

W CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

9th Sunday
after Pentecost
July 25, 2021

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome

Dr. Brad Clayton

Prelude

Adam Ravain

*Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Dr. Brad Clayton

Let your hearts be open to the Lord today.

Let our spirits be ready to feel God's power and love.

Let go of all the things that bind you in pain and sorrow.

Help us to place our trust in God.

Come, let us praise the God of love.

Let us bring our hearts to God.

*Hymn 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Call to Confession

Dr. Brad Clayton

Prayer of Confession

God of wisdom,

We know how we have failed to be Your people. Our hardened hearts are closed to the love of Christ; our lust for more and more blocks the fullness of Your grace from transforming our lives; our trust in the powers of the world reveals our foolish nature.

(silent confession)

Have mercy, God of every generation.

Pour out the rich blessing of forgiveness on our parched souls. Feed us with heaven's bread, so we might be nourished by Your gentleness. Shape us as Your people, and restore us to faithful living as we seek to follow Jesus Christ in service to everyone we meet. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Dr. Brad Clayton

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

***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.**

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer With Our Young Disciples

Vicki Fannin

For everyone's safety, children should remain in the pews with their family for the service.

Old Testament Lesson

2 Samuel 11:1-15 (pew Bible p. 248)

Rev. Trinity Whitley

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 3:14-21 (pew Bible p. 950)

Rev. Trinity Whitley

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

... And Also With You

Rev. Trinity Whitley

Response to the Word

Offering

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Prayer of Dedication (*responsive*)

Dr. Brad Clayton

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

Dr. Brad Clayton

**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 at 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.**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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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.

Sending Out Into the World

*Hymn 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Trinity Whitley

Postlude

Adam Ravain

*Live Simply, Love Generously, Serve Faithfully, Speak Truthfully, Pray Daily,
and Leave Everything Else to God*

Thank you for joining us for worship today!

Coming up:

(for full details please visit www.faithpcusa.org/upcoming-events)

Summer Travels. As you travel this summer, remember that you can still worship with us via livestream! And you can still give online — just visit faithpcusa.org/give. When you worship with us in person, we encourage face masks since our children have not yet been vaccinated.

Thank You for keeping our children and youth in your prayers this month as they travel:

- High School Montreat: July 25-31
- Kids @ Dogwood Acres: July 25-29

Sealey Back-to-School Drive. It is time once again for the Faith/Sealey Back-to-School Drive. If you would like to donate needed items for the teachers at Sealey, please visit faithpcusa.org/Sealey for links to all of the teachers' wish lists. You can also donate money to purchase the supplies; just put Sealey on the memo line of your check. Thank you for helping to support our partner school this way!

Blessing of the Backpacks. On Sunday, August 8, we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks during worship. Save the date and bring your students' and/or teachers backpacks with you to worship as we send them into the new school year with our prayers.

Stewardship Update

Budget YTD: \$746,339

Received YTD: \$671,280

Spent YTD: \$670,319

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