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### **Serving Today**

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| Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart | Minister                          |
| Joe and Kathy Northen           | Interim Music Director & Organist |
| Eddie Blount                    | Sound                             |
| Kent Shelton                    | Message for Young Disciples       |
| Maggie Weller                   | Liturgist                         |
| Kim Meadows                     | Security & Side Door              |
| Tom Gillespie                   | Saturday Lunch                    |
| Joyce Perez                     | Greeter                           |

### **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.

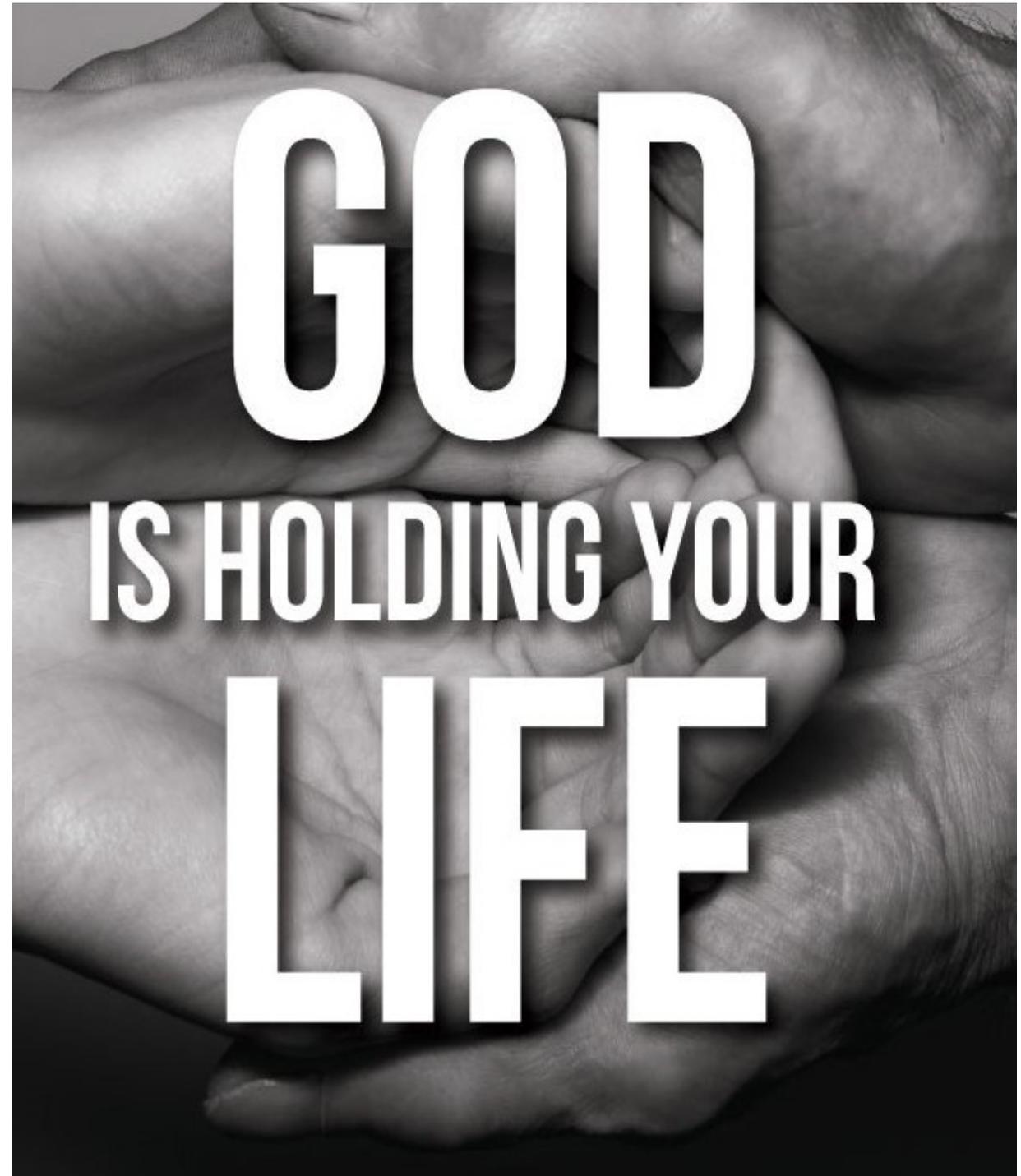
*The flowers that enhance our worship are given in honor and remembrance of all mothers, by the Takata family.*

We welcome you to First Presbyterian Church.

Our office hours are Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

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# First Presbyterian Church

May 9, 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** *Meditation on "How Great Thou Art"* by Zabel

## Crossing the Threshold

Strength and peace is the prayer of the Psalm this week. The Psalmist says "let me count the ways" that we can know the strength of the Holy One. With awe and wonder we behold the presence of God in all the elements of creation—water, fire, air, earth. And it is this glory that assures us that God, indeed, is holding our lives.

**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** *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"* **GTG#620**  
*Children should come forward on the last stanza of the hymn.*

**Message for Young Disciples** Kent Shelton

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 29

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors)

**Anthem** *"I Will Joyfully Sing"* by Mary McDonald

## LISTENING TO THE WORD

**Sermon** "Awe and Wonder"

**Sung Reprise** *"God is Holding Your Life"*

**God is holding your life  
God is holding your life  
God is holding your life, we believe  
[repeat]**

**Selah Moment**

**Postlude** *"Majesty"* arr. Wagner  
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.

# 620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his  
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his  
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our  
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -  
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as  
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly  
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.