Service for the Lord’s Day
The Season after Pentecost
Fifth Sunday
July 9, 2023
10:00 A.M.
*YOU MAY RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT
LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

— The People of God Gather —
Please use the time before worship for quiet reflection and meditation, giving thanks to God for all things.

COLLECT—“Let Your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without Your help, protect and govern it always by Your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with heaven and earth, for ever and ever. Amen.”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Betty Millar, liturgist

TOLLING of the BELL

PRELUDE “Voluntary on ‘O God, Our Help in Ages Past’”
- tune., St. ANNE
arr., Charles Callahan
Bruce Thomson, organ

CALL to WORSHIP
LITURGIST: Let us worship the Sovereign Lord—the Creator of heaven and earth, the Ruler of all nations!

PEOPLE: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
LITURGIST: Give thanks to the LORD for His wonderful works, and for all His benefits to us!

PEOPLE: God’s steadfast love endures forever, and the faithfulness of the Lord never ends!
LITURGIST: How good and pleasant it is for God’s people to worship together, to support and stand by each other, and to co-advocate for those in need. Glory to the LORD!

PEOPLE: May the LORD guide us to walk in lowly paths of service, and to do unto others as we want done to us.

*HYMN “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” No. 451

*PRAYER of CONFESSION
Pastor: Humbling ourselves before the Lord, let us confess our need for God and God’s unconditional and unending love.

UNISON: Eternal God, we confess our sin, that we have been proud and have boasted too much in our own goodness. We are too complacent and self-contented. Instead of lending a helping hand we stand idly by. We gloat in our blessings while others suffer poverty and need. O, how high we soar in our conceit! Lord, humble us and have mercy. Forgive our apathy and indifference, in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE of PARDON
Pastor: The Lord never forgets us. In Christ we are forgiven!
People: We sing to the Lord, who is our highest joy!

*PASSING the PEACE
Turn and greet your neighbors in the name of Christ. Share God’s peace with one another through smiles, handshakes, hugs—high-fives or fist pumps—saying, ‘The Peace of Christ be with you.’

*GLORIA PATRI
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.

OFFERING of TITHES and GIFTS
Offertory “Fantasia”
- comp., Pachelbel
Bruce Thomson, organ

*Doxology, “Prayer of Dedication
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE of GOD
PARISH CONCERNS & PRAISES
CHORAL CALL to PRAYER “Come, Holy Spirit, Come’
PASTORAL PRAYER and 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 Word of God Proclaimed —

ANTIPHONAL READING of the PSALTER
- Psalm 137

1 By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.
2 There on the poplars we hung our harps,
3 for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”
4 How can we sing the songs of the LORD while in a foreign land?

5 If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill.
6 May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy.
7 Remember, LORD, what the Edomites did on the day Jerusalem fell.
8 “Tear it down,” they cried, “tear it down to its foundations!”
9 Daughter Babylon, doomed to destruction, happy is the one who repays you according to what you have done to us.
10 Happy is the one who seizes your infants and dashes them against the rocks.

ANTHEM “Finally Home” - arr., Don Wytzten
Steve Giddens, piano

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Obadiah
(see back of insert)

SERMON ~ SUMMER SERMON SERIES: ‘One Hit Wonders’ — Ob-la-di, Ob-la-da … OBADIAH!

AFFIRMATION of FAITH — Apostles’ Creed, 3rd century, A.D.
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 again 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.

— We Go Forth to Serve —

*HYMN “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus’ No. 350

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*SONG of RESPONSE “You Shall Go Out with Joy’
- (insert)
– Please exit joyfully, but quietly, during the music of the Postlude

POSTLUDE “Hearring the Call” - arr., T. Birchwood
Tune, George Warren
Prayers of God’s People

Lord, hear our prayers for the homebound:
- Chet Amond (Jamesville, NY), Grace Bailey (Palm City, FL),
- Eleanor Guersey (Jensen Beach FL), Victor and Marilyn Kalit (Stuart, FL),
- Jane Quickel (Stuart, FL), Janet Rhodes (Stuart, FL),
- Leora Richter (Stuart, FL), Norma Vale (Hobe Sound, FL)

for loved ones and friends near and far:
- Adam, Bob and Judy Balfour, Christine Butterworth, Lucille Davis, Robert Davis, Bob Dittrmar, Jake Doctor, D. S. M.,
- Fred Drake, Robin Drummond, Ellie and Dan, Kathy Gordon,
- James Greenwood, Beverly Johnston, Kim, Judy and Tom Kisselle, Krall family, Suzanne McNamee, Grow and Kat Neyer,
- Sally Moon, Mary Morrow, Carolyn Nichols, John and Michele Palarico,
- Pearson family, Les Pernia, Megan Pernia, Lois Quiggle, Jean R.,
- Linda R., Tome Raye, Mike Showalter, Nancy Sloan, Myra Slocum,
- Bill Smith, Fred Southern, Dottie Spies, Susan and Bob, Tom K.,
- Walt Mills and family, Syd Vaughn

for love of neighbors as ourselves:
- The town of Stuart, FL and the Port Salerno community

for church ministries and partners in the Gospel:
- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- Missionaries around the world
- Presbytery of Tropical Florida
- Session of PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH and its committees

Scripture Readings for next Sunday, July 16
Psalm 13:2-1, 10-11; Philémon

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Peace Presbyterian Church
2023 Summer Sermon Series

July 9 — Obadiah
July 16 — Philemon
July 23 — 2nd John
July 30 — 3rd John
August 6 — Jude

Hear Their Unforgettable Sounds! Listen to Their Incredible Words!

This Summer Peace Presbyterian Church is taking on all of the small, often forgotten books in the Bible. The series is called “One Hit Wonders.” These books have few words (only a single chapter), but carry a heavy punch. Be ready to be inspired and informed by these books that you may not have studied in a long time or possibly not at all. Invite friends and family members to come hear these fabulous, marvelous, chart-topping, God’s-Grammy nominations ...

“One Hit Wonders!”
Obadiah's Vision

1 The vision of Obadiah. This is what the Sovereign LORD says about Edom— We have heard a message from the LORD: An envoy was sent to the nations to say, “Rise, let us go against her for battle”—
2 “See, I will make you small among the nations; you will be utterly despised.
3 The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks and make your home on the heights, you who say to yourself, ‘Who can bring me down to the ground?’
4 Though you soar like the eagle and make your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down,” declares the LORD.
5 “If thieves came to you, if robbers in the night— oh, what a disaster awaits you! — would they not steal only as much as they wanted? If grape pickers came to you, would they not leave a few grapes?
6 But how Esau will be ransacked, his hidden treasures pillaged!
7 All your allies will force you to the border; your friends will deceive and overpower you; those who eat your bread will set a trap for you, but you will not detect it.
8 “In that day,” declares the LORD, “will I not destroy the wise men of Edom, those of understanding in the mountains of Esau?
9 Your warriors, Teman, will be terrified, and everyone in Esau’s mountains will be cut down in the slaughter.
10 Because of the violence against your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame; you will be destroyed forever.
11 On the day you stood aloof while strangers carried off his wealth and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were like one of them.
12 You should not gloat over your brother in the day of his misfortune, nor rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their destruction, nor boast so much in the day of their trouble.
13 You should not march through the gates of my people in the day of their disaster, nor gloat over them in their calamity in the day of their disaster, nor seize their wealth in the day of their disaster.
14 You should not wait at the crossroads to cut down their fugitives, nor hand over their survivors in the day of their trouble.
15 “The day of the LORD is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head.
16 Just as you drank on my holy hill, so all the nations will drink continually; they will drink and drink and be as if they had never been.
17 But on Mount Zion will be deliverance; it will be holy, and Jacob will possess his inheritance.
18 Jacob will be a fire and Joseph a flame; Esau will be stubble, and they will set him on fire and destroy him. There will be no survivors from Esau.” The LORD has spoken.
19 People from the Negeb will occupy the mountains of Esau, and people from the foothills will possess the land of the Philistines. They will occupy the fields of Ephraim and Samaria, and Benjamin will possess Gilead.
20 This company of Israelite exiles who are in Canaan will possess the land as far as Zarephath; the exiles from Jerusalem who are in Seharad will possess the towns of the Negeb.
21 Deliverers will go up on Mount Zion to govern the mountains of Esau. And the kingdom will be the LORD’s.