

Prelude

The Procession

by César Franck
Mitchell Jerko, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Jan Gibbs

Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 55:1-5)

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All who hunger—gather gladly
Here, love abounds and grace overflows.
Here, blessings multiply as gifts are shared.
Come—let us pour ourselves out in prayer and praise,
and open ourselves to renewal and rest.

Come, and let us worship God!

Hymn #463

How Firm a Foundation

Prayer of Confession

***God of justice and mercy,
we admit that we are not always free of deceit.
We are fooled by the false promises of the world
into pursuing things that do not truly nourish us.
Hear our cry and save us, O God, in Jesus' name.
Amen.***

Assurance of Pardon

Apostles' Creed

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.

Prayer for Illumination

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Providing God,
by your Holy Spirit feed us with your Word,
that we might be filled with the bread of life.
Amen.

First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-5

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Special Music
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Arr. Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio
Ryan Hernandez, soloist

Second Scripture Lesson: Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon “The Better Way”

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Hymn #546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

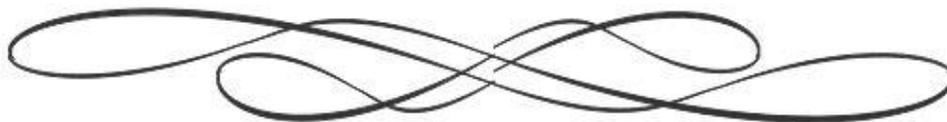
Offering/Prayer of Dedication

Those joining in worship “in-person” were invited to participate in offering their tithes and gifts as they entered the sanctuary. For those joining in worship “at home” we invite you to offer your lives to the service of Christ, during this time. If you wish to give a tithe or other financial gift, you may do so by sending a check to the church office (801 Leavenworth St., Manhattan, KS 66502) or by visiting our church website (<http://www.firstpresmanhattan.com/giving/ways-to-give/>). Thank you for your support, and your contribution to the outreach and ministry of Jesus through this congregation!

Charge and Benediction

Postlude
Festival

from the Organ Suite “From the Holy Land”—Walker Baylor
Mitchell Jerko, Organist



Announcements

The flowers on the communion table this morning are given by Emily Mark in celebration of Friendship Day which was recognized on July 30th.

If you'd like to sign up for sanctuary flowers, just call the church office and inquire about available Sundays, they'll even order the flowers for you!

The Deacons thank the congregation for your generous donations to the backpack school supply drive. Our total funds collected was \$3,015! With these funds, the FIT Closet received most needed, high priority items including 90 backpacks, 60 earbuds, 25 headphones – and also 12 trapper keepers and 600 pencils.

The Deacon's Offering: The first Sunday of the month Deacons traditionally collect for their missions, which support the needs of our church and community families: Bridge Builders, Blessing Box, Life Skills Ministry, Hospital visits, Community meals, emergency assistance and many other activities which focus on individual in need. We encourage you to open your hearts and mail in your Deacon offerings to help the less fortunate.

Thank you to Ryan Hernandez for providing special music this morning. Ryan is a music major at K-State and a chancel choir scholarship student.

Call To Service

Please consider joining other **BRIDGE BUILDERS** in our congregation, who are working to establish a strong link between our church home and the shut-in members still wanting a connection to their church family. The qualifications are simple...a caring heart and a few minutes in your schedule to make a visit or a call to someone in need of a "special friend." Each **BRIDGE BUILDER** will be assigned to one "special friend" and the connection between you is of your own design. If you want to be a part of this very special mission within our own congregation, please email our church office at therese@firstpresmanhattan.com or call the office at 785-537-0518.

Community Meals NEEDS your help! Community Meals currently serves to-go meals on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. which includes a to-go breakfast as well. We are in need of volunteers who are willing to help with bringing food and/or serving the food. For more information, please contact Claudia Voos at cvoos@burnettauto.com or Missy Cox at mjc_2188@hotmail.com

Prayer Corner

If you would like to be included in the prayer corner of the weekly email, please contact Therese Szatkowski, Communications Coordinator, therese@firstpresmanhattan.com; 785-537-0518.

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.