

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” #267 (vs 1)

*Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!*

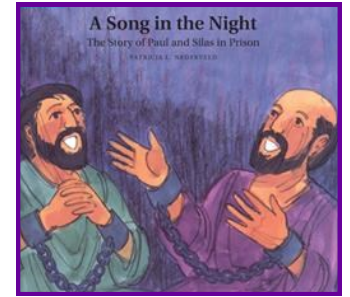
\* POSTLUDE - “Sing, Rejoice!” - Broughton



## FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship

17th Sunday of Pentecost

September 24, 2023

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At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship.

### CHIMES

PRELUDE “Sing Forth to the Lord!” - Paxton

GREETING This is the day that the Lord has made!  
*Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

INTROIT - “I Will Call Upon the Lord” Faith Choir

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
*the Lord’s name is great among the nations.*

O praise the Lord with me,

*let us exalt God’s name together.*

O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

*Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise!*

\* OPENING HYMN - “I Need Thee Every Hour” - #735

### \* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

*Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.*

~ Let us take a few minutes for silent reflection. ~

**\* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

Hear the good news! As people born of water and the Spirit we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun. God's grace is poured out upon us day by day. Come to the water and remember your baptism. Be thankful, and live as one who has been raised to new life! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

**\* GLORIA PATRI - "Glory Be to the Father"**

**Glory be to the Father; and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
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**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE (responsively)**

Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

**THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS**

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDRENS TIME** - Elder Richard Carter

**ANTHEM** - "The First Song of Isaiah - White (Faith Choir)

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)**

**In your grace Lord, guide our thoughts and minds closer to you and your Word and may its wisdom and truth be emblazoned on our hearts, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Isaiah 12**

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Acts 16:16-40**

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON "Pray and Sing at Midnight and Trust in God"**

**\* OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD "The 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 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.**

**SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY - "Praise Medley" - arr. Wyrzten**

**\* DOXOLOGY - "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" - #609**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING**

**\* CLOSING HYMN - "O Come and Sing unto the Lord" - #638**

**\* BENEDICTION**