



Confirmation Sunday Worship

June 6, 2021

*Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,
we come to be your people, O God.*

*Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers,
we come to be your people, O God.*

*Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,
we come to be your people, O God.*

*Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours and
we come to be your people, O God.*

May we truly become your people today. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Faithful God, we come into your presence with thanksgiving, deeply grateful for the unfailing love and faithfulness you have shown toward us, your people. When we call out to you, you answer. When we are exhausted, you give us the strength to go on. When we find ourselves in trouble, you are there, standing beside us.

And so we come before you with gratitude and praise, offering you the worship of our hearts and lives. Open our eyes to see and know you here among us; open our ears to recognize your voice. And then send us out from here, to live and work in the world as your faithful disciples. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HYMN #1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed trinity!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS

We confess our struggle to be transformed into disciples, God of mystery. The desires of the world would shape us into people you would not recognize. The demands of our society pull us away from your heart. Our culture values the rich, the powerful, the successful, but you are on the side of the weak, the poor, the outcast, the oppressed.

Forgive us, Merciful God, for looking for you in the wrong places. Reawaken us with your voice that calls us to service; revive our weary hearts with your vision of creation; refresh our fatigued spirits that we might boldly proclaim Jesus as our Lord and as our Savior, and go forth to serve your people in Christ's name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON John 17:6-19

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN #488 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
 make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 12:1-8 (J.B. Phillips version)

¹⁻²With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you, my brothers and sisters, as an act of intelligent worship, to give him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to him and acceptable by him. Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God re-mold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity.

³⁻⁸ As your spiritual teacher I give this piece of advice to each one of you. Don't cherish exaggerated ideas of yourself or your importance, but try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities by the light of the faith that God has given to you all. For just as you have many members in one physical body and those members differ in their functions, so we, though many in number, compose one body in Christ and are all members of one another. Through the grace of God we have different gifts. If our gift is preaching, let us preach to the limit of our vision. If it is serving others let us concentrate on our service; if it is teaching let us give all we have to our teaching; and if our gift be the stimulating of the faith of others let us set ourselves to it. Let those who are called to give, give freely; let those who wield authority think of their responsibility; and let those who feels sympathy for their fellows act cheerfully.

SERMON Stay Afloat But Don't Drink the Water

CONFIRMATION Welcome to this ministry – Samuel Holton and Liam Hyndman

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN #69 Here I am Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? *Chorus*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life for them. Whom shall I send? *Chorus*

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In deep gratitude for all that you have done for us, we offer ourselves and our gifts to you—living sacrifices of worship and praise. Transform our hearts and minds from the inside out; show us what is good and pleasing in your sight, so that we may be quick to recognize your call, and quick to respond. In the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE (Hold up your elements with the pastor and then we will commune together demonstrating our unity in Christ)

UNISON PRAYER

We thank you, God, for the gifts you give us. Now, may we be as living loaves, kneaded and shaped by the hands of God. May we be as wine of the Spirit, poured out that others might know joy. Love be the leavening within. Love be the flavor of thought and word and deed. Amen.

HYMN #747 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to
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make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.

The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un

do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that
mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor; me

falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help
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us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.
yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONGRATULATIONS to our confirmands, Sam Holton and Liam Hyndman who make their profession of faith during the worship service. Well done good and faithful servants of Jesus Christ!

WELCOME JASON GORDON our new Director of Youth Ministry. Be sure to greet Jason with a warm Forest Grove welcome! We are so glad he is now with us!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – July 19 – 23 2021, 9AM – noon. Check our Website www.forestgrovechurch.org for more information and/or go to vbspro.events/p/dp9219 to sign up. Share the information with your friends or family with children. You do not need to be a member of FGPC to attend VBS. Or call the Church office at 215-794-8575. Call Kim King 215-340-0530 or Beth Conti 267-491-5646 to volunteer.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPLORERS July 12 – 16, 2021

Monday – Friday, 9:00-3:00, kids in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in a weeklong series of adventures. Each day the group will engage in different activities that will take them beyond the church to engage in God's creation through different environment and outdoor experiences. Here's a list of just a few learning activities:

- Milking cows at Delaware Valley University
 - Day at the shore
 - Tubing on the Delaware
- Two different days exploring different environment issues will round out the week.



Registration numbers are restricted to 10. Friends are welcome. Sign up by calling the church office.

Calendar: **June 9 – Noon**, lunch at the church. Bring your own and a lawn chair.
 June 9 – 4:30pm Doris Elliott's grave site funeral. Family only.

In our thoughts and prayers: The Conner/Lang Family, Diane Dauer, Aleena Lang, Natalie Pizza, Bill Wark, Nancy Yerkes, Raymond Tinari, Dick Wright, Judy Ferguson