
Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart, Joe and Kathy Northen, John Parris, Kathy Dolianitis, Ray Beale, Mike Reynolds, David Clark and Joyce Perez

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication/Offering

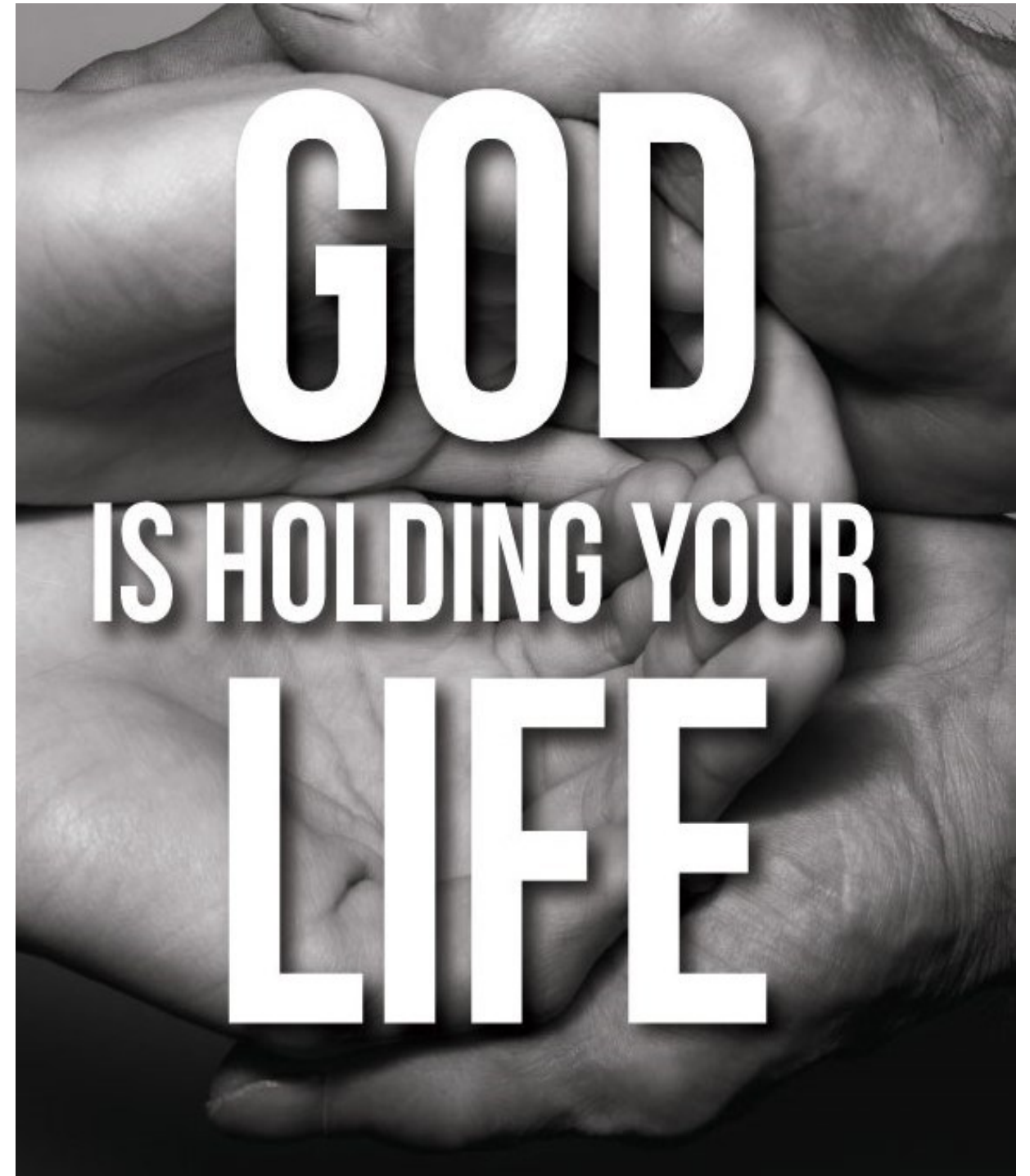
God you have made of us an Easter people, ready to tell the news of death's defeat, eager to share our joy and our money, alive with hope, accompanied by glory, on the road with Jesus. Bless our gathering, our gifts, and our going forth. Amen

Please place your tithes and offerings in the offering plates at the front of the Sanctuary as you enter or leave.

The flowers are given in memory of Wanda Perez, and in honor of Pat Argyrakís by the Perez children.

The pink rose is placed in the sanctuary this morning in praise and thanksgiving to God for the birth of Lillian "Lillie" Brown Chíma, daughter of María (Abreu) and Andrew on April 10th. Proud grandparents are Sallie and Luis Abreu.

***There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship regarding the sale of church property.*



First Presbyterian Church

May 2, 2021

As the chimes ring in the worship hour, we invite you to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship.

***Please note: You may sing softly if fully masked and socially distanced.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”* *arr. Hustad*

Crossing the Threshold

Lift up your eyes, behold the hills.
From where will help and rescue come?
We call the One who made the earth,
Who bless'd the stars, the moon and sun.

God is holding your life
God is holding your life
God is holding your life, we believe
[Congregation Will Sing, Repeat the Refrain]

Opening Collect Prayer

Leader: Holy and Just God,
You have shown us what is right and good.
Open us this day to a vision of the world made all-right
so that we might follow your ways and know the peace of your reign
on earth as it is in heaven.
People: We praise you for your steadfast presence,
holding our lives together in love.
Amen.

Hymn *“Put Peace Into Each Other’s Hands”* **Insert**

Message for Young Disciples

Kathy Dolianitis

Scripture Reading

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Prayers of the People

Anthem *“At Your Mercy Seat”* Lari Goss
LISTENING TO THE WORD

Sermon **“These Lives Are Precious”**

Sung Reprise *“God is Holding Your Life”*

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[repeat]

Communion of the People **See Insert**
We offer an open communion. All those seeking to know Christ are welcome to participate.

Postlude *Trumpet Tune on “Rescue the Perishing”* by Hustad
Please remain seated

Benediction

Now go in the knowledge that
God is holding your life
even as we hold each other.
You are not alone.
You are loved.
Amen.

Congregational Meeting

Communion Liturgy

Holy and Living One, as we gather to break bread once again, break us open to your love, to your peace, to your presence, to your transformative power. In the name of the One who invites us time and again, Jesus the Christ.

Let the people say, "Selah" **Selah!**

Confession and Assurance

The congregation reads the bold print

We are all invited to the gift of this table of grace. As a response to the invitation, we are asked to let go of all that separates us from accepting this grace.

We confess the ways we have placed hardship in the hands of others, rather than peace. Let us sing together:

**Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it,
protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it.
Put peace into each other's hands with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation.**

When we place peace in each other's hands, we place love in all the hands of the world.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Gloria Patri

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***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen. Amen.***

The Peace of Christ

The Peace The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Will you make a gesture of extending your cupped hands toward others who may be with you as a sign of offering the peace that Christ gives us. If you are watching alone, place your cupped hands over your heart, as a sign that you send your heart-felt peace out to the world.

SUNG: Give thanks for strong yet tender hands held out in trust and blessing. Where words fall short let hands speak out; the heights of love expressing.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you! **And also with you.**

Open your hearts, your mouths, your lives to the Holy One.
We long for this communion.

Let us give our greatest thanks in the company of the beloved.
It is a good and joyful thing to give our thanks and praise.

Gift of Life, Creator of All That Is, You have breathed life into us, filled our emptiness, loved us through our resistance.

Time and again you say, Listen!

Time and again you say, Live!

Time and again you say, Love!

And so we gather and give thanks in this moment.

We stop so we may listen, we breathe so we may live, we open so we may love. Holy , holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

May we proclaim release, recovery, liberty and the end of all oppression. May we savor the taste of goodness and offer this gift of love to all. (Pastor continues) ...

As we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Holy Spirit, Breath of Wind, **Fill us, transform us. Holy Spirit,**

Lover of Justice, **Fill us, transform us.**

Holy Spirit, **Maker of Unity, Fill us, transform us.**

And all God's people say, Amen!

**SUNG: As at communion shape your hands, into a waiting cradle;
the gift of Christ receive, revere, united round the table.**

Words of Institution