

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin for FPCE Facebook Live at 10am

May 16, 2021

Prelude

God of Grace - Paul Manz

Kim Croft, Organist

Ringing of the Bell

Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome

Steve Torrence

Call to Worship

Psalm 93

One: The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.

All: He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

One: The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

All: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!

One: Your decrees are very sure;

All: Holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Holy God, we will be honest: we're losing patience, we're losing hope and we're losing our grip on faith. We're caught between the selfishness of wanting to do whatever we want without regard for others and wanting to be helpful and generous. Please help us. Help us to lean on you and each other when things get hard. Remind us every day that there is light at the end of the tunnel. We are in such desperate need of your forgiveness. We need to be forgiven for our sin, for our mistakes, for mistaking what the world values with what you value.

Lord, hear our prayer. We want to be saintlike: holy, good, patient, loving. But we are full of failures of morality, selfish, mean. Mercifully, you see us simply as human; beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding. Forgive the wrong that we have done, and the bless the good we have accomplished. Thank you for loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ. Hear us now in this moment of silence.

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. With boldness, let us pray together...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Quartet

1,000 Reasons

Jean Rankin, Tony Tysseling,
Leslie and Rob Sutin
Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture

Matthew 24:29-31; 36-44

Sermon

Salvation in the Time of Covid

Rev. Dean Strong

Hymn

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

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1 "Take up your cross," the Savior said,
"if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me."

2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
and let your foolish heart be still;
the Lord for you accepted death
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's
strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
it guides you to abundant life
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on Ode to Joy - Richard Elliott

Kim Croft, Organist

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The Prayer of Confession was adapted from Beth Merrill Neel.

Announcements

Our guest preacher today is the Rev. Dean Strong. Dean is the Northwest Coast Presbytery Stated Clerk and serves in many capacities within our presbytery. He is an avid baseball fan and often questions Pastor Alan's devotion to the Cubs.

- Join us today for Virtual Coffee at 11:30am. Our Bible Study at noon, led by Steve Hammond, is on Luther: Gospel, Law, and Reformation, by Professor Phillip Carey.

Virtual Coffee (11:30am) and Bible Study (12pm) Link for 2021

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTd09>

Meeting ID: 431 912 4902

Passcode: FPCE21!

- Next Sunday we will be having virtual worship at 10am.
- All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.
- Pastor Alan is on vacation and will be out of the office until May 21.
 - If there is an emergency, then please contact the church office as we do have pastors on-call.
 - Virtual Coffee Hour and Sunday School will continue with Steve Hammond.
 - Lunch with Alan is cancelled on May 18th.
 - Lunch resumes on Tuesday May 25th at noon.

- Thursday Bible Study is cancelled on May 20th.
 - Thursday Bible Study resumes on May 27th at 4pm.

Prayer Updates May 16, 2021

- Update: Taylor, Meghan, and Penny are doing well. Everybody is happy to have her home. Thank You for all the prayers. Pat & Tom Erickson
- We pray for Gary Norris as he is home recovering. We pray for Gary, Dariel and family during this time of seeking God's presence, peace, and healing.
- We pray for Marilee Richard's grandson Cody who is struggling with personal issues. We continue to pray for her daughter Karen who has several health issues.
- We pray for the people in Myanmar, including those Gabe, Jonna, and I met last year, who face risk of violence related to ongoing civil strife. From Steve Hammond.
- Prayers for Juliana Pelhs, daughter of Rosemary Cassady, who works and sees patients in Brazil. COVID is rampant in Brazil and the health care system is strained.
- Steve Ellis, friend of Steve Torrence, who has been diagnosed with stage 2 prostate cancer.
- Prayers for Judy Campbell's son, Robert Henry, has a brain tumor. He was being treated for Meniere's Syndrome and surgery was pending when a MRI revealed the brain tumor. Surgery has been put off while another treatment is being administered.
- Update: Tricia (Meier) Countryman – concerning pulmonary embolism. Multiple tests have not discovered why she is ill. She is transferring her care and tests to Virginia Mason for continued diagnosis. Friend of Annette King
- Prayers for Kathy Hammond, a cancer survivor twice and again diagnosed with cancer, stage 3 from Jan Weakley, friend.
- Update: Prayers for Linda Senter's great-niece Leanne, diagnosed with Berger's Disease. This kidney disease is incurable, but manageable. Treatment is going well, not many side effects with the chemotherapy. Leanne still has to be isolated till at least next June, due to risk of Covid. Leanne and family appreciate your prayers.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and families who have lost loved ones during our time apart:
 - Rev. Ed Coon
 - Merle Kirkley
 - Family of Letty Ownings
 - Family of Prince Schaefer
 - Family of Dr. George Youngstrom
 - Jay Kuhnhenh
 - Peggy Ulvestad
 - Judy Oberg
 - Judy Campbell
 - Jan Weakley
 - Family of Maurine Murray

- Family of Bonnie Brown
- Family of Celia Gordon
- Sam and Rose Capetillo
- Marcia Ricks and family
- Larry O'Donnell
- Matt McCoy, Grandson of Annette King
- Clyde and Judy Pitcher
- Bev Fox
- Hugh Minor
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans
- Cindy Rowlands
- Prayers for Hannah – Carol and Roy Gresham
- Prayers for Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher's daughter
- Prayers for friend and neighbor, Doug, as he battles lung cancer – Tony and Lois Tysseling
- Pray for Terrie and Gregg, friends of the Tysselings
- Bob Salinas, brother of Rose and Sam Capetillo
- Cy Paydar – nephew of Steve and Nancy Torrence

We pray for families affected by dementia and/or Alzheimer's. As with other individuals and families, we pray for successful research, perseverance, a sense of humor, and the Spirit's peace.

- Don and Joan Lyderson
- Suzan, Judy Kutz's sister
- Dale and Janet Good