To those who seek the joy of sharing in worship and praise; to those who seek to know and serve the Lord, our Church opens wide its doors.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 19, 2020
11:00 AM

Reverend Alex Fischer, Pastor
Scott Schlesinger, Organist/Choir Director  JoAnn Harrison, Secretary

Gathering of the People
Prelude  BWV 529: Trio Sonata No. 5 in C major (2nd movement, largo)  J.S. Bach
Welcome and Opening Prayer
Praise of God

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 139)
One: God, you know us inside and out.
Many: You know our traveling and resting. There’s not a word we could speak that you don’t already know.
One: Lord, where could we go to get away from your Spirit?
Many: Even in the highest peaks and lowest depths, we would still find you there.
One: Guide us and hold us in your presence now,
Many: That in our worship, we may be led on your path of peace and joy.

* Hymn No. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession
Silent Individual Confession
Prayer of Confession (adapted from Rev. Midi, posted on re-worship.blogspot.com)

Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We have also been hurt by others. Forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us. But we know that nothing is impossible in you. So we come to you seeking healing and wholeness. Help us to live at peace with others, to seek reconciliation, healing, and forgiveness with all. For we strive to walk in the ways of Jesus, who came and lived among us, teaching us how to love our enemies, forgive abundantly, and seek your realm in all times and places. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing of God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading
Conversation with the Children
Anthem

Spirit of Light

Christine Jackle, Jan McKelvey - duet

Scripture Reading
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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Prayers of the People 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.

The Offering

Offertory

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
Paul Manz

* Hymn of Dedication No. 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Old One Hundredth

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

* Prayer of Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith):

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Go Forth to Serve

Invitation to Share and Serve

* Hymn No. 80

You Shall Go Out with Joy

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth be-
* Charge and Benediction
* Postlude  

**BWV 529: Trio Sonata No. 5 in C major (3rd movement, allegro)**  
J.S. Bach

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WELCOME VISITORS! We welcome you to Hillsborough Presbyterian Church and to this live-stream service. We are truly pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today because we believe that everyone who enters these doors is God’s guest. We welcome all to be part of our community of faith, and participate in any of our activities and events.

We invite you to join us on Sundays for our Live Stream Worship:

- 11:00 AM  Traditional Worship – with organ music

Assisting in Worship today:
- Liturgist: Linda Jaubert
- Conversation with Children: Alex Fischer
- Video: Martin and Judy Brown
- Hosting Lemonade on the Zoom: Sean and Carly Bailey

Join us for Lemonade on the Zoom at 12:15 on Sunday mornings! Would you like to host Lemonade on the Zoom? Please drop us a note in the church office and we’ll add you to the schedule. We will get the information to you that is needed for your host Sunday! (Open Dates: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

Session meeting today, July 19, at 1:30 PM via Zoom.

As we move forward our plan is that HPC staff will work mostly from home with visits to the church office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Phone messages will be checked daily. You can email Alex, Scott or JoAnn at their usual email addresses (alex@hillsboroughpres.org, lscottschles@gmail.com, hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org).

The HPC Book Club will meet via Zoom on Sunday, July 19 at 7:00 PM. We will be discussing 1421: The Year China Discovered America by Gavin Menzies. If you would like to be added to the HPC Book Club email list send JoAnn a note in the office (hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org). Questions? See Rich Erdosy.

The Youth Group will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. Questions? See Eric Cathey.

Linda Jaubert is offering a Zoom group discussion on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm, based on the Lectionary lessons that our Sunday School Class uses. We will be reading the scripture passages that we will be discussing, and encourage you to have your bibles with you to refer to. To participate in the class please be in touch with Linda. She will forward instructions for connecting to this Zoom event!

Sign up and share with your Church the joy of an anniversary, a special occasion, or memorialize someone important to you through our 2020 FLOWER CHART. You can email the church office if you’d like to provide flowers for a Sunday morning hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org. You can drop off your flowers on Saturday or if you order from Flower Patch they will deliver to HPC for you. (Open dates: July 19 and 26)

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

Orange Congregation In Mission (OCIM)

Needs include: Non-perishable goods such as canned vegetables, jelly, mayonnaise, canned fruit or applesauce, pasta sauce, tuna, beef stew, rice, crackers, personal care items, soap, shampoo, and toothpaste.

If you prefer you can send monetary donations for Orange Congregations In Mission at: ocimnc.org or by mail at 300 Millstone Drive, Hillsborough, NC 27278.
Department of Social Services (DSS):

DSS is collecting non-perishable food at their main building on Mayo St. (The old Walmart building). If you prefer, you can send monetary donations for the Department of Social Services at: Orange County Food Drive or by mail at 113 Mayo St. Hillsborough, NC 27278 and indicate "Food Drive" in the memo line.

If you can, please support our neighbors in need by giving generously in the coming weeks. Questions: call Jane McIver.

Update on Justice United - As members of Justice United, Hillsborough Presbyterian Church joins other churches and local organizations to work for justice even under the Covid lockdown!

Recently, Justice United has worked closely with residents of two local mobile home parks who have experienced health and safety concerns and unwarranted financial debt due to poor park management and miscommunication. On June 3rd and 17th, Justice United sponsored two Zoom meetings where neighborhood leaders from the mobile home parks met with owners to discuss issues and negotiate changes. Over 100 members of Justice United from churches across Orange County joined these meetings as witnesses. Neighborhood leaders were able to present proposals and successfully negotiate major changes.

For example, in one mobile home park well water often went dry. In the negotiation, the owner agreed to replace the well. In another mobile home park, the leaders asked owners to replace the septic system after pools of septic water appeared regularly in the yards. Both owners agreed to further negotiations. At a follow-up meeting on July 1st, one owner agreed to forgive the renters’ debts (of up to $30,000) and to work closely with them to assure commitments are honored during an upcoming transition to new owners. This is only one example of how Justice United organizes many churches and organizations throughout Orange County to work together to support our neighbors.

To learn more about Justice United, check out their website at http://www.ocjusticeunited.org/ Or contact: Jane McIver or David Remington.

Check out our HPC WEB PAGE at www.hillsboroughpres.org – click on any event on our calendar page for details! You will also find the monthly newsletter and Sunday bulletin posted on this webpage! A great way to keep up with what’s happening at HPC!

In an emergency or to share a concern, please contact the church office, 919-732-3131. You may also contact the Pastor, Reverend Alex Fischer, at alex@hillsboroughpres.org
**THIS SUNDAY: July 19**

**Lectionary Readings:** Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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**Mon -**  6:30 PM  Finance Committee (Zoom)

**Tue -**  7:00 PM  Community Outreach (outside at Joe Crane’s – in case of rain we will go to Zoom meeting)

**Wed -**  6:00 PM  Youth Group

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- **Liturgist:** Linda Jaubert
- **Children’s Sermon:** Rev. Alex Fischer
- **Lemonade on the Zoom Host:** Sean and Carly Bailey
- **Flowers:** TBD
- **Video:** Martin Brown, Judy Brown

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**NEXT SUNDAY: July 26**

**Lectionary Readings:** Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Psalm 128; Romans 8:26--39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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