



## First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

September 13, 2020 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Church Musician: Tsai-Wei Li; Elder Assisting: Meg Marshall  
Pastor: Rev. Meg Jackson Clark

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meg Marshall

### CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 114)

When Israel was delivered from Egypt awesome things happened—the sea fled, and the River Jordan turned back.

**The mountains seemed to skip like rams, and the hills to frolic like lambs.**

What awesome power caused river and sea to change their course—mountains and hills to jump and skip?

**The whole earth was surely trembling in the presence of God.**

Praise God who sets people free in unexpected ways and sustains them through amazing acts of grace.

### HYMN

*Our God Is an Awesome God*

Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power and love, our God is an awesome God!

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The burning bush flickers beside us. The presence of God invites us.

**In the presence of the holy forgive us our lack of notice.**

The Pharaoh decrees death to the foreigner. The power of fear and hate rage around us.

**In the face of evil forgive us our complacency.**

The Red Sea waters stand at attention. The threshold of grace is breath-taking.

**In the company of grace forgive us our reticence to embrace.**

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Meg Marshall

Scripture

Exodus 14:5-16

Scripture

Exodus 14:19-31

Steven Brown

Anthem

*“Song of Moses”*

Helen Garcia-Carreras

Scripture

Exodus 15:1-11, 20-21

paraphrase by Bruce Prewer

Sermon

*“Crossroads”*

### OFFERING

*You are invited to offer yourself and your resources in gratitude to God.*

*(You may mail in your monetary contributions to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 26, Greensboro, GA 30642.)*

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

When we look over our shoulders at fear shadowing us today,  
you go before us into tomorrow, making a path through the sea of yesterday's doubts.  
When our legs tremble from the effort of standing up for what you hope for all creation,  
you stand at our side, offering your hope's strength.

**Cloud of Grace, we offer our love to you.**

When we turn our hearts into deserts of stony bitterness,  
you transform them into oases of joy.

When we come up with all sorts of rules for those who come to us seeking to find you,  
you tear up the list, stretching wide your arms in welcoming grace.

**Servant of all, we offer our lives to you.**

When we would clasp old worries to our hearts,  
you open our eyes to that hope which paves the path ahead of us.

When we spend each day consumed with doubts and fears,  
you remind us that this day is the time to honor God, by serving God's children.

**Mist of Mercy, we offer our hearts to you.**

God in Community, Holy in One, as you are all to us, so we would offer all we are to you,  
even as we pray as Jesus taught us...

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### SUNG RESPONSE

*Surely, It is God Who Saves Me*

Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense and God will be my Savior.

### BENEDICTION

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

- We welcome Helen Garcia-Carreras, one of our Adora Mills Powers Scholarship recipients. Helen is a 2020 graduate of LOA, and plans to attend Georgia College beginning in 2021.
- Our prayers for worship today come from the blog re:Worship, and were written by Moira Laidlaw (Call to Worship), Katherine Hawker (Prayer of Confession) and Thom Shuman (Prayers of the People.)

### Coming Up:

**Sunday School** each week at **9:30 a.m.** on Zoom. All invited! We plan to resume in-person classes in October.

**Tuesday, September 15, 5:15 p.m. Session Meeting**

**Sunday September 27, 11 a.m. Worship on the Lawn!** Bring a chair, and join us! Casual dress is encouraged. In case of inclement weather, we will be prepared to move indoors.

**Congregational Meeting following worship**, for the purpose of electing an At-Large Member to the Officer Nominating Committee.

### *Continue Praying For:*

Bill Corry	Franklin Latimer Roberts	Marie Boswell
Family of Bill Dotson	Johnnie Satterfield	Marie Kent Rainey
Brooke Manning-Hinds	Kenneth Pressley	Mike Webb
Chris Penna	Lanie Whitt	Family of Randy Quintrell
Chuck Thorp	Lori Howerton	Sam Marshall
David Blough	Luanne Hardin	Family of Tammy Johnson
Fernando Martinez	Marcus Pinson	Nation & World Leaders
		Veterans & Military Members

*Let us remember our church members and friends:* As we offer intentional prayer, let us pray for:

*Bill & Ann Corry*