

Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...
And pray to the Lord on its behalf

Jeremiah 29:7



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The Worship of Our Lord

Ninth Pentecost
August 7, 2022
10:30 AM

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to First Presby! We are grateful you chose to worship with us today. Please take a moment to sign in via the Friendship Pads located at the end of the pews. We use this information to keep in touch about church events. We hope you will take a moment to read the electronic newsletter "First Presby Press" and the weekly Green Sheet. Please share news and notes with your friends and neighbors. Thank you!

The following scriptures and reflection are provided for silent Meditation during the Prelude

Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40

The good news calls our whole way of existence into question. If we are indeed 'in God's image,' then the central task of our life is covenant-making and covenant-keeping. It is a promise both rich and heavy for us to say that finally we shall be like God... Our central human vocation is to be with brothers and sisters and for brothers and sisters. That is who God is... that is who we are called to be, expected to be, promised to be.

*Walter Brueggeman,
The Bible Makes Sense*

* indicates congregation standing, as able

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO . . .

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Introductory Voluntary No. 10 W.G. Alcock

WELCOME Pastor Myers

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Taylor Raab

One: Anyone who thirsts, come, and drink!

All: If you have no money, but you are hungry, come, and receive wine and milk without a price tag.

One: Why do you spend money on that which does not nourish you? Why do you work for what does not nurture you?

All: Listen, come, and eat healthy food that will delight you. Come and partake in the Spirit that will fill you with life.

CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Pastor Myers

One: Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation.

All: Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

God of the ages,
God of the old, old story,
We hear of our ancestors
And are astounded by their faith.
They trusted you,
But we waiver.
They believed your promise,
But we cling to our own ideas.
Forgive us and free us from our fear,
That we may follow with joy wherever you may lead
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silence is kept for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: From age to age, from generation to generation, God's mercy never fails. Hear the good news!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #288 Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

OT page 12

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Here I Am, Lord

Daniel L. Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them; they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone; give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save!

Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 12:32-40

NT page 75

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Myers

(Children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to Children's Church in Room E-117 or they may remain in the sanctuary with their parents.)

SERMON

"Live Boldly. Love Deeply."

Pastor Myers

*HYMN #79

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO GOD

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Pastor Myers

Offertory

Andante grazioso

Eugène Gigout

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (insert)

Pastor Myers

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

This morning we share the bread and the cup together, gathered and scattered, united in Christ at the Table.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion (unison)

Gracious God, how can we thank you for such a gift? For you have met us, fed us, drawn us to you, and bound us to one another. Now send us out to share your love and proclaim our hope until Christ comes again. Amen

*HYMN #838

Standing on the Promises

PROMISES

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Myers

*POSTLUDE

Marche

J.L. Battmann

Our worship continues in our service to others.

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship today.
May the gift of worship we offer today honor God and serve as a blessing to you.
Worship is broadcast at 11AM on WCHS-580AM
Worship is also available on our YouTube channel.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.
A nursery is provided for children from birth to 3 years old.
It is located through the door in the front right of the sanctuary straight down the hall on the left.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers
Taylor Raab

THE MUSIC TODAY

Jayson Keeton, Director of Music and Organist
Lindsay Marchio, soprano
Tom Marchio, tenor

ALSO SERVING TODAY

Chiming the Trinity: David Cottrell
Greeters: Kim Percy

Audio & Video: Byron Goodew & David Cottrell
Custodial Services: David Feibelman

WORSHIP NOTES

Please remember that we worship every Sunday Sabbath Day, and that is available via YouTube and the radio broadcast. Thank you for connecting for worship with First Presby.

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