

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2020

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## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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**GATHERING MUSIC** *The Lone Wild Bird* Wilbur Held  
*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* James Biery

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Mindy Douglas

**PRELUDE** *O Rest in the Lord* Mendelssohn, arr. Elloway

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from “*O Day of Rest and Gladness*,” Hymn No. 393, verse 1) Mindy Douglas

Leader: O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light;

All: **O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;**

Leader: On you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,

All: **Sing “Holy, holy, holy” to the great God triune.**

**HYMN** (sung to *Austin*)

***“Come to me, O weary traveler; come to me with your distress;  
come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me and find your rest.”***

***“Do not fear, my yoke is easy; do not fear, my burden's light;  
do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.”***

**CONFESSION OF SIN** Susan Dunlap

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Lord, we marvel at the thought of a well-fitted yoke.  
a burden scaled to match our frames;  
we do not know how to rest in the promise of such labor.  
Some of us are weary from unceasing responsibility;  
others find no welcome in the marketplace.  
We confound your vision for our common life.  
Forgive our blind striving,  
our stifled concern,  
the judgments we cast on others.  
Make yourself known to us in the silence.  
Shape your children for the commonwealth of your love.  
In Jesus' name we pray.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY** Michael Honeycutt

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.



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. Amen.

HYMN (sung to *Kingsfold*)

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."*

*I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found him in a resting place, and he has made me glad.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.*

CLOSING PRAYER

Rebecca Reyes

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: O Lord Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life:

All: **Do not let us stray from you, the Way,**

Leader: nor distrust you, the Truth,

All: **nor rest in anything other than you, the Life. Amen.**

– Desiderius Erasmus (c. 1466-1536)

BENEDICTION

Rebecca Reyes

POSTLUDE

*Voluntary in B flat*

Maurice Greene

**First Presbyterian Church** welcomes all who worship with us. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. On June 28, 105 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. live-streamed broadcast of worship.

**We welcome to worship the Rev. Rebecca Reyes.** Rev. Reyes has joined us in worship in the past, speaking about the work of the PCUSA Mission Agency's Self-Development of People Committee. She presently serves as a Parish Associate at the Church of Reconciliation in Chapel Hill. Rev. Reyes grew up in South Texas and moved to Durham 30 years ago. She received an M.Div. from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and in 1979 was ordained as the first Hispanic woman in the Presbyterian Church US. In 1993, she received a Master of Social Work from UNC-Chapel Hill. She is involved in several state and inter-agency committees and groups, addressing justice issues, health care, and community development.

*Portions of today's* worship texts are taken from *Feasting on the Word* and *Book of Common Worship* (2018).

**Many thanks** to **Jody Maxwell**, **Pat Dillon**, **Jay Klinck**, and **John Weicher** for their “behind the scenes” technical assistance with making our virtual worship broadcasts live and accessible to us each Sunday morning.

**Church staff** will continue working from home until further notice. If you need assistance, you may call the church office (919-682-5511) and leave a message, or email/ text a specific staff person. Thank you for your patience as we respond to your calls, texts, and emails.

**Children and Youth – Are you Connected?** If you are not receiving a separate weekly email connecting you to FPC activities and events for children and youth, contact [Natalie Wolf](#) or [John Weicher](#) to be added to the email listserv.

**These Days devotional booklets** for July - September 2020 are now available at FPC. Stop by the church (Mondays or Fridays, between 9 AM – 3 PM) to pick up a copy, or contact [Sybil King](#) in the church office if you would like a copy mailed to you. Regular and large print copies are still available.

### **Invitations from the Creation Care Subcommittee**

The Creation Care Subcommittee of the Stewardship Committee is encouraging members of the congregation to sign a petition that was endorsed on June 22 by the Session in support of Mayor Steve Schewel's efforts to negotiate a better Operating Agreement for the City with Duke Energy to help Durham transition to 100% renewable energy. The negotiations begin this summer and having strong community support will strengthen the City's position. You can [click to see the petition](#) for more details and to sign on.



We have seen photos of beaches strewn with plastic trash, and we have heard about the 8 million tons of plastic that go into the ocean every year. Here is something we can do about it, together! **We can make a commitment to a Plastic Free July.** Commit to either cut down on single-use plastic, or eliminate certain plastic items (grocery bags, water bottles, straws, for example), or you can go all the way and commit to eliminating all plastic. As a church, we can make a difference! If you have any questions or want to sign up to participate, contact [Cris Rivera](#) (call 919-225-4228).

### **Support for Those Who Mourn**

During the pandemic, Growing thru Grief is continuing to offer support to those who have lost a loved one. Our sessions are now on Zoom. Those interested in attending need to register each week. To register, please send your request to [admin@growingthrugrief.org](mailto:admin@growingthrugrief.org). Then we can send you the information. We need to receive your inquiry by 8:00 a.m. on Monday for Tuesday's session. We meet each Tuesday from 4:15-6:00 p.m. Here is the schedule of speakers for July:

July 7	Bodie McCann
July 14	Rob Womack: "From Consolation to Connection: Two Sides of Loss and Healing"
July 21	Rabbi Matthew Soffer
July 28	Donna Kaye: "Grief Waves"

Growing thru Grief is a free, open, confidential program sponsored by coalition of area religious and civic organizations to provide support and comfort to those who mourn.

## ~ Our Concerns ~

**June and James Driscoll**, parents of Rob Parker

**Dale Gaddis**, recovering at home following back surgery

**Bill Hendrickson**, in PT rehab following a brief hospitalization

**Kerry Holbrook**, undergoing tests

**Rhys Huslage**, son of Erin McClain and Kirk Huslage

**Mal King**, recovering from a recent outpatient procedure

**Peggy Mordecai**, mother of Beth Eisenson, recovering from surgery after a fall

**Art Warren**, friend of Michael Honeycutt & Paul Pasquarella

**All those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic**

**Hospice Care: Ruth Buck**, mother of Susan Buck

### Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bob Rankin, Henderson Rourk**

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: **Arthur Clark**

Durham Regent: **John Kerr, Ann Prospero**

Emerald Pond: **Paul Cornsweet**

Rose Vista Village Assisted Living, Kinston NC: **Phillip Herndon**

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

### Family and Friends of the Congregation:

**Brendan Bequette**, friend of Margaret & Miguel Rubiera

**Peggy Boulden**, mother of Dick Boulden

**Ken Chambliss**, father of Will Chambliss

**Paula Cope**, sister of Sam Miglarese

**Becky Evans**, sister of Vernon Neece

**Dolores Ewald**, mother-in-law of Susan Ewald

**Shannon Johnson**, daughter of Mary Putman

**Chris Kovach**, friend of Jeanne Hervey

**Lee Tubbs**, mother of Nora Tisdale

**Jim Vacca**, father of Jamie Chambliss

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## CHURCH STAFF

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