

Prelude

Thou Art Worthy

Arr. Mark Hayes
Mitchell Jerko, pianist

Welcome and Announcements

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Call to Worship (based on Psalm 145)

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Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
God's greatness is unsearchable.
Generations of believers will tell each other:
'God has done mighty things!
Celebrate God's abundant goodness!'

Come, and let us worship God!

Hymn #41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

Prayer of Confession

*God of abundant goodness,
we confess that we want your grace for ourselves
and often to the exclusion of our neighbor.
We judge others while ignoring our own faults.
We let jealousy overtake us.
We are petty even in the presence of your generosity.
Forgive us, we pray.
And just as we have received mercy in Jesus Christ,
make us more merciful toward one another.
For we ask this in Christ's 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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Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
open our hearts and minds,
that we would be transformed at the hearing of your word.
For we ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson: Jonah 3:10-4:11

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Special Music

God Loves

by Phillip Landgrave
Ryan Hernandez and Reg Pittman, Duet

Second Scripture Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

"What'd You Expect?"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn #712

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

by Franklin Ritter
Mitchell Jerko, pianist

Announcements

The flowers on the Communion table this morning are provided by Jan Gibbs in Recognition of the Outstanding Work all of the Volunteers have provided this past week and will continue to provide this coming week for the FPC Organ Pipe Cleaning Project.

If you would like **to provide flowers for the communion table**, we have openings on October 11, 18; November 1; December 20 and 27, please call the church office at 785-537-0518 and we will add your name to the sign-up sheet. If you have **vases at home from previous week flowers, please return them to the office**. We return all vases to Kistner's Flowers to help keep our cost down.

We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the Membership Committee & the Deacons for providing lunches to the work crew and volunteers for the 2 weeks of Pipe Organ Cleaning Project. Huge Shout Out to Radina's for providing the complimentary coffee each morning during this project.

Thank you, Ryan Hernandez and Reg Pittman for providing special music this morning.

As a precautionary measure due to COVID-19, **the cry room is unavailable**. With love we welcome little ones in our worship service! If you wish to step out with your child, feel free to utilize the narthex sitting area at your discretion. A diaper changing station is located in the narthex's south-facing restroom, down the hallway from the elevator.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

ECM needs your plastic containers! Please bring your used(cleaned) or new plastic storage containers (with lids attached and big enough to fit a meal) to one of our drop off locations. With them, we can distribute "Real Food Lunch" for fresh meals at home for KSU students! Tupperware drop-off locations: ECM at 904 Sunset Ave. **DROP OFF TUB BY THE PARKING LOT DOOR BETWEEN 10AM-10PM, MONDAY-FRIDAY**

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

Blessing Box...Did you know that some members of our congregation join with the members of First Congregational Church to place short-term-need items in the BLESSING BOX at Poyntz Avenue and Juliette Street! Non-perishable food items such as pop-top cans of soup, chili, stew, tuna, fruit and jars of peanut butter, protein bars, breakfast bars. Hygiene items such as bars of soap, small bottles of shampoo, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes and toothpaste. All are welcomed by members of our community family whose lack of resources keep them from purchasing these necessities for themselves. This is a 24/7/365 days a year project. Contributions now and throughout the year can be designated for THE BLESSING BOX and dropped off at the church office. We have a BLESSING CUPBOARD where items are stored until placed in THE BLESSING BOX as they are needed. Please share your extra blessings with those who are struggling. Your generosity is always appreciated.

Prayer Corner

Please keep the Parker family in your prayers. Marilyn fell yesterday resulting in needing stitches in her head and hand/wrist injuries. She will be following up with an orthopedic surgeon. She is 97 years of age and lives with Dave and Nancy. In addition, Bob (Dave's younger brother) has a mass in his head near an optic nerve. Dave is taking him to KU Medical Center Monday for evaluation.

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.

41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 712

1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,
 3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to-day,

to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
 to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.

so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
 The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:
 O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,

of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.
 help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

This text by a Presbyterian pastor in California expresses the conviction that being a good steward is an essential part of the Christian life, for self-giving is God's own nature. The tune is named for the village in Surrey where the arranger collected this tune in 1903.