

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



Forgiving Ourselves

**July 25, 2021
Ninth 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

Prelude in Classic Style

GORDON YOUNG

THE TIME OF GATHERING

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

Welcome and Life Together

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: There is a wideness in God's mercy

People: *like the wideness of the sea.*

Leader: By the power at work within us, God is able

People: *to do far more than all we can ask or imagine.*

All: *To God be the glory! Let us worship God!*

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

- 1. O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love; our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*
- 2. O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form; and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.*
- 3. The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your power has founded of old; established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.*
- 4. Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*
- 5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.*

Call to Confession

REV. REX CHILDS

Beloved siblings, the grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in God's abundant grace, let us humbly confess our sin together. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Receive God's forgiveness and be at peace.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

** Please stand if able*

*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

REV. REX CHILDS

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

BETTY PLUM

Let us pray: Gracious God, we ask that by the power and illumination of the Holy Spirit, you would give us now the faith, hope and love to be your people. Open our eyes to see, open our ears to hear, open our hearts and minds to receive your word and will for us today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

First Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

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Our first reading this morning comes from Ephesians, chapter 3. Hear now what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: *This is the word of the Lord.*

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Response

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee. He never will suffer the righteous to fall. He is at thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed that wait upon thee.

Second Reading

Mark 2:1-12

PEW BIBLE PAGE 813

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. ³Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷"Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'?" ¹⁰But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" —he said to the paralytic— ¹¹"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." ¹²And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

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 God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.***

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

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing

GORDON YOUNG

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise; that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia! All ye servants of the Lord, praise him forever, sing Jehovah's mighty power, praise him forever. Sing of his righteousness, Praise him forever.

*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 # 547 **Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

AR HYD Y NOS

1. *“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”*
2. *“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”*
3. *“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare

NICOLAS JACQUES LEMMENS

In Memoriam

A Celebration of Life for Chuck Gomori
will be held on Tuesday, July 27 at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
with a reception to follow in Spencer Hall.
The service will also be live streamed
on our website www.fpcnaples.org/live beginning at 11:30 a.m.

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 are given by John Smith II,
in loving memory of Julia Thompson Smith.

Ushers

Bill Kearney (head usher), Michele Bloom, Ned Camuti, Cindy Esler,
Saralene Oldham, Patty Rutzler

Greeters

Harry and Deb Streamer, Roy Parker, Betty Plum

Prayer List

Ebbie Batcher
Darryl Bernhardt
Megan Ford
*Gene Fraley
Gary Giltner
Giraldo-Castano Family
*Russ and Kathleen Maier
*Stephen McClure
Scott McCullough
Dominique O'Connell

*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

Session News

- Masks are no longer required for in-person worship if you have been vaccinated and have adhered to the two week waiting period following your vaccine. This protocol also pertains to children of all ages.
- Social distancing is discontinued and fellowship takes place following worship in Spencer Hall.
- The Reopening Task Force has completed its work and was dismissed with gratitude. Decisions moving forward will be made by the staff and standing committees of the church.

Seekers and Joiners Class

We want to encourage you in your journey of faith. Seekers and Joiners classes will be held this morning and again on Sunday, August 15, following the worship service in the Parlor. 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.

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

Please visit the library cart along the back wall of Spencer Hall. There are several Bibles available for you to take home and/or take to a friend. Please help yourself.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

STUDENTS TEACHERS COACHES AIDES ADMINISTRATORS
BUS DRIVERS CROSSING GUARDS MENTORS

SUNDAY AUGUST 8
9 30 A.M.

FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE YOU'RE INVITED TO
AN OPEN HOUSE AND LIGHT LUNCH IN THE YOUTH ROOM

PLEASE RSVP TO ASHLEY HANCOCK
ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org

Giving Opportunities

Presbyterian Women helping Grace Place

This year the Presbyterian Women are requesting monetary donations for Grace Place to purchase school supplies. Grace Place will be making backpacks for students Pre-K— grade 12. They have a source for bulk buying, which will give them more purchasing power. A \$100 donation will fill a backpack with supplies for the year. Please consider donating either cash or check from now through Sunday, August 8. Checks may be made payable to Presbyterian Women and note your donation is for school supplies for Grace Place. Donations may be placed in an envelope marked PW and placed in the offering basket or mailed to the church office. Your donation will help to make a difference in the life of a child. We sincerely thank you for your generous support.

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.

Playground Campaign

We're excited to add new skill-building items to the playground along with stationary musical instruments. In addition, we will replace the poured rubber absorbent surface under the structure that will ensure safe use by our students for years to come.

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.

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Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
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Saralene Oldham	Patty Rutzler	Roni Haggart
Barbara Weiss	Janice Witman	Bill Kearney

DEACONS

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
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