



FREDONIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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Prince Twins Seven-Seven, *Healing of Abiko Children*  
*Healing of Abiko Children* stands as a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the enduring connection between art and cultural identity. Twins Seven-Seven was born as Taiwo Olaniyi Oyewale-Toyeje Oyelale Osuntoki in Nigeria and was the sole surviving child of seven sets of twins. His name, "Twins Seven-Seven," reflects this unique lineage.

### Prepare for Worship

Welcome to worship, where God gathers us in the name of love. At FPC, we hope to be challenged by Scripture, comforted by community, and energized by service. If you're new here or it's been a while, we're glad you walked in today. For more, check out the bulletin insert. All people: toddlers, teenagers, Gen Xers, Boomers and beyond, LGBTQIA+ folx, conservative or liberal people, and those with differing abilities and mental health—all—are cherished and affirmed here.

Catch up with one another as you come in! When the **chiming of the hour** sounds, please keep the silence as we prepare for worship.

**Reformed worship** centers around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word incarnate. Worship, then, is our communal and individual response to the Word.

**Bold text** is read by the congregation in one voice.

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

**Confession** isn't to prove you're pious. It's to help rebuild connections between you and God, you and yourself, you and others, and us and the world.

### GATHER

PRELUDE

- Lily Li

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*Use this moment of silence to gather your heart and mind as we prepare for worship.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Rev. Holly

CHORAL INTROIT

- The Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

- Liturgist, Melissa Chwojdak

One: God of unexpected interruptions, we come with our stiff backs, our tired spirits, our half-finished prayers, and the questions we were afraid to ask.

**All: Meet us here, in the tension of Sabbath and work, in the spaces between obligation and hope, in the place where healing looks too hard.**

One: We worship the God who turns toward us, who calls us by name, who sets us free.

**All: Here, in this time, help us see and hear You and one another. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

*In lieu of passing the plates, please use this time to consider your gift to the church.*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of abundance and surprise, we bring these gifts as signs of our trust. Use them to bend toward the broken, to lift up the overlooked, and to call forth hope where it seems impossible. Bless these gifts, and bless us, that we may live as people who notice, who care, and who act with courage in your name. Amen.**

HYMN NO. 606 DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heaven-ly host; \*praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*\*Or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost*

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

*(You are invited to share your wrongdoings and sorrows with God).*

**Scripture:** Our pastor (usually) follows the Revised Common Lectionary, an ecumenical, Biblical reading program. This helps the Holy Spirit move into places we might otherwise miss.

**Our Choir:** Anyone can join the choir. They practice Sunday mornings at 9:30. Just show up!

**The Lord’s Prayer:** We use “debts and debtors” in the Lord’s Prayer. If you’re more comfortable with the “trespass” language, please use it. Or if this prayer is meaningful to you in a different language, pray it that way. We all get to “Amen” together.

**Communion:** Anyone, regardless of age or membership, is invited to partake. We use non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten free bread is available with its own cup. If you're nervous, just ask someone. You can't mess this up (although sometimes, we do make a mess and that's okay too!)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**God of mercy, we confess that we sometimes measure life by rules and calendars, by what is allowed and what is forbidden. We confess that we forget: You are the God of possibility. Forgive us for the small-mindedness, for the judgments we whisper under our breath, for ignoring the cries of the bent and the broken. Like Jesus, help us have the courage to open our hands instead to heal insisted of walking away. Forgive us. Set us free from what keeps us bound and teach us to bend toward love, even when it is inconvenient. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
One: We are forgiven, healed, and made whole. May all God’s people say,  
**All: Amen**

SUNG RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
Hymn No. 435 *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*

**WORD**  
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION  
  
HEBREW TEXT: Jeremiah 1:4-10

CHORAL ANTHEM  
  
GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17  
One: The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

SERMON  
  
MUSICAL REFLECTION - Lily Li

**ENGAGE**  
  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Offering:** Giving does not buy you God’s love—that is free. Giving simply helps keep our heat on, our ministries going, and our staff, paid.

An offering plate is found at the front of the sanctuary. You may also mail or PayPal a donation.

We **affirm our faith** together because as diverse as we are, as differently as we vote, as many interests as we have, we have these beliefs that we share.

**Benediction** is a fancy word for blessing.

**Worship Notes**  
Some of today’s liturgy is used with permission from *enfleshed*. Music is printed and recorded under the CCLI #CSPL121737 & 11497292

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the One Triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**  
**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**  
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\*HYMN NO. Hymn No. 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* or 749 *Come! Live in the Light!*

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION  
  
\*SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
**Go now in peace, go now in peace, May the love of God surround you everywhere, Everywhere you may go.**

<b>WORSHIP LEADERS</b>	
Pastor, The Rev. Holly Clark-Porter	Clerk of Session, Rey Spangler
Director of Music, Lily Li	Session: Janine Scaccia, Ned Divine
Liturgist, Melissa Chwojdak	Carol Calarco, Cori Coia
Deacon of the Month:	Trish Lehnem, Rey Spangler
August – Jennifer O’Boyle	Admin. Response Team: Carol
	Calarco Ned

**ALL ARE WELCOME** to a time of fellowship from 11:30-12:15 after the service today in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign up sheet if you would like to bring in refreshments for any future Sunday. There are instructions for making the coffee and store bought cookies are always a hit.

As a reminder, we're no longer putting an "insert" of announcements in all the bulletins. A handful can be found in our lobby or on our Worship & Spirituality page. This insert includes our prayer list.

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