

**The Worship of God**  
Third Sunday after Pentecost – June 9, 2024 – 9:00 Morning Worship  
**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!**

PRELUDE

“Largo from Triosonata V”

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME

**GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

We walk by faith, and not by sight,  
seeking your company, desiring your presence.

**As the Spirit moves, let us welcome the unexpected:  
you and your unfathomable love, O God, you and your astounding grace.  
Surprise us again as we raise our voices in praise.**

OPENING PRAYER

Spirit of God, settle in among us;  
look past our external features and peer inside our hearts.  
See us for who we really are: yours.  
Stubborn, doubting, self-centered and yet, ever yours.  
**Grant us insight to see as you see and the confidence  
to allow your unpredictable choices to lead us closer to you.  
Amen.**

SING

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

#645

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, surprised when you call us to lead,  
we doubt our God-given abilities and your wisdom.  
Instead, we seek leaders who assure us they will do those things  
that further our well-being, rather than your will.  
**We surround ourselves with comfort and with like-minded friends,  
while insulating ourselves from those who seem “different.”  
We judge others based on their capabilities,  
their degrees, their rank and status.  
Forgive us.**  
Open our eyes to our narrow-mindedness  
and our hearts to trust you to provide the way forward.  
**Help us see the good –  
in your unexpected ways, and extraordinary leadership.  
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
**Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!**  
Celebrate the new life you have received, trusting you are at peace with God!

## 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

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

#### SECOND LESSON

Mark 3: 13-35

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

#### REFLECTION

Chaplain Tim Haworth

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### SING

"Gather Us In"

#269

#### GIVING OUR GIFTS

#### DOXOLOGY

"Santo, Santo, Santo"

#595

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

For the gift of those in leadership – whether anticipated or unforeseen –  
may we offer our support, and in so doing,  
respect and honor you, Holy One, and your role in their choosing.

**For the gift of talents you provide to each of us – those that come easily,  
or those that need cultivating – may we be thankful.**

**Help us commit to exercising them to do your work.**

While our offering today may seem small compared to your generosity,  
may it be the seed you use to grow our community into a place  
where everyone finds rest and welcome.

#### REMEMBERING REV. DR. HOWARD MILKMAN

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

### SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

#### SING

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

#401

#### SENDING

Tim leads

Go, as God sees, looking for what is hidden in the heart.

**Go, as the Spirit moves, expecting the unexpected.**

**Go, as Jesus lives, leading by serving.**

Go in peace, love and joy.

#### POSTLUDE

"Organ Blue Bossa"

Grimoaldo Macchia