

Order of Worship

July 23, 2023

Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time



Prelude

The Living Water, Martin

Call to Worship (Responsive)

God's Spirit gathers us

We are not alone

God's Spirit calls us

We discern God's will together

God's Spirit sends us

We bear witness to Christ our Savior in a broken and weary world. Let us worship God!

Hymn No. 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, We have not spent the time we should in prayer and study of your Word to help us discern what is evil and against your will. We excuse our complacency and justify our passive faith. Yet we need your truth. We hunger for your grace. Jesus, forgive us. Deliver us from evil. Clear our path to you. Amen.

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

Isaiah 44:6-8

Anthem

Grace, Hayes (11:00 a.m.)

Word to Grow By

Sermon

Where the Holy Happens, Rev. Dr. Kathy Wolf Reed

Hymn No. 49

The God of Abraham Praise (11:00 a.m.)

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

from *The Confession of 1967* (Inclusive Language version)

God expressed love for all humankind through Israel, whom God chose to be a covenant people to serve him in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, God maintained the covenant through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers.

These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations... Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus, who was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Be Still and Know That I Am God, Mansfield (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. 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Benediction

Postlude

Variations on "Laudes domini", Hopper

Liturgist: Anne Leader

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Mary and Barry Burkhardt in thanks for the birth of David Burkhardt.

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.

Please take a moment to fill out our [online Friendship Register](#) or you may contact either of us directly.

Revs. Nick and Kathy Reed, Co-Pastors