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Responding to the Word

*Hymn (see insert) Kingsfold

"Unraveled By Uncertainty"

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) The Apostles' Creed I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer for the People and Lord's Prayer Choral Amen 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.

Call to Stewardship

All undesignated cash goes to the Compassion Fund.

Offertory arr. H. Alexander Matthews "Jesus Calls Us"

*Congregational Response Hymn 606 *Old Hundredth* **Doxology**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Hymn 634 To God Be The Glory "To God Be the Glory"

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Choral Response Dale Wood

"Peace I Leave with You"

Sanctuary Choir

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. Amen.

*Peace of Christ
The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

*Closing Voluntary arr. David Cherwien "Postlude on *Laudate Dominum*"

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Step Into the Swell by Lisle Gwynn Garrity



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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

June 23, 2019

10:40 A.M.

Unraveled by Uncertainty

*The congregation is invited to stand as music begins. Additional worshipers may enter as the congregation sings.

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! As we light the Christ Candle, we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world. As we pour the Baptismal Waters in the Font, we recall our baptism and newness of life. As we bring in the Bible, we remember the centrality of the Word. We worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. (Please sign the attendance register, pass it down the pew, and then back so everyone can greet those worshiping near you.)

Gathering Around the Word

Charles Callahan Opening Voluntary "Aria"

Entrance of Baptismal Water, the Christ Light, and the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

God, you are a God of invitation.

You invited Abraham to follow you.

You invited the disciples to drop their nets.

You invited the children to draw near.

You invited Peter to walk on water.

You invited the tax collector to dinner.

You invited the Samaritan woman into eternal life.

Just the same, you invite us to live lives of faith. Give us the strength to say yes.

Let us worship God.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hvmn 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

Foundation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of the wind and sea, you invite us to be brave, but we are more familiar with fear. You invite us to trust you, but we'd rather trust wind and gravity. You invite us to believe in ourselves, but we have never been good at that. You invite us to move—to change and take a risk—but we stay planted where we are, afraid of the ways growth might hurt. Forgive us for our self-doubt and fear. We believe, despite our unbelief....

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn 288 *Congregational Response Living God Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry

"Be Thou My Vision" Irish Folk Song Sanctuary Choir arr. Carlton Young

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word. I ever with Thee and Thou with me. Lord. Thou my Great Father, and I Thy true son. O Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart whatever befall, O still be my vision, Thou ruler of all.

Children's Moment

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Children's Worship

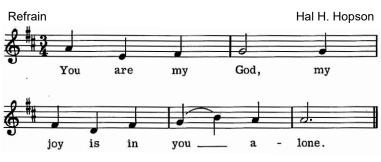
Children up through 5th grade may leave the Sanctuary at this time. Following worship, parents should pick up their child in room 6.

First Reading

Psalm 85:8-13 Pew Bible: Page 543

The Word of God for the People of God Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85: 8-13 Pew Bible Page 543 Cantor: Deb Kaiser



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Second Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

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