

The Worship of God

9th Sunday after Pentecost – August 7, 2022 – 9:00 Morning Worship

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

All day long, God calls to Earth.

All day long, Earth answers.

The rivers run, and grasses blow, sand shifts and shifts again.

Lava churns deep within Earth.

All day long, God calls to Earth.

All day long, Earth answers.

Ocean tides rush in and out, and creatures swim along.

Trees bend and straighten, and mountains sing the song of the ancients.

All day long, God calls to Earth.

All day long, Earth answers.

Dusk to dawn, day to night, six days turn to seven.

All day long, God calls to Earth.

All day long, Earth answers.

God's people come together, friend and stranger.

Let us join with all creation in praising our wondrous God.

All day long, God calls to Earth.

OPENING PRAYER

The inner workings of our minds are amazing, God.

Our thoughts and insights, actions and ideas

create possibilities that become clearer and more defined

as we look with intent in response to your call.

As we gather together and look through the windows

that open to life-giving, just, and faithful pathways,

enlarge our faith that we might step beyond our places of comfort,

assured that our actions will reveal your life-giving grace.

Amen.

SING

“Gather Us In”

#401 vs 1, 3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our past, present, and future,
we plant our faith in hope for a future that is yet to be seen.
When we want it all now, may we find the realm of love
growing piece by piece, word by word, act by act.

Forgive our impatience, O God.

When we want immediate results
remind us of the slow unfolding of faith day by day,
prayer by prayer, generation to generation.

Forgive our impatience, O God.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Like an oak, faith grows purposefully and firmly.
As roots stretch down, so faith grounds itself in our living.
As branches and leaves provide life,
so our faith produces the fruit of love and justice.

**Through God's forgiveness, we continue to grow in faith.
Secure in the love of God, we endure.**

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

I invite you to turn to one another and share a sign of peace:
You're invited to unmute yourselves and exchange peace with one another

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

...The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SING

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

#65

GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#609

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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God of prophets and martyrs;
God of teachers and questioners;
God of hosts and guests;
God of all space and time.

**We, your people, gather here out of love for you.
We gather here in the sure and certain hope that you hear the cries of all,
and your reach is great enough that no one is ever beyond your knowing and loving.
Come to us in this sacred meal.
As we break bread, may we be reconnected to the Christ.
As we drink from this cup,
may we be strengthened to go forth in Christ's name,
offering forgiveness and wholeness to all people.**

COMMUNION IS SHARED

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT WINDOW

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

SING

"Song of Hope"

#765

SENDING

Full of faith,

we will work together for justice.

Full of faith,

we will have hope for the future.

Full of faith,

we will live together in peace.

Full of faith,

we will move together into the world.

Full of faith,

we will follow in the way of Christ together.

POSTLUDE