

ORDER OF WORSHIP
9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 7, 2022
10:30AM
Liturgist Responsibilities

PRELUDE "There Is a Fountain", An Early American Melody arranged by Mark Hayes
Doug Webster, piano

WORDS OF GREETING (*Psalm 33: 12a and 22*) David Stevens
One: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.
May your unfailing love rest upon us,
O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Touch Holiness)

One: We have been called to walk the faith road and to choose the way of God's justice.

All: We are here because we believe strongly that our God is good, and that we live in that we live in that goodness. We are here to proclaim our faith and to seek direction along this faith journey.

One: Come together, then, to be God's people. Follow Christ and listen for the good things that God has done. Rise up in praise and thanksgiving!

All: We will share with others the goodness that we have found in God. May our lives be an expression of that goodness.

*HYMN No. 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (*see hymnal*)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(Silent Confession)

Spirit of the living God, we confess that we have not accepted the challenge of your peace in the world. We define peace in ways that preserve our own self-interest, forgetting that your peace may call us to great sacrifice. We are content to believe that speaking of peace is sufficient, forgetting that your peace calls us to action and transformation. Merciful God, forgive our lack of imagination and courage, and empower us to strive anew to make our world a place in which your loving peace abounds. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is merciful and gracious, offering forgiveness freely and willingly. All that we regret shrinks in importance – all that we hope for blossoms and grows. In the name of Jesus we are forgiven by God's grace. Thanks be to God. Amen

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RESPONSE No. 591
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

(sing twice)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, allow us your wisdom. By the power of your Holy Spirit open the Scriptures to us today, that in the Word read and proclaimed we might know your truth. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

“God’s Messengers- US!”

Rev. Jean Winther

Question of the day: How does trusting in God’s control bring peace?

*PRAYER OF THE COVENANT AS RESPONSE TO THE WORD

O God, we attest in word and deed that you are our God and we are your people. From the beginning you have called us from self-seeking, comfort, and complacency to redeeming action for justice everywhere in the world. We hear your powerful calling to be your servants. We hear your voice in the cries of the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned, and the broken, for you have made yourself one with those who seek justice, freedom, and peace.

Give us deep courage to find the true path of your way, ready to give our very selves as living sacrifices for your will. We pledge ourselves now to pursue the living, breathing justice which transforms people. We recommit ourselves to your will for justice as well as our actions through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*HYMN No. 517

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are worshipping virtually today, please make sure that you have some sort of drink and bread or cracker for Communion.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bountiful God, we give thanks that you gather us into your beloved table. Now send us forth into the world with rejoicing, that we may be salt, light and leaven in the struggle for shalom. By the strength of this meal and your grace help us to continue Christ's ministry of justice and compassion. For it is in Christ's name we pray and seek to live. Amen.

*HYMN No. 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Serve your God with patience and passion. Be deliberate in enacting your faith. Be steadfast in celebrating the Spirit's power. And may peace be your way in the world.

Go in peace, open to the call and the grace of God. The blessings of God's unfailing love, Christ's unceasing presence, and the Spirit's unsurpassed gifts be with us all now and forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 543 (v. 4)

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me
Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

POSTLUDE

"Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart"

by Arther H. Messiter
arranged by Cindy Berry

Notes:

Worship Leaders: Doug Webster, David Stevens, and Jean Winther

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Kim Pearce (Grand Niece of Kevin & Anita Love), Louisa Ellis (Jeff & Cam Ellis' granddaughter), John Loubert, Olivia Geisthardt (friend of Anna Clare Miller), Linda Loubert (Pete Loubert's Step Mother), Suzanne Hand, Dottie Theunissen, Rick Rodriquez (friend of Tim Fitzgerald), Mike Mitchell & JT Schmitt (Barb Lindley's son-in-laws), Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Peter and Verna Russell, David Neyer, Lois Kerr, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Colleen Long, Lavona Osborne. Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, First Presbyterian Church, Beaverton, MI, Reformed Calvinist Church of El Salvador and Therapy Dogs International.

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@fpcmp.org and hit the "Give Now" button or use the QR Code,



Worship on the Front Lawn

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Cajun Shrimp Boil, a First Presbyterian Tradition.

The 32nd annual Shrimp Boil will be held on Friday, August 19. **As with the last several years, the Shrimp Boil will be held at the Miller's, 1505 Greenbriar.** John Scheide and crew will be cooking up those ACE (All you Can Eat) shrimp, corn, potatoes and onions with appetizers, salads and desserts. Fellowship time will be between 5:00 – 6:00pm with the dinner at 6:00pm. The price will be \$15.00 for the adult shrimp dinner and \$ 7.00 for the child's shrimp meal. Pulled pork barbeque will be served for adults and kids that are non-shrimpers, \$8.00 and \$4.00 respectively. Other dietary requests can be accommodated if noted in advance.

The signup sheet is on the Church bulletin board or call the church office. We need to know approximate numbers by August 17th.

Let the good times roll!!

The Deacons

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