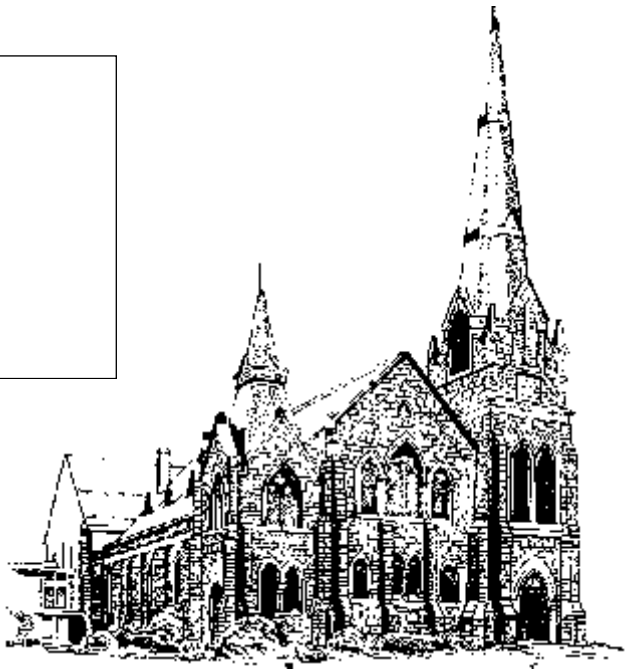


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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...  
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

Sunday, June 25, 2023  
9:30 am  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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REFLECTION

*"God is not deaf, dumb or blind. He is not implacable, impersonal, or impassible, without feeling or emotion. He is not an absentee landlord deity. No, Christians believe that He sees every human misery, and that He hears every painful sob."*

Daniel B. Clendenin

PRELUDE

*"O Master; Let Me Walk With Thee"*

Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

God who made the universe, the heavens and earth,

**Is still creating, now.**

Jesus the Messiah, born as one of us, who died as one of us,

**Lives in us, now.**

The Holy Spirit, moving over the waters of creation,

Descending upon the disciples and birthing the church,

**Moves in us, now.**

Come, worship God, knowing God's presence

**Is with us, now.**

\*HYMN NO. 661

*“His Eye is On the Sparrow”*

SPARROW

1. Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?  
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,  
when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

***Refrain: I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.***

2. “Let not your heart be troubled,” his tender word I hear,  
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

***Refrain***

3. Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to him; from care he sets me free:  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

***Refrain***

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, we confess to You that sometimes it's all too much. It's all too hard. We face difficulties in our own lives. Our hearts break open at the tragedies of the world. All of us are called into accountability with You, O Jesus, in how we persevere in following you, in how we love one another, in how we pursue justice and practice mercy. Encourage us and empower us, O God, to risk our comfort and security for the sake of Your children. Help us trust your watchful care when difficulties strike. In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for us, we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

This is the good news: God hears our prayers, our cries, our hearts. And, in Christ, we receive new life. We are free, free to walk in the Light of the Lord.  
**So, this is what we will do. We will open our hearts to Christ's grace; we will live as people who have died to sin and who live for Christ. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 581

*“Glory Be to the Father”*

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

SERMON

“*God Sees*”

Rev. William Schram

SPECIAL MUSIC

“*The Flower Duet from Lakme*”

Leo Delibes

SACREMENT OF BAPTISM

*We welcome into the family of God through baptism Matthew Andrew Serico,  
son of Steven Matthew Serico and Rebecca Serico, born February 15, 2022.*

*We also welcome into the family of God through baptism Becky Serico,  
daughter of Kevin John Hinkle and Susan Kay Ochsenbein, born January 29, 1982.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE

INVITATION TO GIVING

\*HYMN NO. 482

“*Baptized in Water*”

Bunnessan

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;  
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,  
faithfully now God’s praises we sing.
2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God’s praises we sing.
3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God’s praises we sing.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“*Ebenezer*”

Gordon Young

\* Please rise in body or spirit

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram  
Valerie Shondel, Director of Music  
Ray Liptak, AV Engineer  
Michael Sperrazza, & Matthew Califf AV Team  
Our Section Leaders:  
Abbey Clyne, Mackenzie Conaway, Justin McBurney, Alan Smulen

✝ We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!

✝ For more information about our church, please visit our website:

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## SUMMER WORSHIP MUSIC AT FPC IN JULY ALL SERVICES AT 10AM IN THE SANCTUARY

JULY 2, 2023 Abbey Clyne, Soprano Allan Smulen, Bass

JULY 9, 2023 Mackenzie Conaway, Mezzo-Soprano

JULY 16, 2023 Contemporary Service

JULY 23, 2023 Bell Choir Reunion and Soloist Barbara Romaine

JULY 30, 2023 Contemporary Service



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