

4th Sunday after Pentecost
June 20, 2021

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Organ Prelude Elizabeth Booker
"Trio (Op. 49. No. 9)" Josef Rheinbereger

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

Those who know God's name put their trust in God,
for the Lord will not forsake those who seek God.

Sing praises to the Lord, all you people.

We will declare God's deeds and praise God together.

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: Tell me the stories of Jesus #348

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Most merciful God, forgive us.

**We imagine that we can live without you,
when you give us our very breath.**

**We seek control over others
rather than strive to live in unity.**

**We allow fear to overtake us,
even though our lives are in your hands.**

**Draw us back into your steadfast love
and shape us into the likeness of your Son,
Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Hymn: I can feel you near me God MV#48

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Psalms 9:9-20

Sung Response:

**I give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
I tell all your wonderful deeds.**

R The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
**And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those
who seek you. R**

Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.

Declare God's deeds among the peoples.

For the Lord who avenges blood is mindful of them,
and does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Be gracious to me, O Lord.

See what I suffer from those who hate me;

**you are the one who lifts me up from the
gates of death,**

so that I may recount all your praises,

and, in the gates of daughter Zion,

rejoice in your deliverance. R

The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;
in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught.

The Lord is made known!

The Lord has executed judgment!

The wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.

The wicked shall depart to Sheol,

all the nations that forget God.

**For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor perish forever.**

Rise up, O Lord!
**Do not let mortals prevail;
let the nations be judged before you.**
Put them in fear, O Lord;
let the nations know that they are only human. R

Mark 4:35-41

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Ministry of Music "Eternal Life" Craig Courtney

Sermon: *Why Are You Afraid?*

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: Be still, my soul #749

We Present our Gifts to God

Offertory

Doxology (#830) and Prayer of Dedication:

**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.**

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn: The love of God comes close #474

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.**

Organ Postlude
"Fughetta (Op. 37. No. 6.)"

Elizabeth Booker
Gustav Merkel

HYMNS for Sunday June 20th

#348 - Tell me the stories of Jesus

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First, let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me:
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

Tell me about the disciples from far and near,
and I will listen among them eager to hear.
Whose loaves and fishes did Jesus bless,
showing the people God's tenderness?

Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea,
tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee,
and how the Master, ready and kind,
chided the billows and hushed the wind.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas: Jesus is King!

MV#48 - I can feel you near me God

I can feel you near me, God, I can feel you near.
Yes, I know you're with me, God, I feel you here.
I can feel you near me, God, I can feel you near.
Yes, I know you're with me, God, Heaven is here.

Refrain And I'll jump for joy, I'm singing Alleluia,
Jump for joy for you.
I'll jump for joy, I'm singing Alleluia,
Jump for joy for you.+

I can feel you loving me, yes, I know you care.
God, I know you're loving me, always everywhere.
I can feel you loving me, yes, I know you care.
God, I know you're loving me, I know you're there.

Refrain

#749 - Be still, my soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to thy God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future wisely, as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the voice that ruled them here on earth below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shalt thou better know God's love, God's heart,
who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.
Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all death takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

#474 - The love of God comes close

The love of God comes close
where stands an open door,
to let the stranger in,
to mingle rich and poor.
The love of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the love of God is here to stay.

The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm,
forgoing lives of ease
to ease the lives forlorn.
The peace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the peace of God is here to stay.

The joy of God comes close
where faith encounters fears,
where heights and depths of life
are found through smiles and tears.
The joy of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the joy of God is here to stay.

The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised and bent.
The grace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the grace of God is here to stay.

The Son of God comes close
where people praise his name,
where bread and wine are blest
and shared as when he came.
The Son of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the Son of God is here to stay.

Congregational Meeting: On Sunday, June 27, at 1:00 pm, a meeting of the congregation of First Church will be held to consider a proposal to purchase and install equipment in the sanctuary to provide a more permanent approach to livestreaming worship online. A copy of the proposal is attached, and Nick Jesson will be present at the meeting to explain the proposal. The Board of Managers has approved the proposal, pending congregational approval of the funding. We have applied for two grants from Canadian Ministries, totalling \$3000. The Board recommends taking funding as necessary from the Daring in our Outreach Fund. (The meeting will be on Zoom using the Coffee Hour link.)

Synod Summer Ministries: This summer, the Synod of Saskatchewan has hired two students, Samuel Andri and Daniel Surya, who will be working online for us in worship and vacation bible school.

For information, visit the Synod website:

<https://pccweb.ca/synodsaskatchewan>

1) Worship - On the website there is a schedule of services from June 27 to August 29. Some take place at 10:30, others at 11:00 depending on which congregation is hosting the service. Please check the website to links to these online services.

2) Vacation Bible School - This year the theme is Mission: Deep Sea. If you have children or grandchildren who might be interested, encourage them to register at the links below.

There are three events being offered:

- Tuesdays in July - is designed for children aged 5-10.

Sessions will take place from 1:00 to 3:00 (SK) on July 6, 13, 20, 27.

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/synodsasktuesday>

- Thursdays in July - is designed for older elementary students (10/11+). These sessions will take place from 1:00 to 3:00 (SK) on July 8, 15, 22, 29

This session is for the young people of St. Andrew's Saskatoon and any other youth in the Synod who are interested.

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/synodsaskthursday>

- August - a 4-day event will be held August 3-6, from 1:00 to 3:00 (SK) each afternoon. This session is for children 6-12 from First Church, Regina and is open to any other children in the Synod who are interested.

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/synodsaskaugust>

We look forward to your support of these events this summer!

Did you miss the concert last Sunday?

"Gabe Omolida on Piano" - a Benefit Concert in support of the First Church Refugee Sponsorship Project is still available to watch and enjoy online here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wj_LFmNDqVY

Please feel free to share it with your friends and family.

At age 9, Gabe Omolida started taking piano lessons, following the program of the Royal Conservatory of Music in Canada. His passion for music made him pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Music Performance with a Major in Piano. Currently he is going into his fourth year of undergraduate studies at the University of Regina. During the school year, Gabe is an active member of the Halcyon Choir and the University of Regina's Chamber Choir. He teaches piano to younger kids and also accompanies for other music students. He has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 2011, and is a Music Scholar and on the Music Team. Being deeply involved with the musical aspect at First Church, he often plays for the worship services and accompanies the choirs, as well as sings in them. Gabe Omolida plans to continue his studies in music in hopes of becoming both a university professor and a performer.

The concert features music by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin and Lili Boulanger. Watch here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wj_LFmNDqVY

Your freewill offering for the First Church Refugee Sponsorship Project will be deeply appreciated. Send an e-transfer to firstpresreginaoffering@gmail.com with a note that it is designated for "Refugee Sponsorship" or send a cheque (payable to First Presbyterian Church) to 2170 Albert Street, Regina, SK S4P 2T9.

Pray with your First Church Family

Please pray for...

- The gift of faith that will help us to face the storms of life without fear.
- All those who are afraid, who need assurance that God is with them, as well as the presence of others who will walk with them through difficult times.
- Fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other parental figures who need God's help and strength as they raise their children.
- Carl Shuba, who is in hospital.
- The family and friends of RCMP Constable Shelby Patton, who was killed while on duty last weekend.

Praise God for...

- Jesus, who does not leave us to struggle, but who goes with us through the storms of life.
- All the good and faithful father figures in our lives in the past and in the present.
- People who use their gifts, time, and talent to protect and stand up for others who are in trouble or need.

This Week at First Church

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| June 20 | 10:30 am | Worship |
| | 1:00 pm | Coffee Hour |
| June 24 | 8:00 pm | Choir Chat |
| June 26 | 11:00 am | Re-opening Committee |
| June 27 | 10:30 am | Worship |
| | 1:00 pm | Congregational Meeting (Use Coffee Hour Zoom Link) |
| | 2:30 pm | Half an Hour of Hymns |

Summer Office Hours Mon. to Thurs., 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.
Contact Shirley at the office at 306-522-9571 or
firstpresregina@sasktel.net.

Rev. Amanda Currie works from home most days and from the office occasionally. You can continue to reach her by phone or text message (306-580-8095) or by email

(revfpc@sasktel.net). A physically-distanced pastoral visit is always possible, as well as a phone call or Zoom video call.

Rev. Amanda will be on holidays from June 28 – July 5 inclusive. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please contact your elder or phone Shirley in the church office so that you can be connected with someone to assist you.