

# 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

20 September 2020

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### **Prayer of Preparation**

*O God, we are your laborers sent into the vineyard, and we are told what we will be paid. The amount is the same regardless of the hours worked. Help us to remember that the kingdom's gifts are not dependent upon how much we produce or how long we work. Your emphasis is upon how willing we are to approach your tasks, and not so much upon what we are due because of how or when we respond. Help us to not grumble at your gifts to us and others so all might know of your love, mercy, and grace. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.*

### **Welcome and Chiming of the Trinity**

#### **Call to Worship**

How glorious it is to be in the temple of God, for indeed the whole world is God's tabernacle.

**We are welcomed by God into this special place of worship not surrounded by walls.**

What a revelation! The church we are in today has been here all along because we the people are the church!

**For where we worship, God is there also.**

Together let us pray.

**O God, if you were to mark the extent of our iniquity, who could stand before you? Yet, you do not forsake us, yet you shower us with blessings. In Jesus Christ, we receive the gift of inheritance into his household. We are called to be Christ's people, the church. We praise you; we give thanks to you; we stand to honor you, O God of redeeming grace.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, let us worship God.

**Hymn 267**

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Bateman  
Spanish folk melody

# 267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;  
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

