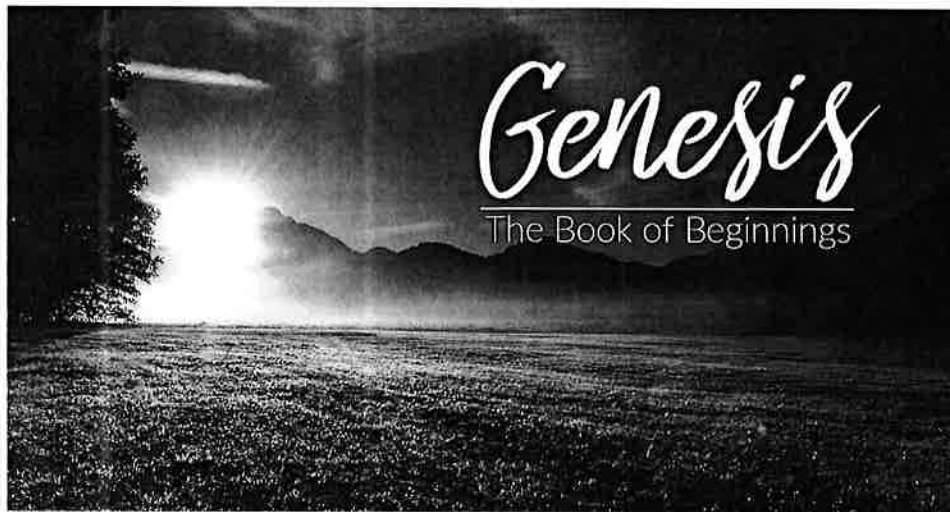


FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



13th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 27, 2023
10:00 A.M.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Liturgist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

We gather as the body of Christ.

**We are many individuals,
but together we are one.**

Each of us has our own gifts,
our own calling, our own role,

**but all of us proclaim
Jesus Christ is the Messiah!**

*HYMN insert *“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Norlita Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Norlita Kaul

**Almighty God, When faced with earthly powers that
seem overwhelming, we crumble. We fear this world.
We fear losing our status, our stability, our station
more than we fear you. Forgive our shortcomings
and teach us to trust in you when we take a risk for
what we know is right.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Norlita Kaul

If God was not on our side, ...

...as we seek to live in peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Is. 51:1-6

Liturgist
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51 Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the Lord.

**Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.**

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,

**for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.**

³ For the Lord will comfort Zion;

he will comfort all her waste places

**and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;**

joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ **Listen to me, my people,**

and give heed to me, my nation,

for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ **I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;**

my salvation has gone out,

and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ **Lift up your eyes to the heavens**

and look at the earth beneath,

for the heavens will vanish like smoke,

the earth will wear out like a garment,

and those who live on it will die like gnats,^[a]

but my salvation will be forever,

and my deliverance will never be ended.

GOSPEL READING

Matt. 16:13-20

Rev. Kaul and Liturgist

N.T. pg. 18

SERMON

"Who Is Jesus?"

Rev. Norlita Kaul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN insert

"Rock Of Ages"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN insert *"Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent, one from another. Amen. (*Mizpah Benediction*)

POSTLUDE

- - Those who are able, please stand.
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LITURGIST- Anne Sheppard

USHERS- Team 6 Ron Schultz, captain; Beth Schultz

COUNTERS - Team D - Marie Dunham and Joyce Ireland

FLOWERS- DBG

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Boykin-Greenberg

Albert Fooks

Curtis Homan

Debbie Homan

Franz Pampuch

Sandy Zimmerman

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Heather Newkirk

Marge Pampuch

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