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*Open doors, open hearts, a welcome for all just as you are!*

**August 7, 2022**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME** Rev. Pat Reid

*Masks are now optional in worship,* ***except when singing hymns*** *– at that time you are asked to put a mask on. Thank you.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 50:1-2

The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

**The earth declares God’s beauty.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**God’s word shines forth in glory.**

Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN #403** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* V. 1&2

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, sometimes we are not careful in the way we live. We act without wisdom, allow selfishness to rule our way, and tread upon your creation with a heavy footstep. Forgive us when we are wasteful and encourage us to be faithful stewards of all that you have given to us. In our longing for a faithful relationship with you, fill us with your Spirit that we may be made whole. *(Please pause for a moment of silent prayer…amen.)*

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Hear the good news: God’s Spirit fills us anew and in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE #583**  *Glory to God*

**TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN**  Nan Kaylor

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Children: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Brenda McKinney

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Isaiah 6:8 and Luke 5:1-11

**SERMON** “Called to be Disciples”

**\*AFFIRMATION OF** **FAITH**  *Iona Abbey Worship*

We believe and trust in God who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus – the Word made flesh – to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the power of the Spirit. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect for creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and hope. In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Invitation– All are welcome at this 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.**

Spoken Response

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. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer After Communion

God of abundance, with the bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world. Amen.

**THE OFFERING**

**\*Doxology #606**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

As we seek to live faithfully, we offer these gifts to you, O God. May the work of this church be blessed for your service and used in praise of you. Amen.

**\*HYMN #764** *For the Troubles and the Sufferings* V. 1&2

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE #539** *We Will Go Out with Joy* V.1

**\*POSTLUDE**

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\*Please rise in body or in spirit

**A warm welcome to all this morning!** If you are visiting a special welcome to you! We hope you find the worship service to be a blessing. We invite you to fill out the visitor card located in the pew racks and place it in the offering box. We would love to get better acquainted, and we invite your participation in the worship, fellowship and mission of this church.

**Our service is a little bit different** as we worship during these days of pandemic, seeking to love our neighbor by keeping one another safe. The service is shorter in length, and we are taking precautions.We are not passing the friendship pad but if you wish to connect with the pastor please email Janet at [jdewater@fpcmountholly.com](about:blank) or call/email Shannon in the church office: 704-827-0521, [sfish@fpcmountholly.com](about:blank)

**Children are always welcome in worship, wiggles, giggles and all!** We value their presence with us as we worship God, knowing that this is how they experience the loving community of Christ and how they learn to worship. We now have a **“Worship and Play”** room available downstairs for children and their parents where we are streaming the service and toys are available for those who need a more active space during the service.

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receiving the offering for our church and ministry at the box at the

rear of the sanctuary. There is also a Paypal option available on the

church website fpcmountholly.com or through the provided QR Code.

**Welcome!**

It is our pleasure to welcome the Rev. Pat Reid to our pulpit this morning. Pat most recently served the Third Street Presbyterian Church in Gastonia and currently is very busy as she enjoys retirement!

**School Supplies**

We will receive our annual offering of school supplies during worship **Next Sunday, August 14**. Needed items are: zippered pencil boxes, dry erase markers, student scissors, highlighters, elastic waistband pants all sizes, one rule notebooks, Velcro white adhesive dots, fat pencils, fat crayons, zip ties, two pocket folder with prongs.

**We will also have a blessing of the Backpacks that day – kids, bring yours to worship!**

**Farmers Market Food Boxes – Aug. 27**

If you would like to volunteer to fill food boxes for the needy on Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Farmers Market at 9:15 please let Janet know via email: [jdewater@fpcmountholly.com](mailto:jdewater@fpcmountholly.com) or leave a voice mail on the church phone 704-827-0521.

**Office Hours**

Office hours are not on a regular schedule at this time. Please call before coming to church to be sure someone is here to let you in.

**Notice of Live Streaming**

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