

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 2022

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, REGINA

OUR MISSION: Christ calls us to be faithful disciples who strive to be joyful in our worship, tender in our life together, and daring in our outreach.

We acknowledge we worship on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional homeland of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the Métis Nation.

Minister: The Rev. Amanda Currie

Music Director: Will Ireton; Music Scholars: Gabe Omolida, Vynz Hipolito and Grace Podbielski

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Sheila Wilson

Entry of the Written Word

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: As the deer #27

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Holy One, God Most High,
grant us faith to confess our sins
and seek your mercy.
There are barren places in our lives
where we have wandered far from you.
We have listened to voices
who distracted us from your call.
We have submitted to powers
competing for our loyalty to you.
We have not taken the hand you offer
to lead us out of god-forsakenness,
and into your holy ways.
God our Saviour, forgive us.**

**Quench our thirst for you
from the Rock of our salvation,
and let your love well up in us unto eternal life.
Speak tenderly to us of your presence.
Feed us with your word.
Deliver us from evil.
Let us enter into your kingdom;
then send us out to serve you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Ministry of Music: Eternal Life Craig Courtney

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Presentation of Gift Bibles Bette Kelly
Bibles are being presented to students who have finished grade 6 recently. We missed doing this during the pandemic, so we are catching up this year!

Hymn: Still small voice

Prayer for Illumination Linda North

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 42

Sung Response: **As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.**

R As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
**My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.**
When shall I come and behold
the face of God?
**My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me continually,
"Where is your God?"**

R

These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:

**how I went with the throng,
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
**Hope in God; for again I shall praise,
my help and my God.**

R

My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.
**Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts;
all your waves and your billows
have gone over me.
By day the Lord bestows steadfast love,
and at night God's song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.**

R

I say to God, my rock,
"Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully
because the enemy oppresses me?"
**Like a deadly wound in my body,
my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me continually,
"Where is your God?"**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
**Hope in God; for again I shall praise
my help and my God.**

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Galatians 3:23-29
1 Kings 19:1-15a

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: *Listening Together*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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,
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Hymn: Christ, you call us all to service

#585

Ordination and Admission of Elders

The Apostles' Creed (#539)

Narration of the Steps

The Preamble

The Vows

Questions to the Congregation

Ordination Prayer

The congregation prays together:

**God of grace, who baptized us into a common ministry
as ambassadors of Christ;
who called us to be a priesthood of all believers;
who entrusted to us the message of reconciliation;
we pray for courage and discipline to follow
where your elders rightly lead us,
that together we may declare your mighty acts
and show your love to the world;
through Jesus Christ who is ruler of all. Amen.**

The Declaration

The Right Hand of Fellowship

We Present our Gifts to God

Thanksgiving for the service of Jeannie Macfarlane and
Joyce McKersie on the Worship Committee.

Offertory

This Is My Father's World

Marianne Woods
arr. Richard Walters

Doxology (#306) and Prayer of Dedication:
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures high and low;
praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness #324

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen (#780): **Amen, amen, amen.**

Aaronic Blessing (#619)

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you his peace.**

Postlude

HYMNS for Sunday June 19th

#27 - As the deer

As the deer pants for the water
so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.

Refrain You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

Still small voice

Do doops, do do doops, do do doops, do do do do do (x4)
Babababa, babababa, babababa, ba, ba, ba, Shhhhhhhhhhh
Do doops, do do doops, do do doops, do do do do do...

Not a shout, a loud or banging tympani,
but a still small voice.

You can run, or even just ignore the plea
of a still small voice.

The Spirit calls, it wants to change your heart,
so listen to the still small voice,
listen to the voice,
the still small voice,
listen to the voice.

#585 - Christ, you call us all to service

Christ, you call us all to service, call us all who follow you;
plant in us a deep commitment all your work and will to do.
Fire a passion for your justice; in us kindle love of peace;
help us heal the broken-hearted; to the captive bring release.

Teach us how to work together, brother, sister, side by side,
equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied.
To each one some gift is given - man or woman, young or old;
help us use each skill and talent, your great purpose to unfold.

Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife,
seeking ways more just of sharing and of ordering human life.
Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be;
send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.

#324 - Great is thy faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain Great is thy faithfulness; great is thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in eloquent witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

Pray with your First Church Family

Eternal Life (Craig Courtney)

*For God so loved the world
That He gave His one and only Son.*

*For God sent not His Son to condemn the world,
But that the world might be saved through Him.*

*For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son,
That whoever believes in him shall not perish
but have eternal life.*

This Is My Father's World (arr. Richard Walters)

*This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and 'round me rings
The music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world;
The birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their maker's praise.*

*This is my Father's world;
He shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.*

*This is my Father's world;
Oh, let me never forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.*

*This is my Father's world.
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring;
God reigns, let the earth be glad.*

Please pray for...

- All those who are feeling weary, discouraged, or even depressed, that they may be nourished by God's presence and hear God's voice of encouragement.
- The elders of First Church, including those being ordained and admitted to Session today.
- The young people who are receiving gift Bibles today – that they may stay rooted in God's Word and the good news of Jesus Christ all the days of their lives.
- Dale Folstad and Doug Brownlee, who are both experiencing health challenges.
- The family and friends of Kathleen Upton who died on May 31st and Betty Green who died on June 6th.
- Peace, security, and courage for the people of Ukraine in the midst of war, and for the peace of the whole world.

Praise God for...

- All those who use their various gifts, talents, and time to serve the church, especially Jeannie Macfarlane, Joyce McKersie, and Graeme Mitchell.
- God's still small voice that continues to encourage, inspire, and lead us as a church in the world.
- All God's people with our various diversities who are one in Christ Jesus, to whom we belong.
- The news that the refugee process for the Mathiang family is moving along, and we can start getting ready to welcome them to Canada.

This Week at First Church

June 19	10:30 am	Worship (In-Person & YouTube) Ordination & Admission of Elders
	11:45 am	Coffee Hour in the gymnasium
June 22	7:00 pm	Book Club (Zoom)
June 25	3:00 pm	Presbytery: Closing Service for Grace, Yorkton
June 26	10:30 am	Worship (In-Person & YouTube) Baptism & Reception of New Members
	11:45 am	Coffee Hour in the gymnasium

Edict of Ordination and Admission of Elders

Whereas Mary Jesse, Ron Pugsley, and Al Yakemchuk, members of this church, have been duly elected to the eldership by this congregation, and have been approved by the session, notice is hereby given that the session will proceed to ordain Ron Pugsley and Al Yakemchuk and admit Mary Jesse to that office on the 19th day of June in the year 2022, at 10:30 am, unless some valid objection has been given unto the moderator within ten days from this date.

June 5, 2022

Jo Szostak, Clerk of Session

First Presbyterian Church, Regina, SK

Vacation Bible School: Wilderness Escape

Parents & kids! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend VBS at First Church from Monday to Thursday, July 4-7, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/27359d>.

There are registrations forms and information on the table in the narthex. Take an invitation for a friend!



Volunteers are needed to help during VBS and we are also looking for people to provide snacks. If you are able to do either, please contact Rev. Amanda. Thank you.

First Church is hosting the Interchurch Saturday Lunch

program on Saturday, July 9 and we need your help! Several Regina churches co-operate together to provide 200 bagged lunches for people in the city who are chronically hungry. If you can give two hours of time on July 9, we need 3-4 people to make sandwiches in our church kitchen, and another 7 or 8 to help assemble lunches, hand out meals, visit with guests, and set-up and take-down tables and chairs. Please contact Mary Jesse (marycjesse@gmail.com or 306-570-8662) if you can help.

First Things First May's edition of our newsletter has been published and e-mailed this weekend. Paper copies are available in the narthex. Check out what's happening!

Office Hours Monday 8:30 - 11:15am/Wed. to Fri. 8:30am-2pm.

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