

**THE ORDER FOR THE
WORSHIP OF GOD AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10:30 AM ~ September 19, 2021**

If you are visiting First Presbyterian Church for the first time, welcome! We encourage you to fill out the Visitor's Card, located in the back of the pews, and drop it in the model church/offering box on your way out of worship this morning. Your doing so will give us a way to reach out and begin to know you.

PRELUDE

"He Leads Me Medley"

arr. Victor Labenske

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WELCOME & GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

ALL: Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.

One: And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

ALL: Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.

One: And when I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad:

ALL: Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God.

One: Thank you all; thank you, God.

*HYMN #634

"To God Be the Glory"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life: hear our prayer.

ALL: There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with You. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray.

(A moment for silent meditation and confession.)

KYRIE ELEISON

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

THE PEACE

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn #581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

(Traditional)

**I believe in
God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in
the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

(* In this context, the word “catholic” means “universal”)

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

MOMENT OF GRATITUDE FOR OUR TECHNICAL TEAM

Rick Walsh

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM

“Be Thou My Vision”
Jason Terk, Baritone; Jiha Choi, Piano

FIRST READING

Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

SECOND READING

Mark 1:16-20

SERMON

“Fishing for People”
The second in a sermon series titled, *“Follow Jesus”*

Rev. Dr. Robert S. Crilley

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

HYMN #169

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“The Emperor’s Fanfare”

Antonio Soler

**Congregation standing or seated*

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WAYS TO GIVE

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