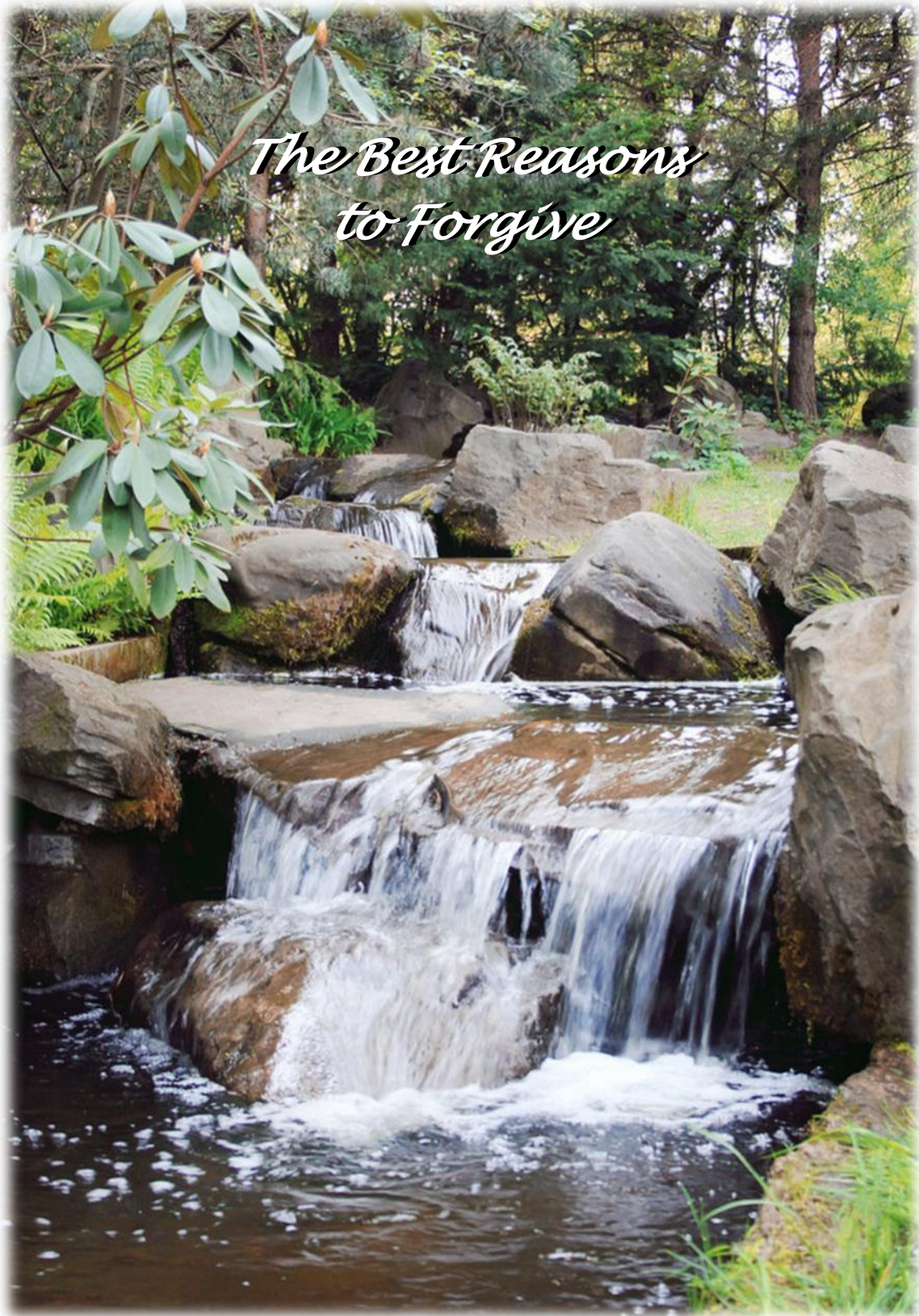


First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



**July 18, 2021
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
LITURGY**

*Let us quiet our hearts, minds, and voices for the beginning of worship.
At this time, please silence all cell phones.*

The Prelude

Vocalise
Osei Allen, cello

SERGEI RACHMANINOFF

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Here we are no longer strangers.

People: In the body of Christ we are one.

All: Let us worship God!

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

- 1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*
- 2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*
- 3. Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*
- 4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.*

Call to Confession

Siblings in Christ, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

** Please stand if able*

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! We, who were far off, have been brought near. Once we were strangers, but are now members in the household of God. 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

PATTY RUTZLER

Let us pray: Gracious God, by the power of the Holy Spirit open now our ears to hear. Open our eyes to see. Open our hearts to receive your word of grace for us today. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

PEW BIBLE PAGE 950

Our first reading this morning comes from Ephesians, chapter 2. Hear now what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

In This Very Room

RON AND CAROL HARRIS

In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me, and in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me, and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room. In this very room there's quite enough love for all of us, and in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us, and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room. In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world, and in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world, and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

Second Reading

Matthew 5:23-24

PEW BIBLE PAGE 786

So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*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

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

The First Song of Isaiah

JACK NOBLE WHITE

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name. Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

*The Doxology

All: 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 #761 **Called as Partners in Christ's Service**

BEECHER

1. *Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*
2. *Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.*
3. *Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.*
4. *So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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CHARLES-ALEXIS CHAUVET

Offering

Offering boxes and baskets are located near the exit doors.
You may also submit your offering by mail or online at www.fpcnaples.org/give.

Flower Dedication

The Chancel Flowers have been given by the Collins Family,
in loving memory of Bob Collins.

Ushers

Gary Nordbrock (head usher), Cindy Esler, JoAnne Luster, Bob and Pat Mac Minn

Greeters

Ali Norris, Harry and Deb Streamer, Walter and Alison Yang

Prayer List

Darryl Bernhardt
Megan Ford
*Gene Fraley
Gary Giltner
Giraldo-Castano Family
*Ron Malstrom
*Stephen McClure
Scott McCullough
Sophia Munoz
Dominique O'Connell
Miriam Panitch

*Ilagene Ruff
*Barbara Swallen
Vanessa Uzupes-Owens
Tony Voigt
The U.S. Military
Stephen Ministers and
care receivers

* church member

Missionary (Honduras)
Dorie Hjalmarson
Central Presbyterian
Reformed Church
(Matanzas, Cuba)
Lucia Bacallao
Walkiria Cardenas
Barbara Cuellar
Josefa de la Osa
Roberto Rodriguez
Gladys Tejeira

News & Events

Seekers and Joiners Class

Do you want to know more about our faith, this congregation and how to become a member of our dynamic church? We want to encourage you in your journey of faith. Seekers and Joiners classes will be held on Sunday, July 25 and Sunday, August 15, following the worship service in Spencer Hall. New members will be welcomed into the congregation on Sunday, August 22. Information packets are available at the exit doors. Please register by calling the church office 239.262.1311 or emailing Angie Johnson angiej@fpcnaples.org.

Children in Worship

As we welcome our children back to our Sunday worship experience, please know that all in-person Kidz Lab and childcare will resume in the fall (subject to change). Activity bags are available for your children by the Sanctuary entrances.

HUDDLE

The men's HUDDLE noon-time Bible Study meets each Thursday at noon in Spencer Hall with a Zoom option. Bring your Bible and your lunch! Join them for discussion and study. For Zoom instructions contact Rev. Rex Childs, rexc@fpcnaples.org.

Library Volunteers Needed

The church library needs your help! We would like to complete setting up the library and need a few volunteers to get the job done. If you are willing to help, even just a few hours a week, please contact Rev. Rex Childs at 239.262.1311 or rexc@fpcnaples.org.

Book Cart in Spencer Hall

Now that we are holding Fellowship Time in Spencer Hall, we would like to draw your attention to the library cart along the back wall. There are several Bibles available for you to take home and/or take to a friend. Please help yourself.

Pianos available

We have three upright pianos that we would love to see go to a good home. The pianos are free of charge, but will need to be picked up. If you are interested, please contact Brice Gerlach, briceg@fpcnaples.org.

Giving Opportunities

The Palms Society—Legacy Giving

The Palms Society is a way to honor those who include the church in their long-range gift and estate plans. Your gift will empower future generations to make visible the extraordinary light that comes from God. Our endowment helps support the church, contribute to key programs and protect the church from adverse financial circumstances.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Linda Gadkowski, 508.292.5500 or Anna Focht, Director of Finance, 239.262.1311.

The Birthday Fund

The Birthday celebration invites members and friends to give one dollar or more for each year of their life on a Sunday nearest to their birthday. These monies are placed in the permanent endowment of the church. Checks can be mailed to the church with a notation to “Birthday Fund” or you can give online at www.fpcnaples.org/give, select Birthday Fund from the list of funds.

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. This will help greatly with our cash flow. Although the pace slows down, our ministry and expenses continue. We continue to be 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 please contact Anna Focht, Director of Finance.

Pews & Playground Campaigns

Pew Seat Cushions

Thank you for your generosity! The goal for the pew reupholstery campaign has been met!

Playground - Donated: \$64,995 Campaign goal: \$82,000

You may give by check or give online at www.fpcnaples.org/give, select Playground from the list of funds. Checks may be mailed to the church with the notation to “Playground.”

Engraved Brick Pavers for Preschool

Engraved brick pavers provide you with a unique way to honor your family or memorialize your loved ones and can now be purchased on the church's website, www.fpcnaples.org/give, and are available in two sizes. 8x8 pavers are \$250, 12x12 pavers are \$425 and will be installed during the installation of the new playground equipment this summer.

Ways to **GIVE**



**Sunday
Worship**



Online



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Les Kasten	Richard Beach	Charles Fraley
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