

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Building Community ▪ Transforming Lives ▪ Engaging the World

Trusting that God's grace embraces and makes covenant with all believers, First Presbyterian Church intends to be an inclusive place of spiritual growth for all people. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of age, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic or racial identity, economic or educational status, or political affiliation

Order of Worship

18 October 2020

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed distinctions exist in this world. We must discern, with your help, what is yours and what is Caesar's. Those distinctions are still at work today. If it be yours, we pray your will to be done. If it be Caesar, then Caesar shall reign. Protect us from the idolatry that exists when the lines are blurred. When put to the test, Jesus asked the simple question: to whom will our allegiance be given? Grant us the wisdom and strength to choose wisely. Amen

Welcome and Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship (Psalm 99:1-3, 5 adapted)

The LORD is king; let the people tremble! The LORD sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth tremble and shake!

Let the whole earth praise your great and awesome name. Holy is God's name!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the LORD our God, worship at the LORD's footstool.


Together let us pray.

All of our lives are full of your mercy, O God; wherever we turn you are sure to be there.



If we are found in the depth of depression, you lift up our spirits with the hope of new life. When we are bound to the heights of ecstasy, you rejoice with us and make our feet light. You surround us with your Spirit who knows our needs before we even announce them. We give you all praise, O God of all life.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, let us worship God.

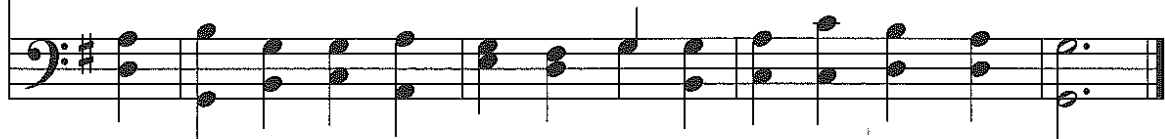
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1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,
 3 The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.



Prayer of Confession

Lord God, distinctions become blurred when we are called on to serve you.

We are taught that to serve you is to obey you; at times fidelity gets in our way.

Societal pressures appeal to that sense of security that speaks to our welfare.

Mores and customs become mandates and higher loyalties are put aside.

O God, we confess our mixed allegiance. Have mercy upon us as we face obligations and reclaim us from error when we do not obey your will. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Matthew 22:37-39

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 22:15-22

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****Sermon***Dual Citizenship*

The Rev. Edward Bellis

***Affirmation of Faith**

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.

Anthem*Sing For Joy*

Henry Purcell/arr. Hal H. Hopson

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**Benediction**

Organist: Vance Harper Jones

Quartet: Betsy Conzelman, Margaret Cooper, Charles Francis, Pat K. Rowlett

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