

SERVICE OF WORSHIP (Online, September 13)

"Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness."

Genesis 15:6

ORGAN PRAISE

"Toccatina on Ode to Joy" Beethoven/Gorby

Roderick Gorby

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on John 8 and Philippians 4) Jennifer Holz

Leader: We praise You, God of glory and Lord of love!

People: Our hearts unfold like flowers before You, opening to our Creator God.

Leader: Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the Light of our Savior!

People: Joyfully, we worship and adore You!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" vs. 1, 2, 4

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE

"Amazing Grace" vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

Matt Holtzman, Rachel Smith, Yvette Pezan, Worship Leaders;

Jason Crowe, Bass; Scott Barbier, Percussion

CALL TO CONFESSION

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with You and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only You and Your people. We have not loved our neighbor as You have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with You and one another, through Christ, our Lord.

PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

"Grace Flows Down" Giglio/Bell/Padgett

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed Jim DeJarnette

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 Spirit, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

SERMON

THE BEAUTIFUL STORY: "Beautiful Promise"

Genesis 15:1-6 Tim McConnell

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" vs. 1, 3

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare on Faithfulness"..... Gorby

Information on those who have gone to be with the Lord may be found at firstprescos.org/memorials.

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HYMN OF PRAISE *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark 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 within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

SONG OF PRAISE *"Amazing Grace"*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

RESPONSE *"Grace Flows Down"*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
 Amazing grace, now flowing down
From hands and feet that were nailed to the tree;
 As grace flows down and covers me. It covers me.

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"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 has been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus

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!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Chorus*

NEW TO FIRST PRES?

We're so glad you're joining us online! Our joyful hope is that you experience the Light and Life of Christ while you're with us. We would love to help get you connected with First Pres. Let us know you're worshipping with us by filling out the online connect card at my.firstprescos.org/connectcard.

Do you receive Pastor Tim's weekly email? Sign up to get encouragement and important First Pres updates right to your inbox every Tuesday! Start receiving emails by signing up at my.firstprescos.org/subscribe or call us at 719-884-6100.

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Prayer – Need prayer? Our Pastors and Prayer Team are available for prayer. Share your request by emailing prayer@firstprescos.org or add it to the prayer wall by visiting my.firstprescos.org/prayer.

IN MEMORY OF

Mr. Kenneth Schinstine – 9/1/2020
Mrs. Pauline Towner – 8/25/2020

Pray for those in hospital/short-term rehab

St. Francis Medical Center – Mr. Jim Mulkey
Brookdale at Bear Creek – Mrs. Judy Norman
Center at Centennial – Mrs. Nancy Bauman

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Counseling Coalition – If you're feeling stuck, counseling help is available. Call 844-657-1684 or visit firstprescos.org/counseling-coalition for a referral from the First Pres Counseling Coalition.

Help Us Stock the Get Set Pantry: Serving our Get Set preschool children a free, hot lunch is one of the ways we show them tangible love and that our church community cares! So please drive by and drop off food donations at the Get Set Food Drive in our Weber Street Parking to help stock the pantry. See suggested items at firstprescos.org/get-set.
Get Set Food Drive dates:

- Monday, September 14, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Thursday, September 17, 4-6 p.m.

Interested in Becoming a Stephen Minister? – If you would like to join more than 40 other Stephen Ministers who provide weekly one-on-one encouragement to those experiencing challenges, join our next Stephen Ministry class starting soon. For more information about this difference-making opportunity, call our Caring Ministries Office at 884-6145.

Prime Time Talks – Throughout the fall, Prime Time Talks will continue online. Stay tuned for upcoming dates. If you missed the August talk with Pastor Tim, visit firstprescos.org/primetime to watch.

Greg Hartnett Ordination Online – Please help us celebrate as Greg Hartnett will be honored with his Ordination and Installation ceremony at 1 p.m. Sunday, September 13 in the Worship Center. This event will be livestreamed on our website at firstprescos.org/watch. Greg, who is in his second stint on staff with First Pres, has been serving as a Stevens Fellow at First Pres since the summer of 2017. His new title will be Pastor of Evangelism and Young Adults.