



6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2015

Meditation before Worship

All we want in Christ, we shall find in Christ.

If we want little, we shall find little.

If we want much, we will find much.

*But if in utter helplessness we cast our all on Christ,
he will be to us the whole treasury of God.*

-Henry B. Whipple

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME

Dr. Bob Agnew

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Bold print indicates congregation's participation)*

Loretta Stanton

Jesus calls us: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

We, who are often busy and anxious, come to worship seeking the rest Jesus offers.

Christ invites us: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me."

There is much we want to learn about living. We want our lives to count for something

Jesus assures us: "I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

In a sometimes harsh world, we long for kindness we can trust, and rest that is truly refreshing.

Again, our Lord promises: "My yoke is easy, and my burden light."

In and through Christ we find true freedom, and the joy of living according to the Spirit. For freedom Christ has set us free, free to love and free to serve.

*HYMN # 262 (PH)

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

Please note that when (PH) follows the hymn or song number, we are singing from the blue *Presbyterian Hymnal*. When (GTG) follows the number, we are singing from the purple *Glory to God hymnal*. We have limited copies of *Glory to God*, so they are given to worshippers as they enter the sanctuary. If you did not receive one, please contact an usher. We would also appreciate if you would return this hymnal (GTG) to the Narthex as you leave worship.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loretta Stanton

Almighty God, by our own efforts we have not succeeded in becoming your true sons and daughters. You created in us a love of liberty and peace, but too often we have neglected our solemn responsibilities to uphold and expand our goodly heritage. Forgive us when we have failed to be equal to your high trust, reverent in the use of freedom, just in the exercise of power, or generous in protecting the weak. Lift us out of the burden of sin and guilt into the freedom and energy of a forgiven people, free to love and free to serve Christ whose yoke is easy and burden light.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE SONG # 614 (GTG)

"Great Are You, Lord"

**Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.
Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:
Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!**

*SHARING THE PEACE

Loretta Stanton

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SONG FOR ILLUMINATION # 288 (GTG) *“Spirit of the Living God”*

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

FIRST READING:

Psalm 67

(p.500 in pew Bibles)

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

Loretta Stanton

ANTHEM

Ray Staroscik

SECOND READING:

Matthew 11:25-30

(p.11 in pew Bibles)

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

THIRD READING

Galatians 5:1, 13-14, 6:2

(pp.179-180 in pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

“FREEDOM”

Dr. Bob Agnew

SERMON TEXT: *“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you...”* (Matthew 11:28-29a)

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN # 274 (PH)

“O God of Earth and Space” (Vs. 1,3,& 4)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(From “A Brief Statement of Faith”)

Loretta Stanton

We trust in Jesus Christ,

fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
Male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.

OFFERING OF THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Ray Staroscik

DOXOLOGY # 606 (GTG) *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loretta Stanton

HYMN # 418 (PH) *"God Bless Your Church with Strength!"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Ray Staroscik

(If you wish to do so, we invite you to sit quietly and enjoy the postlude as part of your worship.) Organist

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**Please rise in body, mind, or spirit.*

Thank you for gathering with us for worship this morning. Following worship, there will be served a coffee hour in the small dining area. Please join us!

Liturgist	Loretta Stanton
Sound Technician	Valerie Edwards
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
Worship Coordinator	Loretta Stanton
Officers on Duty	Tom Turner Bob Ponder
Open Door Representative	Elizabeth Kershaw

New Church Hours

Fort Street has new church hours. The church offices will be open on Mondays from 8-3, Tues and Thursdays 8-5:00pm, Wednesday 8-7:00 p.m. Church offices will be closed on Fridays.

Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:

- Large Print Blue Hymnals
- Hearing Assist System
- Wheelchair Access Ramp
- Wheelchair Seating--locations available in the sanctuary
- Handicap Restroom--using elevator to second floor

We are delighted that you are here!

- * Visit the information and display tables in the narthex.
- * Capable and loving nursery attendants are ready to care for little ones through age 4 during the service. Ask an usher for directions.
- * A tape recording and CDs of today's service and/or previous services may be ordered in the Reception Office after worship @ \$3.00 each.
- * You may add to the beauty of our weekly worship by contributing a floral donation. Flowers are usually given in memory of or in honor of persons or events. Contact Pam Sharrow at Sharrow13@gmail.com. The church office will contact you for your floral dedication.

Prayer List for the month of July 2015

Gabrielle Abrego, Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Bettie Burton, Lorraine/Harrison Coleman family, Shannon Howard, Melanie Jackson, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Lemus family, Karen Marcil, Marilyn Moore, Cheryl Myers, Mary Jo/Jerry Naragon, Kathy Payne/family, Easter Ponder, Ozi Uduma, and Nancy Wooke.

Prayers for Military loved ones.

CPL Christopher Whittaker-Bonner USMC, Lt. Harrison L Coleman USN, Jonathan Heyler USN, SSGT Shanell Howard USAF, Sgt. Christopher King, Maj. Michael Kurtti, USAF, Lt. Theo Moran USAF, Alta Morrison, Lt. Jon Palmer USA, Lt. Marty Palmer USA, Charles Andrew Parsons II USN, Major Michelle Ruehl AF, USMC Major Katy Spicer, USMC, Alexander Szelestey, USMC, Lt. Mark Webster.

FORT STREET STAFF:

Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; Ben Ogden, Director of Open Door; Edward Kingins, Music Director; Ray Staroscik, Organist; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; Loretta Stanton, Wedding Coordinator; Kenneth McCoy, Building Engineer; Frank Hickey, Jerry Johnson, Building Support Staff, Donna Bryant, Greg Howell, Parking Security; Marilyn Moore, Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff; Stacey Kershaw, Johnnie Hester, Cheryl Tarpley, Elizabeth Kershaw, Open Door Staff.

Temporary Stated Supply Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Robert Agnew
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Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed 1	Thu 2	Fri 3	Sat 4
July 2015			1:30 Staff mtg 7:00 Session mtg	9-11 Open Door	11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00 AA	5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 AI-Non
5 10a.m. Worship 1:30-3:30 Peace / Justice Event 6:30 p.m. NA	6 Church Offices Closed for Holiday	7 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	8 1:30 Staff mtg No Meetings scheduled	9 9-11 Open Door 11:30 Open Dr. Mtg	10 Church Offices Closed 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal 8:00-9:00 AA	11 10/3:00 Wedding 5:30 pm AA 8:00 AI-Non
12 10a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. NA	13 Church Open 8-3 9-3 Peace Camp Starts	14 8:30 Clothes Sort 9-3 Peace Camp 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	15 9-3 Peace Camp 1:30 Staff mtg 6:00 Fiscal Op.	16 9-11 Open Door 9-3 Peace Camp	17 Church Offices Closed 9-3 Peace Camp 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal 8:00-9:00 AA	18 4:00 Wedding 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 AI-Non
19 10a.m. Worship 11:45 Worship Arts mtg :30 p.m. NA	20 Church Open 8-3 9-3 Peace Camp	21 8:30 Clothes Sort 9-3 Peace Camp 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	22 9-3 Peace Camp 1:30 Staff mtg 6:00 Personnel 7:00 Deacons mtg	23 9-11 Open Door 9-3 Peace Camp	24 Church Offices Closed 9-3 Peace Camp 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 48:00-9:00 AA	25 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 AI-Non
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