



# Faith Des Peres

Presbyterian Church  
(USA)

Sunday Morning  
Worship

September 1, 2013

at the  
Old Meeting House

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

**ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

September 1, 2013

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**WE APPROACH GOD**

**Opening Voluntary**

*Lord of the Dance*

Shaker melody,  
arr. Mark Hayes

**Call to Worship**

Leader: God said, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

**People: But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord."**

Leader: Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

**People: And I will give you rest."**

Leader: We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors,

**People: Let us worship God this day!**

**Gathering Prayer**

Laboring God, the sea and sky are your work, every hill and plain, every valley and cliff fashioned by your hands. Towering trees and creeping plants, blossoms, sweet and rare or common as dandelions, all created by you. The creatures are your opus, every fin, paw, wing and hand, all that runs, swims, soars and wriggles, your work. The world cries out, "Good job!" We join our voice to this chorus, singing the world beautiful, singing the Lord glorious, singing our thanks for your labor of love. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn 84**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

**\*Call to Confession**

On this Labor Day Sunday let us, in a special way, lift up all people who labor, either for pay or as volunteers, in jobs or at school, at home or in the workplace, in the United States and around the world.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

(Unison)

**We are workers, God, just like you. But we confess that our work is not always done in a manner that affirms and honors each other. Our work is not always done in a spirit that is pleasing to you. We confess that, on some occasions, we have blindly bought goods made by people who are paid too little or work in unsafe conditions. We admit that we have failed to end an unjust system in which some workers have jobs that provide good**

wages and benefits while others may have no job, or one that pays little and provides few benefits.

Creator God, help us to be your people, working for a world where all workers are valued. A world where those who clean houses are also able to buy houses in which to live. A world where those who grow food can also afford to eat their fill. And one where those who serve us — in stores, schools, hotels, restaurants, nursing homes, and many other places — are also served by us. It will be a world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance**

Our God is a God of grace and transformation. When we ask, God gives us the courage and strength to live out our faith in the workplace and the marketplace, as well as in the sanctuary. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**\*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

Psalm 90

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Special Music

*Open Our Eyes, Lord*  
Sung by the Congregation

OPEN OUR EYES

O - pen our eyes, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ we want to see Je -  
sus, \_\_\_\_\_ to reach out and touch him, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
say that we love him. \_\_\_\_\_ O - pen our ears, Lord, -  
\_\_\_\_\_ and help us to lis - ten. \_\_\_\_\_ O - pen our  
eyes, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ we want to see Je - sus. \_\_\_\_\_

### New Testament Reading

### Sermon

“The Work of Our Hands”

Rev. Dr. Anne Epling

### \*Hymn 385

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

WHAT A FRIEND

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

### Pastoral Prayer

#### Silent Prayer

**Prayers of Petition** (congregation responds "Lord, hear our prayers.")

#### 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

*Rain Down*

Jaime Cortez, arr. Mark Hayes

#### \*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 139

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*

ASSURANCE

#### \*Benediction

#### \*Closing Voluntary

*Lord of the Dance (conclusion)*

Shaker melody,  
arr. Mark Hayes

**Welcome to the "Old Meeting House" for worship this Labor Day Weekend.**

Following the Closing Voluntary, please join us for refreshments.

## Together at Faith Des Peres

### Remember in Prayers:

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

### With Appreciation to:

Jim & Terry Baker, and Rufus & Judy  
Sisson, *worship team*  
Leslie Barnes, *refreshments*  
Bernie & Leila Davis, *flowers*

### Rally Day – Sunday, September 8 — Food and Fun For All!

*The sign-up sheet is here today!*

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. Lunch and carnival games for all ages after church. The church will provide hot dogs, drinks, and ice cream. We need you to:

- Bring a side dish, salad or chips.
- “Man” a game booth for 20 minutes.
- Help with set-up or clean-up.
- Bring cupcakes for the cakewalk.

See you there!

### TNTs (Twenties and Thirties-Plus group)

TNTs are going to dinner on Friday, September 13. Childcare available at the church beginning at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 at BrickTops. E-mail Beth Willock if going.  
Beth.A.Willock@efleets.com

### Adult Discussion Group (ADG) begins next Sunday

This year the ADG will make some scheduling changes to try to meet the needs of more of our church members. Watch the blog and Sunday bulletins for information about meeting dates and places. Unless otherwise noted, the meeting time and place will be the first and third Sundays of the month, 9:00-10:15 AM, in the second floor Adult Meeting Room. In addition, the ADG will meet with the “Older and Wiser” group for lunch after church on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Due to Labor Day, the September meetings will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. These Sundays will be a two-part discussion of “Saints of the Church” led by Faith Des Peres member Barb Wright. On Sept. 8, discussion will focus on Hildegard of Bingen, and on Sept. 22, Julian of Norwich and Theresa of Avila. Come and learn about these spiritual giants of the Christian church. You are welcome to attend the ADG on any Sunday. Join us.

**Sunday School — Kids, join us next Sunday!**

The fun begins again on September 8 for grades 5 and younger. This is Sunday School kick-off day at Faith Des Peres. Kids, round up your friends and join us for another fun-filled year. See you September 8!

**Choir rehearsals have resumed and you are welcome to join us!**

The choir has resumed rehearsing for our role as leaders of worship through music. We meet on Wednesday evenings at **7:15 p.m.** The choir will explore a wide variety of music this year — some gospel songs, some pieces by classical composers, settings of beloved hymn texts and scriptural texts, and more. Plans for Advent and Lenten cantatas are in the making, and the choir will lead in a hymn festival when the new hymnals arrive this fall.

The choir would gladly welcome anyone who would like to join us. Just come to rehearsal on any Wednesday if you would like to participate. (Note: No rehearsal on September 18.)

**Tai Chi resumes at Faith Des Peres on Monday, September 9**

The Peace in Motion tai chi class will begin a brand new session on Monday evenings at 5:30 pm, beginning September 9th. Tai Chi is a gentle form of both exercise and relaxation.

Proven benefits are improved balance, improved immunity, improved joint flexibility, increased strength, decreased blood pressure, reduced stress and much more! Classes are \$5/person, pay as you go. All levels of fitness are accommodated.

Tai Chi connects the mind, the body and the spirit for a refreshing hour of peace. Contact instructor Susan Marting if you have any questions at 314-609-9091. Otherwise, we'll see you in the Gathering Space on Monday, Sept 9th! Bring a friend!

<b>THE WEEK'S CALENDAR:</b>		
<b>Sun, 09/01</b>	10:30 am 11:30 am	<b>Worship at the Old Meeting House Coffee and Fellowship</b>
<b>Mon, 09/02</b>	<b>Church Office Closed for the Holiday.</b>	
<b>Wed, 09/04</b>	7:15 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Sun, 09/08</b>	9:00 am 10:00 am-Noon 10:30 am 10:45 am 11:30 am	<b>Adult Discussion Group Childcare Worship with Communion Sunday School RALLY DAY CELEBRATION</b>

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The old stone church was built in 1834. It has always been a Presbyterian Church and was the house of worship for the Des Peres Presbyterian congregation until 1955, when a new church was built on Clayton Road. The church is now called Faith and Des Peres Presbyterian reflecting its merger with Faith Presbyterian Church in 1992.

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