Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; let the earth hear the words of my mouth. May my teaching drop like the rain, my speech condense like the dew; like gentle rain on grass, like showers on new growth. For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God! The Rock, his work is perfect, and all his ways are just. A Faithful God, without deceit, just and upright is he; yet his degenerate children have dealt falsely with him, a perverse and crooked generation. Do you thus repay the Lord, O foolish and senseless people? Is not he your father, who created you, who make you and established you? Remember the days of old, consider the years long past; ask your father, and he will inform you; your elders, and they will tell you. When the Most High apportioned the nations, when he divided humankind, he fixed the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the gods; the Lord's own portion was his people, Jacob his allotted share.

~ Deuteronomy 32:1-9



THIS WEEK

October 21 Merle Tousant

October 22 Donna O'Neil

October 22 Kaden Lee

October 25 David Van Eenenaam, Sr.

October 26 Kristopher Stevens



Arlene Wilson, Shane McWayne, Gerda Barbour, JoAnne Stirling, Ralph Green, and for the sick and those who need God's comfort.

Prayer Help Available. Please call the church office at 782-1750 if you have a prayer request. Your confidential prayer request will be put on the First Pres. Prayer Chain. Only those requesting public prayers are included for prayers in our church bulletin.

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 21, 2018

10:00 a.m.

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

The Church's One Foundation (401) Great Is Thy Faithfulness (139) For All the Saints (767) Carl Bingle, FPC Organist Wesley/arr. Hustad Runyan/arr. Linker Vaughan Williams/arr. Smith

GREETING

Peace be with you.

And also with you

PRELUDE

Aria Gilbert Martin

An Aria, Italian for Air, features a lovely melody spinning out above a harmonic accompaniment. Listen for the little flutes of the Choir Organ, then the Great Organ playing the same melody in strong, perfect fourths.

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" ~ Psalm 150:6 Carl Bingle, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Psalm 104

Leader: O Holy One, you are beyond measure.

Your garments are truth and beauty; you are draped in angelic splendor.

People: With your hand you draw the heavens

like a curtain across the darkness. You breathe the light that spans the universe in constant motion.

You ride the wind and walk in the clouds; the breeze and the gale are your path,

and with each there is wisdom, a truth conveyed in wind and fire.

The earth is built upon a rock that will never move or slip.

The depth of the sea is a fullness offered by the image of your truth, a depth so great it covers everything.

^{*} Indicates that those who are able may stand.

*HYMN #375

Jesus Shall Reign DUKE STREET

INVITATION TO REPENTENT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, hear our prayer. Search our heart for the fears we keep. Take from us the excuses we use to avoid faith. Forgive the anger we trust instead of patience. Let us be healed of our misdeeds and offer the same. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

. . . in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ you are also forgiven.

*RESPONSE - You Are My Hiding Place - Hymn #700

You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance; Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. I will trust in You. Let the weak say, I am strong in the strength of the Lord!

LITURGIST WELCOME

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 32:1-9 (Old Testament, pages 187-188 in pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

Canticle of Hope

Joseph Martin

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, director; Phyllis Elmer, piano

CHILDREN'S TIME

(At this time we invite all K-7th graders to join us for Sunday School, please have children follow the teacher thru the door on the left. Children will meet parents in Fellowship Hall after the service. As children depart for Sunday School, we sing "Jesus Loves Me" Hymn #185, verse 1)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 9:14-29 (New Testament, pages 44-46 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

"Healing of the Boy" Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

*HYMN #403

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

(If you would like to give via Venmo, information can be found on the back cover of the bulletin.)

OFFERTORY SOLO

I Believe Drake/Graham

David Elmer, soloist; Phyllis Elmer, piano

*DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #815

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 THANKSGIVING

SENDING

*HYMN #139

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Concerto II in A Minor

Vivaldi/J.S. Bach

Today we hear FPC's four pipe organs played separately: The Pedal Organ and the Swell Organ, right side; the Great Organ to the left, and the Choir-Positiv Organ from the chancel and the west balcony. Vivaldi's music is playfully exuberant, illustrated in the rapid dialogue between the four organs.

Carl Bingle, organ