



July 3, 2022
10:30 A.M.

READING OF THE DAY

People in every generation have striven for power, the only difference being that ours has achieved it. This is “the century of total war” because this is “the age of omnipotence.” What has happened is curious. You know the expression “A person’s reach should exceed their grasp.” That means our moral imagination should stretch beyond what we are able to do. Now the situation is reversed: what we are able to do is beyond the reach of our moral imagination. Our capacity to destroy is virtually unlimited. But our capacity to imagine, to feel, to respond, is, as always, limited. Thus we are able to do physically what we cannot grasp morally. We are living beyond our moral means. That is the heart of our problem.

William Sloane Coffin, *Credo* (Louisville: Westminster/JohnKnox, 2004), p. 95.

PRELUDE

Jesus Calls Us

Tune: GALILEE
setting by Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

Prelude in G Major, op. 37

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

stand for

CALL TO WORSHIP (selected verses from Acts 5: 17-32)

On this patriotic celebration weekend, we remember when the church had no standing, except for the courage provided by God. Soon after Pentecost, Peter and other apostles were imprisoned for preaching about Jesus’ life.

But during the night, an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, “Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life.” When the apostles heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and went on with their teaching...

The Temple and Roman police re-arrested the apostles and questioned them, saying "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching..."

But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority.

The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, [and] exalted him ... as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, Whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Let us remember the courage of the apostles and God’s sovereignty over all human rulers. Let us worship God.

HYMN OF PRAISE 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the won - der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de - light,
4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
For the mys - tic har - mo - ny Link - ing sense to sound and sight,
Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, For all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
Refrain
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

be seated for

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

Let us confess our sins together as we seek to be whole people.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God, we try to keep you at a safe distance, until we feel loss and need hope. Then we struggle to re-learn the vocabulary of faith, and to re-claim the confidence that comes from trust in You. We are slow to apologize and allow distances to grow within us, as well as around us. We know that healing is needed, yet hesitate to reach out, and often choose recreation instead. Take away our fear of too much connection, and too much life. In the struggle for rights and responsibilities for all, too often we give up our power. Give us useful anger, that serves your righteousness and truth, and wisdom that knows our enemies are not flesh and blood.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

There follows a moment of silence for prayers of confession.

KYRIE *sung in Spanish*

Santo, Santo, Santo

ARGENTINE SANTO

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you!
San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!
Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear this Good News: God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself. In Christ, the power of evil was reversed; in our lives, the power of sin has been broken. Let us walk in newness of life.

stand for

RESPONSE TO OUR FORGIVENESS 461 stanza 3

ABBOT'S

LEIGH

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

You may pass the peace of Christ to one another with a wave or sign of happiness.

be seated for

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

Great God, Open our eyes and imaginations in these readings of your Spirit's coming to your people. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 14:19-22

Liturgist

SOLO

My Heart Ever Faithful *from* Cantata 68

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Meredith Piplani, *soprano*

My heart ever faithful, Sing praises, be joyful, Thy Jesus is near;
Away with complaining, Faith ever maintaining, My Jesus is here;

My heart ever faithful, Sing praises, be joyful, Thy Jesus is here!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 19: 23-41

Rev. Christian Iosso

SERMON
Iosso

Loyalty Beyond Self-Interest

Rev. Christian

There follows a moment of silence for reflection

stand for

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jesus Calls Us
GALILEE

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are all who find a place at this table.

The Holy Spirit invites us with Jesus' words, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if those who hear my voice open the door, I will come into them and eat with them, and they with me. Jesus also said, Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you: **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
 O Lord our God, searcher of hearts, lure of all that is good and true,
 Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful in every time and place,
 who forever sing to the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Healy Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

O God of Grace, blessed is your Holy One, Jesus, whom you sent to deliver us from bondage to death and slavery to sin. He who is boundless takes on the bondage of our sin. He who is free takes our place in death's prison.

In the deserts of our wanderings, he sustains us, giving us his greater body as manna for our weariness. By his teachings, our eyes are opened; by his healings, we know wholeness; by his courage, our hearts are awakened. The cup of suffering which he drank has become for us the cup of salvation. In his death, he ransomed us from death's dominion; in resurrection, he opened the way to eternal life.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Great is the mystery of faith:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

be seated for

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & INTERCESSIONS (Prayers for...)

- Leslie Smith, Becca's sister, her friend of 65 years has been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer.
- Coila who went to the hospital with severe back pain.
- My brother Mike, as he spent his first Father's day without his son. {Scot Spencer}

- The food pantry volunteers distributed 32 bags of food on 6/19 and 48 bags of food on 6/25.
- Safe and healthy travels for Nusrat David.

PURPLE RIBBON LIST (June 23-27)

Robert Brown	40	M	Black
Devin Nathaniel Brown	22	M	Black
Dametrious Johnson	26	M	Black
Devonta Powell	22	M	Black
Makeon Hines	24	M	Black

We hang a purple ribbon on the Park Avenue side of our building to remind us to pray for the victims, survivors, and perpetrators of these acts of violence in Baltimore City.

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same manner he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Because there is one loaf, we, many as we are, are one body;
for it is one loaf of which we all partake.
Jesus said, "I am among you as one who serves."

AT THE PASSING OF THE BREAD

We take the bread as it is served, as a sign of our individual relationship with God.

AT THE PASSING OF THE CUP

We hold the cup until the celebrant's words, and then drink together the cup of life.

Opt. A "Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and
Opt. B Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and

nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;
nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;

drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst."
drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Indwelling God, You have opened us to new life: continue to work within us. Lead us in the way of Jesus the Christ. Give us courage to take up our crosses and, fully trusting in your grace, to follow him. Help us to love you above all else, and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, so that we may be part of your Spirit's work in this world. In communion with You, Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever, Amen.

OFFERTORY

See invitation to give in the Chat Box on Zoom and Facebook Live.

If you wish to give online via our website, use this link - [Giving and Stewardship](#)

If you would like to give your offering by mail, please send to the church office. Offerings are processed weekly

AT THE OFFERTORY

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Robert Lowry (1826-99)
arr. Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

Meredith Piplani, *soprano*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION written by Phil Adams

Liturgist

Gracious God, we return these offerings to you from the bountiful blessings we have received. We know that with such great favor comes a burden of responsibility. Train our ears to catch words that imply inequality and our eyes to recognize systemic injustice. Banish indifference from our responses to such suffering so that we are always found choosing actions that build up and reach out rather than those that tear down and close off. Bless these offerings so that in their use that we might bring dignity to everything under our care. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

remain standing for

HYMN OF SENDING 447

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, The day of march has come;
2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: We fol - low, not with fears;

Hence - forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home:
And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet a - men of peace;
For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing Wher - e'er Thy face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong,
For not with swords' loud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums;
Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; We jour - ney in its light:

And now, O King e - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.
With deeds of love and mer - cy The heav - en - ly king - dom comes.
The crown a - waits the con - quest; Lead on, O God of might.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE

Epilogue on the Hymn Tune DIX
“For the Beauty of the Earth”

William Harris (1883-1973)

It is the custom of this congregation to remain in the sanctuary for the postlude. Those wishing to exit may do so.
Grace and joy to all who have joined us in worship! Please join us for fellowship in Reid Chapel.

ABOUT FIRST & FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

STAFF

Rev. Christian Iosso, Ph.D., *Interim Pastor*

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SESSION			DEACONS		
Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Marianne Shick	John McLucas	Allie Pyan	Nusrat David	Marla Holt	Michael Johnson
Sarah Lloyd	Joan Gordon	Paul Fowler	Muddassar Iqbal	Randolph Veale	Anne Culbertson
Vacant	Becca Hollaway	Alex Mendelsohn			

NOTICES

Our weekly email and monthly newsletter contain longer announcements and opportunities for witness and service. If you would like to receive our Weekly eblast emails and other communications, please contact the office with your email address or use the Contact Form on our website, firstfranklin.org

ADULT EDUCATION | 9:15 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. IN BACKUS HOUSE OR VIA ZOOM

Rev. Chris Iosso will lead a 5-part discussion based on his 2017 study book, "Five Risks Presbyterians Must Take for Peace".

Click: [ADULT EDUCATION](#) | Meeting ID: 831 0513 8968 | Passcode: 233825

BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This Sunday after service there will be a brief meeting to elect a replacement member of the Session and for electing the members of the Egenton-Roberts Board. I will ask that the prospective elder and all the members of that Board present be recognized. Egenton-Roberts is a unique organization on which information will be available, but we will not be engaging matters beyond the nominations process.

4TH OF JULY POTLUCK | 5:30 PM (The office will be closed)

Come celebrate Independence Day with food, fellowship, and fun! Meet us in the courtyard with your favorite dish and drinks (of all types) to share as we fellowship before the local fireworks begin. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Please submit all entries for the July/August Newsletter by July 8, 2022.

MUSIC IN THE GARDENS – SCOTT FULTON | Sunday, July 10 at 5:30 pm

Join us in Sherwood Gardens for an evening of music and fun! One of our church members, Scott Fulton, will be playing guitar and entertaining the crowd.