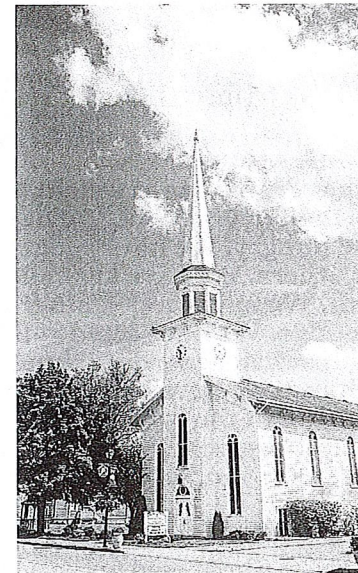


First Presbyterian Church IN **VICTOR**

**WHOEVER YOU ARE.
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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.**



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Order of Worship
9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 25th, 2021, 10am

Prelude

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
Welsh Melody arr. By John Carter

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known salvation; has shown justice to the nations; has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

Opening Hymn GTG#346 (insert) “For the Healing of the Nations”

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others. We have kept silence instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge. We have acted rather in accordance with our opinions than according to your commands. Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world we have not been your faithful servants. Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

Gloria Patri #579

“Glory Be to the Father”

Moment for All Ages

Unison Prayer for Illumination:

Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit.

Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence.

Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth.

Shape our wills that we may desire your ways.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture (see page 5)

Jonah 4:1-11

Sermon

“The Reluctant Prophet: Stewing in Anger”

Offering

Doxology

Unison Prayer of Dedication

God of all peoples and God of all places, we present these offerings, that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them we offer our varied ministries, that each of us may be a part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

God of all kindness, you gave your only Son, because you loved the world so much.

We pray for the peace of the world: Move among us by your Spirit, break down barriers of fear, suspicion, and hatred. Heal the human family of its divisions and unite it in the bounds of justice and peace...

We pray for our country: Enrich our common life; strengthen the forces of truth and goodness; teach us to share prosperity, that those whose lives are impoverished may pass from need and despair to dignity and joy...

We pray for those who suffer: Surround them with your love, support them with your strength, console them with your comfort, and give them hope and courage beyond themselves...

We pray for our families, and for those whom we love. Protect them at home; support them in times of difficulty and anxiety that they may grow together in mutual love and understanding, and rest content in one another...

We pray for the church universal: Keep us true to the gospel and responsive to the gifts and needs of all. Make known your saving power in Jesus Christ, by the witness of our faith, worship, and life...

Now we join our voices in the prayer Jesus taught us when he said,

**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.**

Closing Song #324

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

Benediction:

“May the Peace of God, which surpasses all human understanding, guard your hearts and mind in Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Postlude “Simple Gifts”, American Folk Tune arr. By John Carter



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Scripture: Jonah 4: 1-11

Jonah's Anger

4 But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. 2 He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. 3 And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” 4 And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” 5 Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

6 The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

Jonah Is Reproved

9 But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” 10 Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

346 For the Healing of the Nations

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness,

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon re -
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

The first line of this text quotes the declared purpose of the leaves of the tree of life growing beside the river of life in the heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 22:2). The hymn continues by identifying some of the many ways we are called to share with God in this healing work.

Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES 8.8.9.8 with refrain

Clara H. Scott, 1895

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimps-es of truth Thou hast for me;
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voic - es of truth Thou send-est clear;
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery-where;

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key That shall un - clasp and set me free.
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, Ev - ery-thing false will dis-ap-pear.
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare Love with Thy chil-dren thus to share.

HOLY SPIRIT

Refrain

Si - lent-ly now I wait for Thee, Read-y, my God, Thy will to see;
 eyes,
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 heart,