

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Why Presbyterians are the Way We Are: Response
September 29, 2024
10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Oh, The Beautiful Treasures* Wilbur Held
Mary Jo Cox, organ

WORDS OF GREETING

One: Let all who are faithful offer prayers to God.
In times of distress, we will not be overwhelmed.
All: You are our hiding place, O Lord;
you preserve us from trouble
and surround us with glad cries of deliverance.

WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

INTROIT *Come Into God's Presence* Anon.

CALL TO WORSHIP Jim Bidwell

One: We come to worship God in many ways.
All: We come singing, dancing, and shouting for joy.
One: We come grieving, mourning, and crying for loss.
All: We come asking, praying, and seeking peace.
One: We come to worship as we are,
knowing that God will meet us here.
All: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill this space.
Let us worship God!

*HYMN No. 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*CALL TO CONFESSION
(Silent Confession)

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have said that the poor are blessed, the outcast beloved, and the mighty powerless, for your gospel message turns the world upside down. Forgive us when we forget or refuse to respond to your message. Forgive us when we do not live in the light of your great reversal: when we operate as if success were the highest goal and happiness the most worthy aim. Forgive us, Lord. Convict us and heal us. Enlighten us to know your truth, and empower us to try again and again. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RESPONSE No. 605

Praise to God the Father
**Praise to God the Father;
praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spirit;
praise to the Three-in-One.**
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
**Praise to God Almighty;
praise to the Holy One.**

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, newborns through 5th grade are invited to come forward to the chancel steps for the blessing. After the blessing, they will be dismissed to the Nursery and to the Children's Worship Center in the lower level for the Children and Worship time. Please pick up your child from the Nursery or Worship Center when they have finished their time of worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 32:1-7

Amen. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus
Lauren Geates, solo

Robert Lau

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:1-10

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

REFLECTION

"Response to God's Gift of Grace"

Andrew Miller

Question of the Day: How or why do you respond to God's gift of grace?

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

**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 life everlasting. Amen.**

*(The word "catholic" in the Apostles' Creed means the universal church that comprises
all believers in all times and places.)*

OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTRY

Isabella County Restoration House

Dee Obrecht

*HYMN No. 761

Called as Partners in Christ Service

(vs.1&2)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(If you have a prayer of concern or joy, please text 989-954-3297.)

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.

*HYMN No. 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

(see hymnal)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Go Rejoicing!

Hal Hopson

*POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory

Douglas E. Wagner

*NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS, SO GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD

Notes:

*Stand in body and spirit.

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox; Jim Bidwell; the Chancel Choir; Andrew Miller

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Linda Rose, Sandy Armstrong, The Hutson Family, Kolton Hutson, Laura Knutson (niece of Phyllis Heinze), J T Schmitt (Barb Lindley's son-in-law), Nick Baker, Wendy Shugert, Mike McNabb, Scott Campbell (Andrew & Martha Miller's friend), Betty Gempel, Jillian & Flynn Gray, Martha Loubert (sister-in-law of John, Pete, and Sheri Loubert), Lois Miller, Jaime Love (brother of Kevin Love), Louisa Ellis (Jeff & Cam Ellis granddaughter), Olivia Geisthardt (friend of Anna Clare Miller), Suzanne Hand, Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Verna Russell, Lois Kerr, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Lavona Osborne. Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, Frist Presbyterian, Ithaca, MI., Christian Reformed Church in Myanmar, and Habitat for Humanity.

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,

