may we share your love with all we meet. Amen.*

“If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life.”  
—Author unknown


**Nurturing Faith**

July 5: Read Psalm 145:8-14

In the Psalm for today, the Psalmist expounds on some wonderful aspects of God. They continue on, and tell us of how creation does its’ part to show the world God’s glory. God’s Kingdom endures, and God is faithful. How are you showing the world the God that has given you eternity?

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**COME SHARE YOUR MUSIC TALENTS WITH OTHERS!**



that Jeanne Harris is seeking volunteers to do special music (solos, duets, trios, or instrumental) for our morning worship services. If anyone is interested and are confident about coming into the church, please let her know. You can reach her at 304-669-9191 (Cell) or 304-624-6445 (Work). We can meet to practice at 10:00 on Sunday mornings and then schedule your dates.

FLOWERS-I have openings for flowers for the reredos. July 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>.

**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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We are still accepting old pill bottles to be sent to third world countries and reused. You can drop them off at the church or at Judy McQuaid's house , 414 Broadway Ave., Clarksburg. A big thank you to Judy for sending these for us!

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If you have changes of address, phone number or email address, please send them to me at [CburgFPCSecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:CburgFPCSecretary@yahoo.com).

**FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY**

CANYON COMMUNITY CHURCH, MORGANTOWN  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, COLCORD  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FAIRMONT

**SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES:**

Roberta Davis, Sara Graham, & Amy Garrett

***FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILIES:***

HARDMAN, Robert and Janice; HARPER, Scott; HARRIS, Jeanne, James; HARRIS, Terri, Errick, Quentin, Kierra, Amelia; HEGER,Suzi; HOLT, Doris; KAULL, Jack and Missie; KELLER, Isabella and Avery; KELLER, Zachary; KENNEDY, Larry and Tammy; KING, Evans "Buddy"; KOERNER, John, Charla; KUHENS, Lance; LAFFERTY, Nanette, Bill, Maddison and Landen; LANGLEY, Earl and Kathy; LAWRENCE, Hank and Kathy; LAWRENCE, Parker

**FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS:**

ADKINS, Charles	LYNCH, Jerry	ROGERS, Joey
ARNOLD, Sarah	McCLEAN, Nora	SAUNDERS, Susie
COX, Eddie	MICHOME, John	SHIFFRA, Everett
COX, Jeremy	MICK, Jillian	SIMMONS, Melanie
CUNNINGHAM, Debbie	MOORE, Bob & Mary (aunt of Sandi Nuzum)	
FOWLER,Angie	NARDONE, Nickolas	SMITH, Bonnie
GRIFFIN, Carol Lee	OLDAKER, Kenneth	SMITH, Chuck
GUMP, Yvonne	OLDAKER, Wilma	SMITH, Donna

HARDMAN, Derek  
HARDMAN, Bob & Janice  
HOOD, Robbie  
LINTON, Doug

ORR, Susan (Carole's sister)  
PACK, Amy  
PITZER, Donna  
PLYBON, Jo

TYSON, Karen  
WAMSLEY, John  
WETZEL, Jennifer