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PARTICIPATING in the 11:00 service today is
Jonathon Snow, piano, and **Chris Fullen**, violin.

Kristy will be on vacation this week—July 16-20.

TIMBERLINE: We are presently taking food donations to the Timberline Campground. When our food arrives, the shelves almost always bare. We have seen people waiting for our food deliveries. It is easy to forget the need that exists in our own backyard. PLEASE remember to bring canned food donations each Sunday and place them in the boxes in the hallway.

FPC PRESCHOOL is currently accepting enrollments for the fall. Classes are available for 3 and 4 year olds.

Rev. Edington is preaching a Summer Sermon Series on the Old Testament books of Ezra and Nehemiah. The series is called **Ezra/Nehemiah: Building God's House**. All sermons are posted each Sunday following worship on *fpclebanon.org*.

Ezra/Nehemiah: Building God's House

1. *Cyrus Stirred* - Ezra 1-3
2. Ezra 4-6
3. Ezra 7-10
4. Nehemiah 1-3
5. Nehemiah 4-7
6. Nehemiah 8-9
7. Nehemiah 10-13

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| July 15, 2018 | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 11:00 a.m. |
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Service for the Lord's Day

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m.

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 48*)

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.
 People: His holy mountain is the joy of all the earth.
 Leader: We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.
 People: Your name, O God, reaches to the ends of the earth.
 Leader: Tell the next generation that this is our God.
 People: God will be our guide forever.

*HYMN No. 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Lord, you are our God.
When we feel lost you seek us out.
When we are broken you offer words of healing.
When we feel forgotten you stir our spirits with your love.
Despite your never-ending grace, we confess that we don't always listen to
your voice. We turn our back to your presence and reject your guidance.
Forgive us for not putting our whole trust in you. Deliver us, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today

8:45 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
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Saturday

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” By faith we are made heirs of God. Through Christ salvation is ours. Friends, this is the good news.

People: Thanks be to God!

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 579

*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.*

* THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God our helper,
by your Holy Spirit, open our minds,
that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may be led into your truth
and taught your will,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezra 1:1-11

*The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth,
and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem in Judah.*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

Cyrus Stirred

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN NO. 339

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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* DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

* HYMN NO. 554

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE