

The Worship of God
15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 25, 2022 – 9:00 Morning Worship
Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!

PRELUDE

Variations on “This is My Maker’s World”

Rudolf Zuiderveld

WELCOME

GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise.

Praise is where our worship begins and ends.

Praise is what moves under our feet and stirs our hearts.

Praise is what soars across the skies

and causes us to question all that we thought we knew.

Praise is what we were made for.

Praise for Earth. Praise for this life. Praise for each other.

Let us praise the name of God and lift our heads in wonder and delight.

OPENING PRAYER

Great galaxies and tiny insects; giant gum trees and redwoods
and tiny plants growing in tundra and desert;

a speck of sand, and planets beyond our comprehension –
all of this is the stuff of your making, O God.

We can feel so very small in the context of all you have made,

and yet you care for us – you love each of us as if we were your favorite.

Help us acknowledge you in the world around us, celebrate your presence,
and honor you in all we do.

Amen.

SING

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

#611

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We try to limit you, O God.

We claim you are male and human and that you look like us and think like us.

Forgive us.

Sometimes, too, we limit your creation,

not wanting to think beyond ourselves or our own circles.

We challenge beliefs that threaten us,

not wanting to accept worlds beyond our own, and life in other forms.

Yet you are the Cosmic One, Creator of things beyond our imaginations.

Help us set free our understanding

that we might experience you as the Cosmic Being you are.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, hear Wisdom speak to you.

Hear her assure you in her own words:

I was daily God's delight, rejoicing before God always,

rejoicing in this inhabited world and especially delighting in the human race.

Let us share in quiet contemplation of this blessing.

Thanks be to 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

Proverbs 8:22-31

SECOND LESSON

Luke 16:19-31

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

REFLECTION

Reverend Susan Phillips

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SING

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

#23 3 verses

GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#607

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All that exists is yours, great God.

Now we give a portion to your church to continue doing your work in the world.

Take these gifts and use them to fulfill your visions for the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT WINDOW

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

SING

"Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!"

#17 3 verses

SENDING

The Creator Spirit, the Cosmic Christ, and Sophia,

Holy Wisdom, are present all around us.

Feel them.

Know them.

Let them in.

And take them with you as you go out into the world.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Joyful Recessional"

Rosalie Bonighton