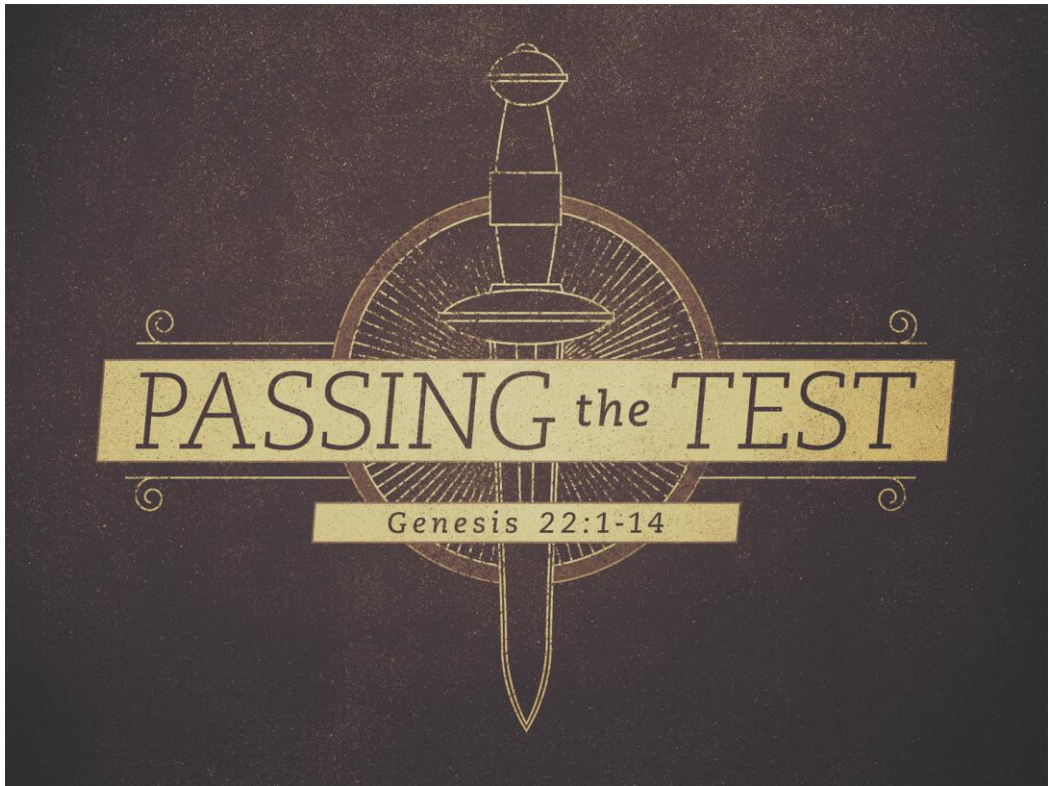


Genesis 22:1-14
Now, What's a Father to Do?



June 28, 2020
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*Dear Jesus, I pray for anyone today who is hurting.
May your love comfort and encourage them. Amen.*

Welcome! Let us join with the psalmist who declares: “I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever.” (Psalm 89:1, ESV) With voices full of excitement, attitudes full of enthusiasm, and spirits full of joy let us actively give our worship to God.

Last week, how well did you live God’s message from Genesis 21:8-21? How did God’s command bring peace to troubled areas in your life?

Be sure to check-in through **Social Media** or text message to let your family members, friends and followers know you are here to praise God. And like us on Facebook.

Please use the time before worship begins to prepare yourself for your **offering of worship** to God. Feel free to listen to music; read and meditate on the Scripture reading for today; or silently meditate on God’s grace, emptying your mind of all distractions.

Those who helped to prepare and lead worship this morning are Kitty Cornwell, Alissa Brown, Butch Steele, April Hansen, Joan Schmidt, Deb Skinner, Alex Rosenleaf, and John Ritchie.

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* Please stand as able

*We are the Body of Christ
Joyfully Worshiping God
Compassionately Caring for One Another
Humbly Serving God
Continually Growing in God’s Word
Actively Sharing the Good News of Christ
May our worship be pleasing to God!*

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

Prelude

Fantasy in A Minor, J.S. Bach

Welcome

*Call to Worship (Leader **People**)

God calls us to step forth in faith.

We respond: Lord, here we are.

Come from the fields of your daily labors,
return from the journeys that have taken you far from home—
come, here is rest and renewal.

**We gather, hearts ready
to receive God's life-giving Word.**

Come to this table, where all find welcome,
and this font, where grace overflows—
come into the presence of the Living Lord.

We come to praise God.

*Hymn of Praise #22

God of the Sparrow

*Call to Confession (Leader **People**)

How costly is our broken relationship with God!

**The price of sin is a spiritless life,
which is no life at all.**

Where are joy, peace, or lasting love to be found,
except in the One who creates peace and joy,
who sent Christ Jesus, the beloved Son,
to save us from our sin?

Let us confess, repent, and trust God to forgive us our sin.

*Prayer of Confession (**Unison**)

Faithful God,

we are quick to test others looking for proof of their faith.

Yet when you test us,

we wonder why you would ever doubt our commitment to you and your will.

When your call comes,

we are slow to answer as we wait to see if your call is a blessing or a test.

Forgive us,

for our fear of proving our faith in you

and our times of doubt and questioning.

In the name of Jesus our Lord,

we confess...

(Silent Personal Prayers for Forgiveness)

*Assurance of Forgiveness (Leader **People**)

God, whose name is I AM,

provides for our weakness.

Jesus, who is I AM in the body,

gave himself for our salvation.

All who are united to Jesus in his death
are united to Jesus in his resurrection.

The end is eternal life.

In Christ Jesus our sins are forgiven.

HEARING THE GOOD NEWS

Message in Music

I'll Walk with God, Brodzky/Webster

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture & Message

Genesis 22:1-14

Now, What's A Father to Do?

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

*Affirmation of Faith (Leader **People**) The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 28 (adapted)

How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from God's love. For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without God's will they can neither move nor be moved.

*Hymn of Response #684

Faith Begins by Letting Go

Offering

O God, Who Gives Us Life/Hornpipe, Carl P. Daw, Jr./G.F. Handel

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13, KJV, Traditional) (**Unison**)

**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.

SENDING FOR SERVICE

*Sending Hymn #700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*Charge

*Blessing

*Response #44

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

*Postlude

The Heavens Declare (Psalm 19), Benedetto Marcello

May our service be pleasing to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our times of worship are now **live-streamed** on our YouTube channel; search for “First Presbyterian Church Great Falls MT” on the YouTube website. Recordings of previous live-streams will remain on our YouTube channel. Links to both live-streams and recordings will be posted to our Facebook page.

Tithes and Offerings may be mailed to the church office (we are receiving mail) or made online through our website.

Don't forget to check our Facebook page and your email for the **latest information** regarding the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church during this time of social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are not receiving emails, please send your current email address to the office, secretary@firstpresgfmt.org. If there is anything the elders, deacons, or staff can do for you during this time, please let us know.

If you would like a copy of the July-August *The Upper Room* sent to you, please let the office know.

Souler Energy, our weekly Sunday Worship broadcast, can be viewed every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on KFBB TV Channel 5 (cable channel 9).

COMING WORSHIP THEMES

Next Sunday, July 5, 2020

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Romans 7:15-25a

The Inner Conflict

July 12, 2020

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2020

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MAY GOD BLESS THIS WEEK

All Events Live-Streamed or via Zoom

Today, June 28	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Limited seating in the Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Next Sunday, July 5	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Limited seating in the Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

All Events Live-Streamed or via Zoom

Monday, July 6 – Sunday, July 26.....	John is on Vacation
Thursday, July 9.....	Spiritual Life Committee, 12:00 noon
	Worship Committee, 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 11.....	PW, 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, July 12.....	Mini Golf @ Valley View Garden Golf, 12:00 noon
Tuesday, July 14.....	Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m.
	Property Committee, 5:30 p.m.

The Officers and Staff of First Presbyterian Church welcome you
to this time of worship and invite you to join us in ministry!

Head of the Church

Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior

Session

John Ritchie (Moderator)

Ginger Blevins	Sara Buley	Mary Fagenstrom	Scott Royce
Alissa Brown	Rees Davies	Kathy Herman	Dean Schamp
Jan Brown	Dave Dobbs	Randy Houtz (Clerk)	

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Craig Anton, Facilities Manager	Laura Jerome, Praise Band Director
Faith Janes, Secretary	Brittany Collins, Nursery
Liza Nosich, Treasurer	

Seeing stars

The stars shine over the mountains,
the stars shine over the sea,
The stars look up to the mighty God,
the stars look down on me;
The stars shall last for a million years,
a million years and a day,
But God and I will live and love,
when the stars have passed away.

—Robert Louis Stevenson