



*The Session and members of First Presbyterian Church Fargo extend a sincere welcome to you. We are grateful for your presence today! We welcome all persons regardless of race, nationality, disability, gender or sexual orientation. This includes an open invitation to membership, the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, marriage, funerals, memorial services and to serve as an officer of the church.*

*Everyone is invited for coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Space after worship.*

*We recycle! If you are not taking your bulletin, please drop it in the blue bin at the door as you leave.*

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## **We Gather in Christ**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Redeeming God, you call us to be one with you, as you are one with Christ. As his perfect love casts out our fear, and changes it to love, unite us by your Spirit of peace, that we may be one with you, as you are one with Christ. Amen.

### **PRELUDE**

*Variations on "We Know That Christ is Raised"*

arr. Lovelace

Sally Harmon, organist

**WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH:** The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.

**Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

Sing to God, all peoples of the world. Sing praises to God most high.

**From the sanctuary of heaven, God gives life and renews the face of the earth.**

Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.

**Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

### **\*HYMN 485** *We Know That Christ is Raised*

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.

Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.

Reborn we share with him an Easter life  
as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.

The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.

Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood  
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!

### **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Friends, God not only desires our repentance, but longs to offer us forgiveness. Therefore, cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you eternally.

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name. We are rebellious and weak; we flee before your goodness. Forgive, restore and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ, that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. Amen.**

### **\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, the Spirit of God is resting on you, to restore, support, and strengthen you. Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives and loves you; rise up and give God thanks.

### **\*RESPONSE**

*Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## **The Word**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

Claudia Hansen, Reader

Spirit of Glory, Spirit of God, bless us with a word of life this day to restore, support, and strengthen us as we seek to be one with you. Amen.

### **FIRST READING:** Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates...

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift...

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

May God bless the reading and hearing of this portion of the holy Word.

## **SECOND READING:** John 17:20-26

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

## **SERMON**

### **\*HYMN 418** *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling*

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,

calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,

watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

"Come home, come home!

You who are weary, come home."

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,

calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,

pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,

mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

O for the wonderful love he has promised,

promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,

pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

### **\*PROFESSION OF FAITH:** *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **Responding to the Word**

**OFFERING**



*Use the QR code to access the secure giving portal on our website!*

**OFFERTORY**

*Pastorale on "We Know That Christ is Raised"* arr. Burkhardt  
Sally Harmon, organ

**\*RESPONSE 717** *For the Life That You Have Given*

**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:  
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;  
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **Bearing the Word into the World**

**\*HYMN 8** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,  
and bade its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*We Know That Christ is Raised*

arr. Wood



May 29, 2022

**Covenant Of Prayer:** Jennifer; Hannah; Mary Bohnenblust; Fraser Harrison; those who are experiencing homelessness in our community; our sister congregation in Chogoria, Kenya; and the people of Ukraine.

**Remembering Our Soldiers In Prayer:** Lt. Col. Dan Sundberg has been deployed to Iraq for 9 months. If you have a loved one in the military, please let Pastor Mary know and we'll include his/her name.

**Pentecost Color:** Sunday June 5 is Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the church. We would like to "light up" our worship space with people wearing bright "flame" colors. **Can you help us enhance our worship space by bringing potted or cut flowers that have red, yellow, orange or white blooms?** Please bring them by 10:15 am, as worship begins at 10:30 am, and pick them up to take home again following worship.

**June 5 Congregational Meeting:** Session has called a congregational meeting for June 5, after worship (approx. 11:30) to elect new elders, deacons and an at-large member to the Nominating Committee, and to change Pastor Mary Holtey's terms of call.

**Pentecost Offering:** One of our denomination's four annual offerings will be dedicated on June 5<sup>th</sup> and accepted throughout June. Your donations are used to nurture the faith of those who are the church to come – children, youth and young adults! Forty percent of the offering stays local. This year our portion will be given to the Legacy Children's Foundation, a wonderful local organization that works to help youth receive their high school diplomas. Pentecost Offering envelopes are in the pew racks, Narthex, and Info Kiosk. Thank you for your generosity!

**Nametag Blitz:** Do you have a church nametag? We hope people will wear theirs when Pastor Sarah arrives in July. If you have never had one, you will receive one free. If you need to replace a lost nametag, we ask for a donation of \$10 to cover the cost. The standard nametag will have a magnetic back. If for any reason you would like a nametag with a pin back, please indicate that after your name. Students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and above are welcome to order a nametag.

**Magazine Collection:** This summer, Kayla Bones will be teaching a collaging class at Synod School for the youth. She is in need of magazines and other craft supplies like washi tape, stickers, etc. If you have any of these things at home that you would like to pass along, please drop them off in the office.

**Here We Are Downtown:** The Pilgrimage invites Pilgrims and all interested others to an event of contemplative photography, Wednesday, June 15, 6-8 pm. We will meet at the church. With Kevin Tobosa leading the group, we will spread out to take photos, then bring photos back to the church to share our images and our thoughts with one another over refreshments. Bring cell phones or cameras (no experience necessary and no signup required). Questions can be directed to Mike Wavra ([wavramw@aol.com](mailto:wavramw@aol.com)).

**Summer Office Hours begin:** From Tuesday, May 31 through Labor Day, the church office hours are: Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The office is closed on Fridays.

**Rocky Railway VBS:** The train is taking off on Tuesday, May 31, June 1 & 2. All aboard! A meal is served from 5:30—6:00 pm, followed by the VBS programming from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. It is not too late to hop on board! Choo-choo!

Climb aboard for



**Vacation Bible School**  
May 31 - June 2, 2022

Surprising Adventures Creative Games Incredible Music  
Bible Stories Amazing Experiments Friends

Family Meal - 5:30-6:00 p.m.  
VBS - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.





**Closing the P.O. Box this summer:** Please note that we will be closing our P. O. Box #327 effective June 30th. Due to rising costs and decreased levels of mail, the decision was made to close the P. O. Box and have all mail sent to the physical address. New offering envelope packets have been ordered (for those who use them) with the updated mailing address. When mailing your contributions or correspondence, please remember to use the church's physical address: 650 2nd Ave N, Fargo, ND 58102.

**Pillows! Pillows!** We continue to shower the YWCA shelter with new pillows that each person staying at the shelter gets to keep when they leave. May these women and children always have a safe and soft place to lay their heads at night. You may bring new pillows to the West Coat Room.

**Hearing devices and large print copies of today's hymns** are available, please ask an usher for assistance.

**The Nursery** is not staffed during the summer months. Parents are welcome to use the nursery while supervising their young children. There's a TV monitor in the room so that you are able to watch the service.

**Activity Bags for Children:** Fun-filled tote bags are located at both doors.

**Restrooms:** Restrooms are located in the Gathering Space and on the lower level.

**Prayer Request Cards:** Cards are in pew racks for your use. Prayers will be committed to God along with the other offerings and also lifted up in prayer by the staff.

**Peace Candles:** The candle burning on the chancel symbolizes peace. We ask guests to take a candle back to your church as a gift from us. Peace candles can be found at the Welcome Center, near the west doors.

### FPC Officers

**Session:** Kim Carter, Lisa Edison-Smith, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Bruce Furness, Dick Henderson, Ryan Johnston, Kurt Kooyer, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Scott Swanholt, Paula Thomas, Kevin Tobosa, Becky Trumbo, and Jeff Wilkens.

**Deacons:** Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard, Rick Herberg, Beatrice Janaka, Jane Mathew (moderator), Karen Rivers, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Tight, and Amy Wilkens.

**Treasurer:** Sherri Stern

### Church Staff

Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey-*Head of Staff, Associate Pastor*  
 Sally Harmon-*Music Coordinator & Organist*  
 Bryan Poyzer-*Adult Choir Director*  
 Jan Lundgren-*Business Manager*  
 Penny Andrist-*Children's Ministry Coordinator*  
 Kayla Bones-*Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator*  
 Rick Fiebigger-*Facilities Manager*  
 Drew Brovold-*Custodian*

**Most staff emails are:**  
 (first initial and last name of person)  
 @firstpresfargo.org

**L: Live Stream Option, H: Hybrid, Z: Zoom**  
**Sunday, May 29**

11:30 Fellowship

**Monday, May 30**

Office Closed for Holiday

**Tuesday, May 31**

**Summer Office Hours Begin: 9am –3pm**

9:00 Bulletin Insert Articles Due

1:00 Staff Meeting

5:30 VBS

**Wednesday, June 1**

9:00 Men's Group

5:30 VBS

**Thursday, June 2**

5:30 VBS

**Friday, June 3**

No Church Events

**Saturday, June 4**

No Church Events

**Sunday, June 5: Pentecost Sunday**

10:30 Worship & Communion (L)

11:30 Fellowship

**No June Messenger:** There will not be Messenger published or emailed for the month of June. Watch for news in the insert each Sunday, and for Messengers in July and August.

**Pew Pride:** You are reminded to make sure your hymnals/Bibles are facing outward, friendship pads are stationed near the center aisle, and the **“Welcome the Wiggle/ABC's of Worship” inserts are showing out of the Bibles when you leave your pew.** A minute of your time will greatly help keep our sanctuary looking neat and organized and ready for guests attending weddings here this summer!

**Reminder:** Use the QR code found in the bulletin to access the secure giving portal on our website!

### For Your Information

May 22 Attendance:  
 123 in person;  
 33 households livestreamed  
 Contributions received: \$17,106.00



### Church Information

Office Hours:  
 M-TH, 8:30 am-4:00 pm  
 Phone: 701-293-6311  
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