

Congregational Response (sung)

**Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us; And grant us thy peace. Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offering plates will be passed to persons seated in pews. Gifts/pledges may also be sent to First Presbyterian Church by mail or through the "Giving" link on our website: <https://www.fpcjc.com/giving>

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** (Offertory Response, Hymn #606)

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #720** *Jesus Calls Us* (Verses 1,3-4)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "A Closing Prayer" *Besig*
**The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;
Guide us and protect us, and lead us in thy grace.
Wherever life may take us, as we go our separate ways,
Help us share with others, the things we've shared today**

**May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ, His Son
Guide us in the days ahead, and strengthen us, each one.
May the blessings of the spirit, fill us from within;
God bless us and return us, to this fellowship once again.**

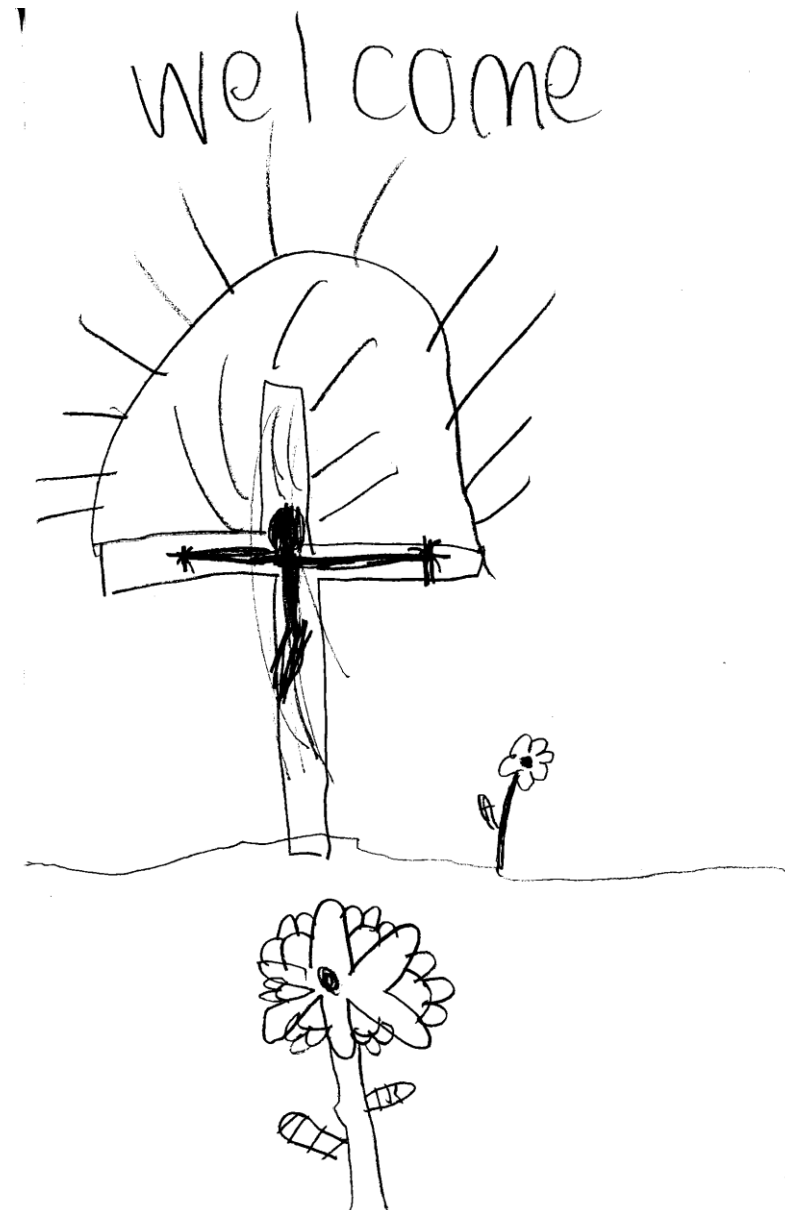
POSTLUDE

***People stand as they are able.**

Notice of Filming: Worship services are filmed and recorded to be included on our Church website, Facebook, YouTube, etc. While most footage will feature worship leaders, video of the congregation may also appear. Children during children's sermons may be seen. If you have concerns, please contact the church office.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We strive to be a loving family of faith nurturing the spiritual growth of one another as we serve, worship, and reach out in celebration of Christ's Love.



**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. Amen.**

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT (Hymn #645)

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur
stilled:
to God all praise and glory!**

CALL TO WORSHIP (please remain seated)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord!

People: Sing to God! Tell of God’s wonderful works!

Leader: Remember all the things God has done!

People: We glory in God’s holy name.

Leader: Seek the Lord, our strength and refuge:

People: we come to be in God’s presence.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #14** *For the Beauty of the Earth* (Verses 1-3)

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things. We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear. We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship. We are not able to fulfill your commandments, for our purposes are never in full accord with yours. Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts. Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances. Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy. Though we are distracted by noise all around, allow us to hear your voice even when it is the sound of sheer silence. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In the grace and love of God, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

***THE PEACE**

Leader: As those who have been forgiven, let us forgive our brothers and sisters. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation)

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Holy God, you speak to us in a voice unexpected and come to us in ways we do not recognize. Never leaving us to our own devices or defenses, you are the ever-present, all-powerful God. Call us out in faith again and again, until we learn to walk with you in steadfast love and faithfulness, and in peace. In the name of him who comes to us upon the waters, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 85:8-13

Leader: The Word of our Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Chrystal Artigue
Abby Artigue & Delilah Standlee

CHILDREN’S TIME

Chrystal Artigue

THE SERMON TEXT

Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON *“When There is Nothing Left to Rely On”* Rev. Martha Murchison

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER



- **Our members and friends who are living in nursing home, assisted living or are partially or fully "home-bound"**
- **Roger Lawson**
- **Pete Young**
- **Tim Sullivan (Danette Story's brother) and all those battling cancer**

We encourage you to pray for these friends – send them a note, call or visit them. Addresses and phone numbers can be obtained from the church office. Send your prayer requests, concerns and updates to office.fpcjc@gmail.com

Thanks to those who have assisted in this morning's worship:

Pastor: Tim Maguffee

Worship Leader: Elaine Dill

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith & Sam Markley

Key Deacon for August transportation: Brenda Boyd (785-375-7231)

Elder on call for the week of August 13th is Rhoda Frasier (785-479-1867)

Head Usher for August 13th is Bob Haynes

Children are welcome in worship. We welcome all children and youth to stay during the worship service and experience God. If you need your young child to go to the nursery, our caretakers are ready to receive them.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are provided by the Rolfs Family to the glory of God and in memory of Edward James Rolfs.

Thank you to Chrystal Artigue, Abby Artigue and Delilah Standlee for providing our special music this morning.

All Choirs Picnic -

Wednesday, August 30th,

6:00 pm

Markley Home

240 West 5th, JC



All Choirs Invited:

Chancel Choir

Glory Ringers

Bring delicious potluck foods, families and Frisbees!

Drinks will be provided!

If you have information you would like in the **bulletin**, please let the church office know by **noon on Wednesday** for that week. You may call 238-1191 or email your info to office.fpcjc@gmail.com

If you have anything you would like put into the **September** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **August 23rd, 2023**. Our email address is office.fpcjc@gmail.com.

Church services are streamed at: <https://www.fpcjc.com>. You will also find links to our Facebook page and YouTube on this webpage. The worship bulletin can be found at <https://www.fpcjc.com/publications>.

When inclement weather is forecast there are three ways you can find out if the church worship service has been cancelled: WIBW (website or T.V.), our First Presbyterian Church-Junction City Facebook page, and-if we have your email address-email from the church.



Farmers Market- We would welcome your extra produce, flowers, home-baked goods and homemade craft projects, to be sold at the church. The Market will be held in the parlor following morning services on August 27th. There will also be a COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME after services at this time. Hope to see you there.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday

7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday

8:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday

8:30 am Christian Education Planning Meeting
1:30 pm Personnel Committee

Sunday

10:45 A.M. Worship, child care available

Time To Celebrate

JOIN US for Pastor Tim's Retirement Celebration

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Please join us as we celebrate Pastor Tim as he prepares to retire. There will be a Catered Dinner hosted for this celebration! Join us in the downstairs dining room immediately following our Worship Service as we honor Tim.

There will be a basket for cards and blessings for Tim and Becky

