

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, time and again, you defy our expectations. You cross barriers of culture and creed and look into the eyes of a stranger, and we are astonished. We confess that we are not keen to do the same. While you teach inclusion, we preserve division; while you model hospitality, we default to suspicion. Open our eyes to see your mission for what it is—the healing of the world. Astonish us with your grace, O God, that we might move from surprise to service, and from doubt to faithfulness. By your Spirit, inspire and empower us to proclaim your good news in word and deed. (our silent prayers of confession) We pray in the strong and merciful name of Jesus Christ, and all the people say, **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear this good news!
The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
As far as east is from west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
Let us all believe this good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

+GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

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.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!
And also with you!

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH
Children are invited to come forward, place their offerings in the plate, have a short message and prayer with the minister, then go to Room 208 for their worship service called Summer Stories.
(Please note starting on Sunday, September 13th, Worship and Wonder will return during Time With the Young Church. The age range will now be four-year-olds through 2nd Grade.)

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 4:1-42
Pew Bible, NT p. 94

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to the Lord.

SERMON

“Living Water”

Jim Morgan

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

+ HYMN 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles’ 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 on 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Douglas B. Leightenheimer

*Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord and all that is within me
bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, and forget not all of God's
benefits. God forgives you all your iniquities. God redeems you from
destruction, and crowns you with stead-fast love and mercy. Rejoice
always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the
will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

+ 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.**

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

+ PRAYER 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.

+ HYMN 494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

QUEBEC

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Voluntary in C Major

John Travers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given today to the glory of God and in memory of John and Jean Wessell and George and Edith Sherman, parents of John and Jan Wessell.



Leading in Worship	
Dan Lewis, Senior Pastor	Jim Morgan, Parish Associate
Natalie Raygor, Associate Pastor	Elizabeth McGuire, Associate Pastor
John Tabler, Director of Music and Organist	Benjamin Horrell, Associate Director of Music and Choir Director
FPC Choir	

THANK YOU to all of you who have joined us for worship this Sunday, here and at home. We hope that you find your experience of worship to be uplifting and meaningful. Any usher (designated with a name tag) will be glad to assist you and answer your questions. If you need a large print copy of today’s bulletin and hymns, please notify an usher. A special welcome to any visitors worshiping with us this morning. If you would, please let us know you were here with us by signing the Friendship Register in the pews or by emailing our church office at hello@firstonthird.org.