

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 12, 2020 | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 11:00 a.m. | Fayetteville, N.C.

PRELUDE

"Highland Cathedral"
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organist

arr. Charles Callahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's seeds of love and hope have been cast upon us.

People: **May we be fruitful soil for the growth of God's kingdom in this world!**

Leader: Come, let us praise God who is so generous with us.

People: **Let us offer the thanksgiving of our hearts.**

Leader: Hallelujah!

People: **Hallelujah!**

HANDBELL RESPONSE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Mitch Watson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty God, you tell us we are blessed if we don't walk in the steps of the wicked, or stand in the way that sinners take, or sit in the company of mockers. Yet how often we find ourselves walking, standing, or sitting in all the wrong places. God save us from the fruitless ways of self-destruction. Forgive our many sins through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lead us in his life-giving ways.

Produce his good fruit in our lives. Hear now the silent confessions of our hearts.

(Our prayer continues in silence.) **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HANDBELL RESPONSE

"Steal Away"

arr. Bill Ingram

ANTHEM

"Be Still, My Soul"

arr. Gary Lanier

Melissa Cole, soloist; Lauren Holmes, flute solo/Sarah Szopinski, accompanist

MORNING PRAYER

Elder Winnie Grannis

THE LORD'S PRAYER

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Britany Spivey

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

HYMN 171

"A Sower Came from Ancient Hills, vs. 1 & 2"

SEACHRIST

from the "Glory to God" hymnal

Melissa Cole, Cantor

1. A Sower came from ancient hills and cast good seed abroad: his field, ten thousand human hearts; his seed, the word of God. And some who listened would not hear, and some who heard forgot. But some received in fertile soil the truth the Sower taught.

2. A Sower walked throughout the land and, everywhere he trod, he sowed his life because he was himself the Seed of God. But then, atop a barren hill, beneath a darkening sky, they threw God's Seed on stony ground and left it there to die.

SERMON

Good Seed Needs Good Dirt

Dr. Mike Garrett

HYMN 171

"A Sower Came from Ancient Hills, vs. 4"

SEACHRIST

Melissa Cole, Cantor

4. O Christ, you come among us still, the Sower and the Seed. As once you sowed the truth of God in glowing word and deed, implant your Word in waiting hearts, and let it there take hold, until it bears in fruitful lives a harvest hundred fold.

BENEDICTION

HANDBELL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

"Toccata from Symphonie No. 5"

Charles-Marie Widor

Dr. Marcia Mervin, organist

Today's Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harry S. Hooks by his family.

Prayers & Sympathy

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family of Harry S. Hooks who died on Monday, July 6, 2020.

Rosebud

The rosebud on the Communion table is placed in honor of Clara Jane Dunn who was born on July 2, 2020, daughter of Emily and Clark Dunn, and granddaughter of Susan and Tim Dunn.

Pre-Recorded Hymn Sings will begin Sunday, July 19, and will air immediately following worship.

Submit your favorite hymns to marcia@firstprez.com and a duet will be recorded midweek.

Each week's hymn sing will air immediately following the worship on Sundays.

Hymnals may be checked out at the church office so that all may sing along at home.

Feel free to email marcia@firstprez.com with any questions.