

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
WORSHIP ON THE FRONT LAWN
September 19, 2021
10:30AM**

PRELUDE

“Children of the Heavenly Father”
Mary Jo Cox, piano

Anna Laura Page

WELCOME

HYMN

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Refrain:

**All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors;
God made their tiny wings.
(Refrain)**

**The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one.
(Refrain)**

**God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.
(Refrain)**

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Silent Confession)

You told us, O Lord, that whoever wants to be first must be last and servant of all. Oh, how we long to be first, O God; to climb every ladder, frame every achievement, get every promotion, and obtain every glory. Oh God, how we long to be first, O God, and oh, how we dread being last. Forgive us, O humble Christ, and by your forgiveness, teach us. Teach us to reframe our priorities. Teach us to be servants first, and to let our lives flow from a heart of faith. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

RESPONSE

“Halle Halle, Hallelujah”
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
(2 times)

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CHILDREN’S OFFERING; BLESSING

Congregation: May the Lord go with you as you worship and learn together.

Children: May the Lord be with you as you worship here.

Congregation: Go in peace.

Children: We go in peace. Amen.

During the response to the Passing of the Peace, Kindergarten through 5th grade children are invited to come forward for the blessing. After the blessing, they will be dismissed for Children and Worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 9:30-37

The Gospel of the Lord.. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Jesus Loves Me”
John Nichol, saxophone

Michael Hassell

REFLECTION

“Who is the GOAT?”

Andrew Miller

Question of the day: How does Mark 9:30-37 intrigue, disturb, challenge, comfort, encourage, or inspire you?

HYMN

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”
**Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.**

**May we in service to our God
act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.**

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

**“Christ Be Beside Me”
Christ be beside me;
Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me,
King of my heart.
Christ be within me;
Christ be below me;
Christ be above me,
never to part.**

POSTLUDE

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Gary Norian

Notes:

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox, Chancel Choir, John Nichol and Andrew Miller

Worship is...

One beautiful image of worship comes from the 19th century Danish philosopher and theologian Soren (Sorin) Kierkegaard. Kierkegaard describes worship a drama or theatre. The worship leaders (Mary Jo, the choir and the liturgist when we have one, and Andrew) are the conductors, the congregation (those sitting in the pews or in your lawn chairs, or in the comfort of your home) are the actors, and God...God is the audience. God is the recipient of our worship. Worship is not about us. It is all meant to be for and about God. So, at the end of worship please refrain from clapping. The hope and prayer are that God is giving us all a standing ovation or a round of applause for how we have worshiped God today. Instead of clapping at the end of worship consider sharing a phrase of praise such as an “Amen”, “Thanks be to God”, or “Alleluia”.

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Suzanne Hand, Russell, Dottie Theunissen, Rick Rodriquez (friend of Tim Fitzgerald), Mike Mitchell & JT Schmitt (Barb Lindley’s son-in-laws), Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Peter Russell, David Neyer, Lois Kerr, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Colleen Long, Lavona Osborne. Mission Co-Workers Michael and Rachel Ludwig, Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, First Presbyterian, Beaverton, MI, Presbyterian Church of Guyana and Rosebush Manor.

Offering

If you are joining us for worship in-person and would like to give an offering, please place your offering in an offering plate. You can also give your pledge, per capita payment, or offering by mailing it to the church office: First Presbyterian Church, 1250 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, 48858. You can also give an offering by going to the church's website, www@fcmp.org and hit the "Give Now" button or use the QR Code,



Phone calls to the church office are being transferred to Andrew Miller's cellphone.

At this time, the church will not be collecting plastic grocery bags or plastic containers. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Coupons

If you do not use the coupons from your Sunday newspaper, please bring them to the church office and we will share them with Community Compassion Network.