

Order of Worship

July 9, 2023

Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Prelude

Prelude in F Major, Powell

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

One: The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

All: Let us worship God!

Hymn No. 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God,

our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a burden too heavy to continue carrying.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, whose grace sustains us.

Moment for Silent Confession

Kyrie No. 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Galatians 5:13-18, 22-23

Anthem

If You Search Me with All Your Heart, arr. Courtney (11:00 a.m.)

Word to Grow By

Second Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon

Quick to Judge, Rev. Dr. Kathy Wolf Reed

Hymn No. 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (11:00 a.m.)

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

Apostles' Creed, Hymnal p. 35

Prayers of the People

Offertory

My Faith Looks Up to Thee, Larson (11:00 a.m.)

Doxology No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Communion

(9:00 a.m.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 35

Hymn No. 753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Benediction

Postlude

Recessional on "St. Denio", Young

Liturgist: Susan Bannon.

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church, Auburn

New to the Presbyterian Church USA? We would love to share with you more about our Reformed tradition of theology and worship.

New to Auburn, or simply new to this congregation? We'd love to share with you more about the rich history of this church and its valuable contributions to the Auburn community.

Searching for a church home? We would love to join you in that search and help discern whether First Presbyterian may be where God is calling you to be nurtured, inspired, and empowered.

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Revs. Nick and Kathy Reed, Co-Pastors