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Order of Worship June 16, 2024

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Pastor Darin

INTROIT *Swing Low/When the Saints/I Wanna Sing*

Songbirds, GQ,
Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come and worship!

All: Be still and aware of God's presence

Come and worship this holy day.

Be still and aware of Christ's presence.

Come and worship on this sacred occasion.

Be still and aware of the Spirit's presence.

Pastor Darin

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Darin

*HYMN *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

No.458

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jon Tufte

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jon Tufte

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jon Tufte

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE	<i>Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!</i>	No. 591
PASSING THE PEACE		Pastor Darin
	The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.	
ANTHEM	<i>Father of Light</i>	Songbirds (Women's triple trio)
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Jon Tufte

One: Almighty God, the true understanding of your holy Word helps us to grow into the fullness of the salvation you so freely offer in Christ.

All: Grant to all of us that our hearts, being freed from worldly affairs, may hear and grasp your Word with all diligence and faith.

Allow us to rightly understand your gracious will, cherish it, and live by it with all earnestness, to your praise and honor.

Through Christ, the Living Word of God, we pray these things. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Joshua 3:1-8	Jon Tufte
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¹Early in the morning Joshua rose and set out from Shittim with all the Israelites, and they came to the Jordan. They camped there before crossing over. ²At the end of three days, the officers went through the camp ³and commanded the people, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place. Follow it, so that you may know the way you should go, for you have not passed this way before. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, a distance of about two thousand cubits; do not come any nearer to it." ⁵Then Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you." ⁶To the priests Joshua said, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass on in front of the people." So they took up the ark of the covenant and went in front of the people.

⁷The LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses." ⁸You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, "When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan." "

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES		Pastor Darin
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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (cont.)	Joshua 3:9-14	Pastor Darin
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⁹Joshua then said to the Israelites, "Draw near and hear the words of the LORD your God." ¹⁰Joshua said, "By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: ¹¹the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. ¹²So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. ¹³When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, come to rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap."

¹⁴ When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. ¹⁵ Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, ¹⁶ the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷ While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Crossing the Jordan”

Pastor Darin

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from Romans 8

One: We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;

All: for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, **nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

No. 353

WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Jon Tufte

Offertory Music *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

GQ

Just a little Talk with Jesus

Prayer of Dedication

Jon Tuft

*HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

No. 39

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Indicates to stand in body or spirit.

First Presbyterian Church Happenings

Serving Us Today (June 16)

Carol Brink(Worship Leader), Ron & Karen Larson, Lori Smith(Ushers), Randy & Kathy Arnold(Greeter),Jullian Euteneur(Music),Jay Espelien,Lynn Rae Olson, John Scott(Audio/Video), Leah Jacobs, Rickie Espelien(Nursery), Tami Calhoun(Equal Exchange Products), Women's Choir, Men's Quintet.

Father's Day Root Beer Floats!

Join us as you leave today when we will be serving root beer floats while supplies last!

Women's Book Study

Shauna Seaman will lead a book study "Sensible Shoes" this summer. (6 weeks). The class continues this week on Wednesday at 9:15 am. For more information, contact the office or visit with Shauna.

Current Sermon Series

This summer we'll explore the book of Joshua and see what happens when the leadership torch is passed on to the next generation and what God does through the people of Israel.

Missions Without Passports

The group is exploring possible mission opportunities this fall (October). Do you wish to serve with this group? Missions without Passports is a ministry of the church where we travel to a disaster area in our country and help out for one week. Begin praying about whether or not you would like to serve. The group will be led by Lori Nelson and Mike Tollefson.

Calendar

Mon., June 17

6:30 pm —Session

7:00 pm —Focus on Recovery Group

Tues., June 18

9:00 am —Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm —Lowertown

6:30 pm —Interfaith Power & Light

Wed., June 19

9:15 am —Women's Bible Study

2:00 pm —Online Prayer Group

Thurs., June 20

3:00 pm —Men's Quintet

Fri., June 21

7:00 am —Men's Bible Study

Sun., June 23

10:00 am —Worship