



**FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

*preach, teach, heal, & serve*

*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.*

**June 23, 2024**

**We Gather in Christ**

**PRELUDE**

*O, For a World* arrs. Alice Jordan/Michael Burkhardt

Sally Harmon, organist

**WELCOME**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

*God of eternity, by the power of your Spirit, speak your Word to us this day, that hearing, we may know your truth and live ever more faithfully for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

**✦ CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

How very good and pleasant it is  
**when sisters and brothers live together in unity!**

It is like the precious oil on the head,  
like the dew that falls on the mountains of Zion.

**Together, let us worship God.**

**✦ HYMN 372**

*O For a World*

O for a world where everyone  
respects each other's ways,  
where love is lived and all is done  
with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared  
and misery relieved,  
where truth is spoken, children spared,  
equality achieved.

We welcome one world family  
and struggle with each choice  
that opens us to unity  
and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich; the weak are strong;  
the foolish ones are wise.

Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,  
who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for  
God's glorious reign of peace,  
where time and tears will be no more,  
and all but love will cease.

### ✧ CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

**Saving God, we confess that our faith is too small, our fear is too great. When we are overwhelmed, we think you do not care enough for us. When life is uncertain and risky, we are not sure we can trust you with our whole hearts. Even when you move among us in powerful ways, we question who you are. Forgive us and calm our fears, we pray. Teach us to trust in your power to save and guide us in every circumstance. Grant us your peace, which is clearly beyond our understanding. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

### ✧ RESPONSE 284

*Holy Spirit, Come to Us*

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us; kin - dle in us the fire of your love.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

### ✧ PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### GIFT OF MUSIC

*Topaz Nocturne*  
Caleb Gadberry, pianist

Dennis Alexander

### The Word

#### SCRIPTURE

*Psalm 9:9-20, pp. 482*

*Mark 4:35-41, pp. 914*

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

#### SERMON

*Why Are We Afraid?*

Elder Bruce Maylath

### ✧ HYMN 720

*Jesus Calls Us*

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth  
saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thy obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.

❖ **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 by 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.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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**

*Thème Varié*

*Cécile Chaminade*

*Caleb Gadberry, pianist*

❖ **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 815**

*Give to the Winds Thy Fears*

Give to the winds thy fears;  
hope, and be undismayed.  
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears;  
God shall lift up thy head.

Through waves and clouds and storms  
God gently clears the way.  
Wait patiently; so shall this night  
soon end in joyous day.

Leave to God's sovereign sway  
to choose and to command.  
So shalt thou, wondering, own God's way,  
how wise, how strong God's hand!

Let us in life, in death,  
thy steadfast truth declare,  
and publish with our final breath  
thy love and guardian care.

✦ **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Give to the Winds Thy Fears*  
Sally Harmon, organist

arr. Gordon Young

*Thank you to Katie and Tom Bigwood for assisting us in worship and to our Welcome Team: Kurt Kooyer, Kathleen Thomas, Donna Rummens, Maria Weller, Gracia Fulwiler, Deb Dawson, and Svetlana Robinson for taking such good care of us this morning.*

*A special thank you to our musicians, Sally Harmon and Caleb Gadberry.*

**Our year round mission collections need your help:**

- **The Emergency Food Pantry** is in need of personal hygiene items, paper products, diapers (larger sizes) and nonperishable food, in particular peanut butter, canned tuna and chicken. Place items in the bin in the west foyer coatroom.
- **Hope Blooms Update:** Due to the stoppage of glass pickup for recycling, Hope Blooms is only accepting jars of 12 oz and less. Place items in the green buckets in the west foyer.

*Thank you and have a blessed summer!!*

**Reminder:** Check out the directory on our website at [www.firstpresfargo.org/publications](http://www.firstpresfargo.org/publications). Also, be sure to like us on Facebook and Instagram!

**For Your Information**

June 16 Attendance: 133  
112 in person  
21 households livestreamed  
Contributions received: \$5,263.00



**Church Information**

Summer Office Hours:  
M-TH, 9:00 am-3:00 pm  
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**Covenant of Prayer:** Fraser Harrison, under the care of hospice.

**Mission Collection for the Summer:** For the next few months, we are collecting sunscreen and mosquito spray to be given to local agencies to hand out to those without shelter, particularly for families with children and for those living by the river. Items may be placed in the green buckets in the west foyer.

