

ORDER OF WORSHIP
World Communion Sunday
October 2, 2022
10:30AM

PRELUDE

Living Bread
Mary Jo Cox, organ

Richard A. Williamson

WORDS OF GREETING

One: Write the vision; make it plain for all to see.

All: God longs to gather all the peoples of the earth.

PROCESSIONAL

Come All You People
Come all you people,
come and praise your Maker;
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker;
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.
(Choir 1st time, Congregation join 2nd and 3rd time)

WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Lamentations 1:2-4;3:22-23)*

Jean Winther

One: In the midst of war and division,
we wait for God:

**All: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end.**

One: In the midst of devastation and loss,
we wait for the God:

**All: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end.**

One: In the midst of change and uncertainty,
we wait for the God:

**All: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.
Great is your faithfulness, O God!**

*HYMN No. 39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

(Silent Confession)

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we confess that the seed of faith within us is small. Hope is often absent. Love is frequently inconvenient. Our sin keeps us from responding to you. Tend to

us in mercy, so that we may grow in the ways of faith, hope, and love, after the example of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 37:1-9

Amen. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Garrett Parker

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:5-10

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

REFLECTION

“Faith and Faithfulness”

Andrew Miller

Question of the day... What do the words faith and faithfulness mean to you?

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *From A Brief Statement of Faith*

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

*HYMN

When We Eat This Bread

(Projected Overhead)

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Megan Ransom and Carli Tower, soloists
Ruyu Yan, violin

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

*HYMN No. 765

May the God of Hope Go With Us Every Day

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 747 *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
To make of all the earth a better place to live.
(choir first time; congregation joins on repeat)

The angels are not sent into our world of pain
To do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
That falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.
(choir first time; congregation joins on repeat)

*POSTLUDE

Rendez a Dieu

Charles Callahan

Notes:

*Stand in body and spirit.

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox; Jean Winther; the Chancel Choir; Andrew Miller

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Jaime Love (brother of Kevin 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 Rodriguez (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, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, MI, Evangelical Church of Iran, and the William E. Brockman Infant Pantry of Community Compassion Network.

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,



Understanding Who We are as Presbyterians

What do Presbyterians think about salvation and being saved? Is the Bible literal? Are you going to heaven? Is Jesus "Lord" or just a good guy? Who is in charge? These topics and much more will be discussed as we read together, *Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt: A Theological Survival Guide for Youth, Parents, and Other Confused Presbyterians*. By the way, the "Bible Belt" is more than a geographical region.

Rev. Andrew Miller will lead this 5-week discussion on October 6, 13, 20, 27, and November 3 at either 10:00-11:00am OR 5:30pm-6:30pm. If interested, email Andrew (AndrewMiller@fpcmp.org) or sign-up on the bulletin board in the narthex of the sanctuary.