



Faith Des Peres

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Sunday Morning Worship

August 18, 2013

**FAITH DES PERES
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

August 18, 2013
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WE APPROACH GOD

Opening Voluntary

Gentle Shepherd

arr. Fred Bock

Call to Worship

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and shield.

People: **Our hearts are glad, because we trust in God's holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

Gathering Prayer

***Opening Hymn 488**

The God of Abraham Praise

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***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Leader: You call and we have a vocation.
You send and we have an identity.
You accompany us and we are swept to big purposes:

People: **chosen race,
royal priesthood,
your own people,
receiving mercy.**

Leader: But we, in our restlessness,

People: **do not want to be so peculiar.**

Leader: We would rather be like the others,
eager for their wealth

People: **their wisdom
their power.**

Leader: Eager to be like them, comfortable

People: beautiful
young
free.

Leader: We yearn to be like the others,

People: and you make us odd and peculiar and different.

Leader: Grant that we may find joy in our baptism,

People: freedom in our obedience,
delight in our vocation.

Leader: The same joy, freedom and delight

People: that so marked our Lord
whom we follow in oddness.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

*Joyful Response

Great Is the Lord



Great is the Lord, he is ho-ly and just; by his pow-er we trust in his love. —



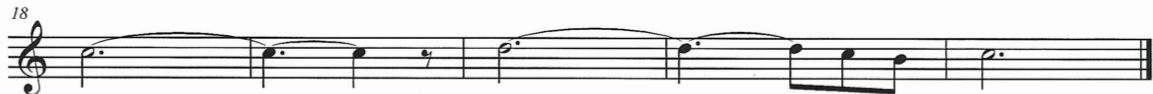
Great is the Lord, he is faith ful and true; by his mer-cy he proves he is love. —



Great is the Lord and wor - thy of glo - ry! Great is the Lord and wor - thy of praise.



Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great _____ is the



Lord! _____ Great _____ is the Lord!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Genesis 15:1-6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem *Fairest Lord Jesus* Silesian folk melody

New Testament Reading Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Sermon "Journey of Faith" Rev. Dr. Anne Epling

*Hymn *Faith Begins by Letting Go*



1. Faith be - gins by let - ting go, Giv - ing up what
2. Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, Keep - ing mem - 'ry's
3. Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, Stretch - ing minds, en -



had seemed sure, Tak - ing risks and press - ing on,
roots a - live So that hope may bear its fruit;
larg - ing hearts, Shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,



Though the way feels less se - cure: Pil - grim - age both
Prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, Not through mer - it
Bind - ing up the bro - ken parts: Till we find the



right and odd, Trust - ing all our life to God.
we pos - sess But by God's great faith - ful - ness.
com - mon - place Ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Petition

To the leader's words "O God of hope", the congregation responds "increase our faith."

Pastoral Prayer and 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 Our Gifts to God *(Please sign the friendship pad.)*

Offertory Music

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

arr. Fred Bock

*Dedication of Gifts

"Doxology"

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*News of the Church

*Closing Hymn 361

How Firm A Foundation

FOUNDATION

*Benediction

*Closing Voluntary

Let All Things Now Living

arr. Lloyd Larson

We welcome you to Faith Des Peres for worship!

Following the Closing Voluntary please join us for refreshments in the Gathering Space at the front of the church.

Together at Faith Des Peres

Remember in Prayers:

Joanna Gerst Jasmine Reece
Toy & Jerry Kircher Sam Taylor
Mallorie and Mackenzie Prophete

With Appreciation to:

Will Ridley, Dorcas Case, and Sean and Sako
O'Rourke, *worship team*
Leslie Barnes, *refreshments* Randi Weber, *flowers*

Rally Day is September 8

Everything kicks into high gear on Sunday, September 8 with Sunday School for children and youth at 10:45 am and the Adult Discussion Group for adults at 9:00 am. Afterwards there will be a picnic lunch and games. There is fun for everyone!

Hot dogs, beverages and ice cream will be provided. Your donation of a side dish, salad, or chips would be appreciated. Let us know if you plan to attend the lunch and -- if you can -- lend a hand. Volunteers are needed to help set-up or clean-up or help with games.

Faith Des Peres Leadership Planning Day

On Saturday, August 24, from 8:45-11:00, the Session is hosting a Leadership Planning Day for all committees and groups of the church. The purpose of the meeting is to get an update on the Financial Sustainability Plan the Session approved for the next 5 years, and to hear about a Shared Ministry plan the Session adopted in July. Committees / teams / groups will have an opportunity to reflect on these items and plan for their year. Anyone is invited to attend the Leadership Planning Day regardless of whether you are on a committee or not. This is a good opportunity for members to hear about the Session's work last year and this year. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call, e-mail or talk with Pastor Annie.

Choir Rehearsals Resume

The choir will resume rehearsing for our role as leaders of worship through music on August 28. The choir will explore a wide variety of music this year - some gospel songs, some pieces by classical composers such as Mozart and Handel, settings of beloved hymn texts such as *How Firm a Foundation*, settings of scriptural texts such as *The Lord Is My Light* from the psalms, and lots more. Plans for Advent and Lenten cantatas are also in the making. The choir would gladly welcome anyone who would like to join us. Just come to rehearsal on August 28 or any Wednesday following if you would like to participate.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study and Fellowship begins August 28.

All women of the church are welcome to join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Space. This year's study is "An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy." Books are in. See Joanna Gerst for a book if you would like to join the study.

Coffee with the Pastor

People interested in learning more about Faith Des Peres are invited to come for coffee with Pastor Annie on Sunday, August 25, about 9:20 am to get to know more about the church, our history and values and answer any questions you may have. This is an informal conversation we like to extend from time to time to people who have been attending and might want to know more about the church or simply have questions about the church. If this is something you'd like to attend let Pastor Annie know at pastor@faithdesperes.org or the church office at 432-8029.

Older & Wiser Lunch next Sunday

Everyone is welcome to lunch together next Sunday, August 25 following worship. Check in during fellowship time that day for a restaurant to be determined. No RSVP is needed. Join us! See Barb Wright if you have questions.

Covenant Network

In July, the Session approved joining the Covenant Network of Presbyterians. By joining the Covenant Network, the Session affirmed the Call to Covenant Community which states:

With the help of God's grace, the Covenant Network of Presbyterians is called to strengthen the Church of Jesus Christ by furthering the inclusion of persons identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer (LGBTQ) that was signaled by the adoption of G-2.0104b; by supporting sessions and presbyteries as they apply these ordination standards; and by working for the unity of the church, engaging in conversations with those with whom we disagree, seeking understanding and reconciliation. In this crucial time in church and culture, the Covenant Network remains committed to serving the church, believing that Jesus Christ has already made us one and that we are better equipped to carry out our larger ministry and witness when we are together.

Being an inclusive church is not new for Faith Des Peres, but by joining the Covenant Network we are publicly affirming our commitment to inclusion and our belief that God calls all people to ordained offices regardless of sexual preference. We are also affirming, as the Covenant Network does, our commitment to work for a church that is faithful, just and whole and is open to a variety of viewpoints. Indeed, the latter is why the Covenant Network has appealed to the broad middle of the church, and no one should feel excluded from Faith Des Peres because of the Session's actions. We want to be inclusive of all people.

Look for more information about the Covenant Network in the weeks to come. And please, if you have any questions about the Session's decision, do not hesitate to contact Pastor Annie or a member of the session.

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Sun, 08/18	10:00 am-Noon	Childcare
	10:30 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship
Sat, 08/24	8:45-11:00 am	LEADERSHIP PLANNING DAY
Sun, 08/25	9:20 am	Coffee with the Pastor
	10:00 am-Noon	Childcare
	10:30 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship
	12:00 pm	Older & Wiser Lunch

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