

**\*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.      **People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.      **People: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is our tradition to pray "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (in unison)      A Brief Statement of Faith p. 37 Section 3

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as on community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**Prayers of the People**

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**DEPARTING TO SERVE**

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**\*Hymn #772**      *Live into Hope*      TRURO

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Postlude**      Improvisation on *TRURO*      Larry Harris

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## *Second Sunday after Pentecost*

**June 18, 2017**

**10:00 A.M.**



### *Partners in Ministry*

The Congregation  
Pastor, Rev. Rebecca Kahnt  
Director of Music, Larry Harris  
Clerk of Session, Chet Cooper  
Administrative Assistant, JoEllen Kieffer  
Property Manager, David Todd  
Financial Secretary, Gina Eliser  
Kitchen Coordinator, Jean Shives  
Housekeeping, Samantha Gibbons  
Custodian/Security, Jerry Fullum, David Phibbs,  
Bryan Peterson, Don Jones and Ryan Cochran

# ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

\*For those who are able, please stand.

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## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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### Welcome and Announcements

Let the beginning of the Prelude be a call to silent meditation and prayer.  
*Pentecost God, take our lives and transform them. Take our gifts and use them. Amen.*

### Prelude

*Open My Eyes*

Albin Whitworth

### Call to Worship

Leader: Worship the Lord with gladness!

**People: We come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: For the Lord our God is good.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Come, Let us worship God.

### \*Hymn #370

*This Is My Father's World*

TERRA BEATA

### \*Call to Confession

Through our Lord Jesus Christ we have obtained access to the grace in which we stand. With confidence in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

### \*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Loving God, without your grace we are like sheep without a shepherd. Sometimes we are harassed by sin and feel helpless against its power. Sometimes, in our sin, we use our own power to harass the helpless. We are wolves in sheep's clothing, innocent as serpents and wise as doves. Forgive us, O Lord, and bring us home. Restore us to your flock and fold, we pray; through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.**

*Worshippers may take a few moments for silent, personal prayer*

### \*Assurance of Pardon and the Peace

Since we are justified by faith we have peace with God through Jesus Christ our Lord who has brought us forgiveness in his love. Friends, hear this good news and believe. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Worshippers may greet one another with signs of God's peace.*

**\*Response**

*Gloria Patri*

John Weaver

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was  
in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Lesson**

Genesis 18:1-15, O.T., pg. 12

**Psalter**

*Psalm 116*

*Larry Harris*, reader

**SPOKEN REFRAIN: "How can I repay the Lord for the goodness done for me?"**

**Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 9:35-38, N.T., pg. 790

**Piano Solo**

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in the Air*

Fred Bock

**New Testament Lesson**

Romans 5:1-8, N.T., pg. 917

**Sermon**

*Character, Hope and God's Love*

Rev. Rebecca Kahnt

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**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

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**\*Hymn #451**

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

**Offering of Self and Substance**

Offertory: *Andantino*, from "Pieces for Musical Clock" Franz Josef Haydn

**\*Offertory Response #675 vs. 4: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow..."**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 18th

Church office hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.  
Church building hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**USHERS** for the month of **June** are *Doug Doyle, Becky Mallin, Abel Ayana, and Julius Balogh.*

**OUR GREETERS** are *The Ushers.*

**OUR LITURGIST** is *Julie Miller.*

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Attorney Robert Hendrickson, husband and father,* by Agie Hendrickson.

**WORSHIPPERS ARE INVITED** to continue our fellowship outside following worship, weather permitting.

**ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS** of First Presbyterian Church are reminded to please sign the pew pads located in the pew racks.

**MISSION COINS** (the loose change placed in the offering plate) for the month of **June** are being donated to *First Presbyterian Church First Friends.*

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held on Monday, June 19th, at 12:00 p.m., in Pastor Becky's office. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

**BIBLE STUDY** on Wednesdays will continue, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., with Luke during the summer months. **There will be NO BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21st.**

**SUMMER SUNDAY CLASS FOR THE CHILDREN,** with Jeanne Goodman, will be held during worship next Sunday, June 25th.

**2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** are now being accepted. If you are a member who plans to attend college or a university in the fall of 2017 and would like to apply to the Scholarship Committee, please call the church office, at 330-744-4307, for a Scholarship Application. Applications must be turned in by Friday, June 30th.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Michael D'Amico, who received his Master of Science in Education – School Counseling from Youngstown State University.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jenna Hudock, who received her Master of Arts (in art education) from Youngstown State University.

### **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

As you know, we are reinstating our Stephen Ministries here at First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown. We will be sending a group of individuals to a conference in Pittsburgh the last week of July to become trained in this important work of caring for our congregation, those who are homebound, those who are sick, those who need a listening ear, and those who need a friend, like you and me.

There is a cost to this training, and since these individuals are providing this service to the congregation without any reimbursement for their service, we do not want to ask them to pay for this training on their own. This is why from now until the end of June we will be receiving a love offering to support the Stephen Ministry training. All monies received will go to supporting these individuals' training. Please help support this important ministry.

To make a donation to this love offering, please mark your memo line on your check: Stephen Ministry Training. If you are making a cash donation, please mark the envelope clearly with Stephen Ministry Training on the envelope. Please help invest in the training of these wonderful individuals who are investing their time, energy, imagination and love into caring for you and this congregation.

### **CONTINUING TO PRAY FOR:**

Louise Joachim, Jennifer McGee (Margie and Glenn Patterson), Betty Einfalt, Paula Prindle (cousin of Nancy Hauser), Carol Reed, Jayne Mansfield, Pat Grist (Patti Keenan), Jennie Angel-Ross and Lynn Kime (Margie Patterson), Gary Bacon (Jim and Judy Mineo), Janis DePasqua, Cliff Brendler (Pastor Becky), Alison Hamilton (Lynn Pebworth), Joanie Cochran, Jeffery Rudrick (Tracy Rudrick), Becky Mallin, Mary Edith Fawcett (Sandy Benson), Carol Chabra (Jeanne and Doug Goodman), Felicity Cook (Rich Cook), Roberta Johnson, Jeanne Blackstone, Cindy Milicich, Dick and Arlene Wright, John Muller, Marlen Sue Martin, Rich Cook, Marnie Thomas (Margie Patterson's sister-in-law), Rev. Dick Fruit, David Hatcher (Becky Murray's brother), Bridget Benson, Rick Benson, Kristy Glover (Bege Bowers), David Hughes' son-in-law Jay, Johanna Ruighaver (Jolien Hesel's mother), Mozelle Tarver, Esther Temesgen (Elizabeth Ayana's mother), Jim Ray's sister Betsy.

Prayer concerns from our friends at Gutknecht Tower: Pray for Helen, Merdice Sanders, Gwendolyn Wiley, Charlie Mae and family, Napoleon Johnson and family, Vincent C., Joan D., Paula J., and Johanna B.