



# Morning Song

June 27, 2021

10:30am Fogartie Hall

First Presbyterian Church is a community of believers committed to  
"Glorifying God and Sharing Christ Together through Word and Deed."

Welcome

Gathering Song

Prayer of Praise

Songs of Praise

## Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

**we confess that we have longed too much  
for the comforts of this world.**

**We have loved the gifts more than the giver.**

**In your mercy, help us to see that  
the things we pine for are shadows, and that you are the substance;  
that they are quicksand, but you are the mountain,  
that they are shifting while you are the anchor.**

**We ask for your forgiveness through the merits of Jesus Christ,  
worthy when we were not, sinless when we were sinful,  
glorious when we were shameful.**

**It is through him, the light of the world, we pray....**

## Assurance of Pardon

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Response

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Church

Children's Time

Scripture

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Sermon:

"Duty or Delight? St. Paul explains it for you"

## Today's Scripture

### 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 (NRSV)

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; <sup>2</sup> for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. <sup>3</sup> For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, <sup>4</sup> begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints - <sup>5</sup> and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, <sup>6</sup> so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. <sup>7</sup> Now as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you - so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup> I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup> For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup> And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something- <sup>11</sup> now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup> For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has - not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup> I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup> your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup> As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

Affirmation of Faith  
The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People  
The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Song

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

Closing Song

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## Participating in Today's Service

Mr. R. Holt Andrews

Rev. Ansley B. Page

### Musicians

Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals

Rafe Andrews, guitar/vocals

Kolby Carrouth, drums

Cooper Cecil, electric guitar

Landon Hammett, keyboard/vocals

Anna Harkey, violin

Jeff Key, bass guitar

Leigha Pace-Keller, vocals



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