

The Worship of God
Cosmos Sunday, September 28, 2025 – 9:00 Morning Worship
Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!

PRELUDE

“This is My Father's World”

Rudolf Zuiderveld

WELCOME

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thunder roars.

Mighty waves crash.

We listen for God.

It is a voice that shatters the trees and causes us to tremble in fear.

God flashes into our awareness.

In the whirl of chaos, we seek steady calm and peace.

We come to listen for Wisdom again.

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 SCRIPTURE

Psalms 91:1-6; 14-16

SECOND SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 6:6-19

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

REFLECTION

Chaplain Tim Haworth

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SING

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

#23

GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#609

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

Tim leads

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

SING

"Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!"

#17

BENEDICTION

Tim leads

Let us go out into God's world in peace;

have courage; hold on to what is good;

return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;

support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons;

love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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