

We welcome you to worship with us this morning! Out of consideration for the people around you, please ensure that your mobile devices are set to silent mode.

Regular Print: Leader

Bold: Congregation

**Asterisk: Please stand if able*

“Lifting our lives to others happens every time we speak or act in ways that make our lives lives for others. When we are fully able to embrace our own lives, we discover that what we claim we also want to proclaim. A life well held is indeed a life for others. We stop wondering whether our life is better or worse than others and start seeing clearly that when we live our life for others, we not only claim our individuality but also proclaim our unique place in the mosaic of the human family.”

—*Can You Drink the Cup?* Henri J.M. Nouwen. (Notre Dame, IN, Ave Maria Press, 1996), p. 58.

✠ WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD ✠

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Aubade (Morning Song)

Brenda Portman (United States, b.1980)

Call to Worship (from I Chronicles 16)

Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and rescue us, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

O give thanks to the Lord; call on God’s name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing praises to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

He is the Lord our God; his judgements are in all the earth.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Let us worship God.

Prayer of Adoration

*Opening Hymn: #337

My Country, ‘Tis of Thee

AMERICA

*Prayer of Confession:

Transform us, Lord! Change us to be the full expression of your desired will, purpose and plan. Help us to let go of the attitude of “just getting by”, of judging others while justifying ourselves, and withholding grace when we demand exception. We confess that our compulsions, perfectionism, and criticism diminish the blessing, peace, and strength that you intend for us. Redeem us through the power of your Holy Spirit. Save us in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospels. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*Sung Response

tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

based on Psalm 100

Genevan Psalter, 1551



1 All peo-ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheer-ful voice;
2 O en-ter then his gates with praise; ap-proach with joy his courts un-to;



him serve with mirth, his praise forth-tell. Come ye be-fore him and re-joice.
praise, laud, and bless his name al-ways, for it is seem-ly so to do.

✠ WE LISTEN AS THE SCRIPTURES ARE PROCLAIMED ✠

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 7:7-12

Pew Bible p. 8

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message for Young Disciples

Ryan Claspy

Hymn: #175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

Old Testament Lesson: I Chronicles 4:9-10

Pew Bible p. 450

Sermon: REQUESTING A BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Daniel Corll

✠ WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND GRATITUDE ✠

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

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.

Offertory Interlude: *Peace* Eugene Englert (United States, 1931–2024)
[If you have a specific prayer request, feel free to write it on one of the blue prayer cards
and place it in the offering plate.]



First Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 7, 2024 • 10:00 AM

*Offertory Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be

Frances Ridley Havergal (1874), alt.

Kevin Dill (2024)



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord to thee;
2 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
3 Take my sil - ver and my gold: all is yours a thou - sand - fold;
4 Take my will and make it thine: it shall be no lon - ger mine;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
take my - self, and I will be fit to serve and fol - low thee.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

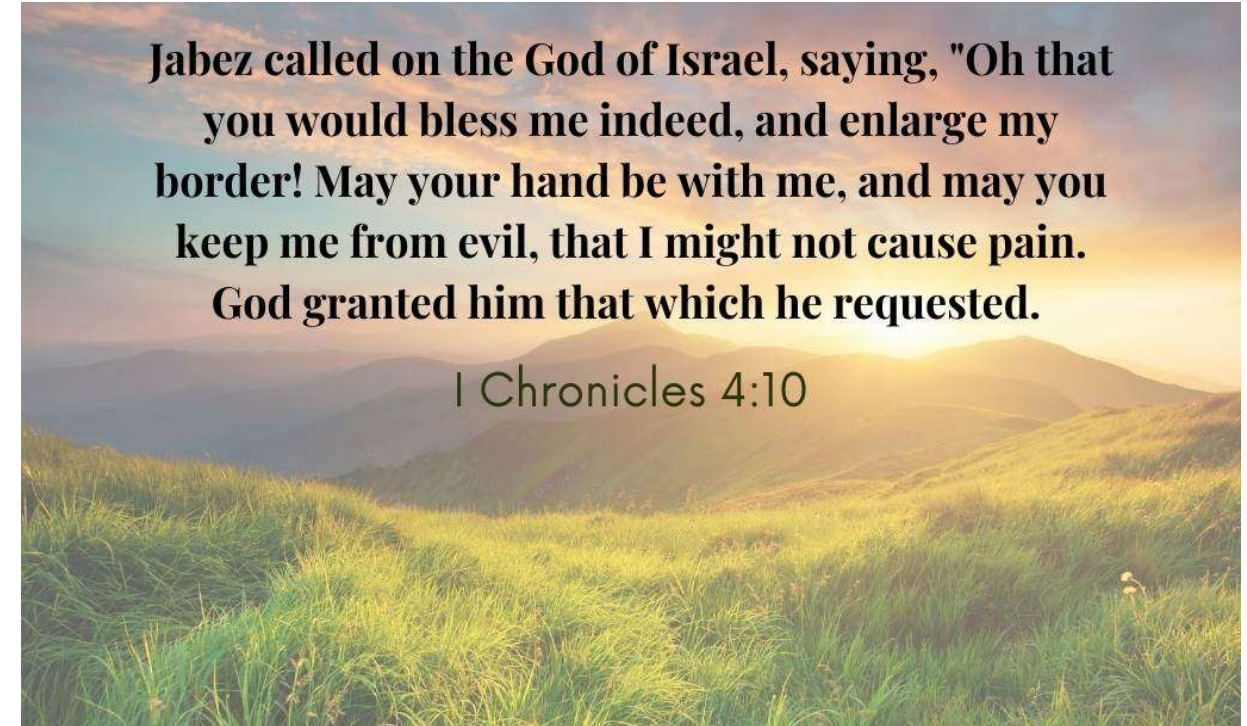
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

✚ WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD ✚

*Closing Hymn: #338 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies MATERNA

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Postlude in A Major* Horatio Parker (United States, 1863–1919)



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