

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

*In the Heart of Naples with the Love of God:
we worship, we love, we grow, we serve*



Jesus and the Bent Over Woman, by Barbara Schwarz

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 2019
9:30 a.m.**

THE TIME OF GATHERING

The Prelude

Psalm XIX

Welcome and Life Together

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

People: God's mercies never end.

Leader: They are new every morning.

People: Great is God's faithfulness.

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise #435

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

REV. REX CHILDS

All: Faithful and Loving God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin.

We have followed the advice of the proud and have neglected to do the good which you desire. We have failed to see people in need. We have chosen to follow rules and ritual rather than be guided your compassion. We need your mercy and healing. Forgive us God of grace. Help us to stand up straight and to praise you.

Refresh and renew our hearts that we may seek your will and walk in your ways of restoration and repair, of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Moment for Silent Confession

Congregational response

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

**All: O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Receive God's forgiveness and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen! Amen!

Children's Time

NANCY VAN FLEET

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

BETTY PLUM

First Reading

Isaiah 58:9b-14

PEW BIBLE PAGE 601

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

O Rest in the Lord (Elijah)
Arienne Fort, mezzo soprano

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him, and he shall give thee thy heart's desires. Commit thy way unto him, and trust in him, and fret not thyself because of evil-doers.

Second Reading

Luke 13:10-17

PEW BIBLE PAGE 848

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A New Freedom

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

*Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith—PCUSA 1983)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal... With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

REV. REX CHILDS

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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

Christ Be With Me

ARR. NOEL RAWSTHORNE

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to guide me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in care of friend and stranger.

*The Doxology

***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***

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment #796

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

LAND OF REST

*Commission and Benediction

Postlude

Menuet Gothique

LÉON BOËLLMANN

Assisting

Ushers: Shirley Hagerson (head usher), John and Nancy Kay, Bob and Pat Mac Minn,
Patty Rutzler, Jack Tiller, Mary Vande Voren, Bill Wright
Greeters: Tom Clark, Tom Morr, Jack and Rebecca Sumlin, Jay Wheeler
Stephen Minister: Saralene Oldham

Chancel Flowers

The Chancel Flowers have been given by
Juanita Bunker and family,
in memory of Donald Bunker, loving husband, father, and grandfather
and
in loving memory of George Connell on his 100th birthday and in honor of
George and Isabelle Connell's 68th wedding anniversary.

Church Office Hours

Please note that the church office will be closed on Tuesday, August 27.
The staff will be participating in their annual retreat which will be held off-campus.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

The Session Meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in Spencer Hall

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Stephen Ministry

After each Sunday service a Stephen Minister is available in Spencer Hall. Feel free to stop by, look at material and talk to a Stephen Minister to find out more about this important ministry.

Hospital Ministry

Will you be hospitalized or know of someone in the congregation who is? Please contact Sharman Pfaus so she can notify the pastor of your hospital stay. Also, please remember to note on the hospital paperwork that you are a member of First Presbyterian Church of Naples.

Lunch Bunch

Don't go home or out to eat alone! Join other FPC single men and women for lunch every Sunday after worship for a fun-filled Dutch-treat lunch at a local selected restaurant. You will get to know some nice people and have a wonderful meal. Best of all, you are not eating alone. There is a table in Spencer Hall to sign up after worship service giving you the time and place. Join us!

Prayer List

Linda Arsenault
KC Fox
Thomas Gallant
Patrick Baar Giger
Jessica Kasten
Gerald Knudson
Jane Long

Leslie Moore
Lisa Naylor
Claire Peek
Kathy Rau
Alice Rich & Family
Jamie Rogers
H.A. Summerfield

Corbin Wyant
Bet Wyker
Central Presbyterian Reformed
Church, Mantazas, Cuba
The U.S. Military
Stephen Ministers and
care receivers

NEWS & EVENTS

Kidz Lab: A Journey in Faith Formation

Kidz Lab is the new name for our Sunday school. After the Children's Time in worship, we invite those in grades Kindergarten through 6 to this interactive faith experience based on the weekly lectionary texts. Children in Kidz Lab engage with the same lessons that their parents hear in worship, which encourages family conversations after the service. Youth are invited to stay in the service or actively help during Kidz Lab.

Nominations for Church Elder and Deacon

The Nominating Committee seeks your help in identifying those among us who might be ready to serve as a Ruling Elder or as a Deacon. We ask each member to prayerfully reflect on whom you believe God is calling to lead us in these two important ministries and to nominate those persons.

There are two procedural differences this year. First, you DO NOT need to seek permission from the person you are nominating. Just nominate them . . . and the Nominating Committee will take it from there! Second, you will also notice that we have expanded the Nominating Form. There is one form for nominating Elders and another form for nominating Deacons. Each form begins with the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order requirements for the specific ordained office. We hope this helps each member understand the sought-after qualities of elders and deacons, as well as the responsibilities held by each office. Forms are available in the bulletin, church office, and on our website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barbara Weiss, Chair of the Committee, at bweiss1952@gmail.com or 239.331.7668.

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

Our gatherings are open to all men of the congregation and we start each meeting at 8 a.m. with coffee, pastry, and good conversation. On Wednesday, September 4, Bill Kearney will present the topic, *Your Ancestry 'A Time to Share'*. We will meet in Spencer Hall. Following each presentation, all men are invited to join in some question and answer sharing and follow-up discussion. Bring a friend if you'd like.

HUDDLE

The men's lunch-time Bible discussion group meets each Thursday from noon to 1:15 p.m. in Spencer Hall. All men are invited and encouraged to bring a bag lunch, a Bible, and gather with us.

Youth Group

Youth Group is for students in grades 6 – 12 and is a safe space where all are able to be themselves while seeking to grow in the likeness of Christ. Beginning Thursday, September 5, we will meet 4:30-5:30 p.m. and once a month on Sunday evenings. After some "hang out" time, we have prayer time and discussion. Periodically, middle and high school groups are split up depending on topics of discussion. We will have special events at church and in the community as well as retreats, summer trips and opportunities for volunteer work. Pick up from school can be scheduled. For more information and participation forms, please contact Nancy Van Fleet, Director of Children and Youth, nancyv@fpcnaples.org.

Church Calendar—Room Requests

As we approach the upcoming season, we'd like to remind you to contact the church office to schedule meeting space. Please do not assume that if a room is vacant that it is available for use. To reserve a room for your meeting contact Sandy Poore, Director of Facilities, sandyp@fpcnaples.org, or church extension 2028. This will alleviate any awkward situations from occurring.

Summer Giving

Summer is in full swing which for many of us means time away from Naples and church. Wherever you may be, we hope it is for you a time of rest, renewal and encouragement. We would also encourage you, if and when you are able, to continue to make your contributions to the church and to make payments on your pledges. Although the pace slows down, our ministry and expenses continue. We are always grateful for your financial commitment and prayerful support. Remember that you can give online at www.fpcnaples.org/give and you can setup recurring gifts if you desire. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Anna Focht, Director of Finance at annaf@fpcnaples.org or church extension 2042.

Worship Services Online

Do you know of someone unable to attend worship? Would you like to share the service with someone? You can view the worship service on [our website, www.fpcnaples.org/worship](http://www.fpcnaples.org/worship). The **Sunday morning** service is available for viewing Sunday afternoon. You can also view previous worship services by visiting the online archives.

The Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden provides a place for the interment of ashes for those choosing this method of burial. Any person may apply for the purchase of a place in the Memorial Garden based on availability and approval of the Facilities Committee. If you would like additional information, please contact Sharman Pfaus, Executive Office Manager.

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