

Order of Worship

July 10, 2022

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Prelude

Variations on "Lyons," Ritter (11:00 a.m.)

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of seeds on earth;

All: it grows up and becomes the greatest of shrubs, and the birds of the air make nests in its shade.

One: Give thanks to God, whose promised reign is coming.

All: Thanks be to God!

Processional Hymn No. 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us. Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work. Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes — fostering divisions when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation; beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs; building walls to keep people out when your branches offer generous nests. Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray, so that we might reach our fullest height of faith. In Christ's name we pray. (Silent prayer.) Amen.

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.

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Word to Grow By

Anthem

Lord, Here Am I, Beck (11:00 a.m.)

Second Reading

Mark 4:30-32

Sermon

The Parable of the Mustard Seed, Rev. Nick Reed

Hymn No. 36

For the Fruit of All Creation (11:00 a.m.)

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

from *A Declaration of Faith*

The people of God have often misused God's promises as excuses for doing nothing about present evils. But in Christ the new world has already broken in and the old can no longer be tolerated.

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.

Jesus is Lord!

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now he is Lord.

Communion

(9:00 a.m.)

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Arioso, Landis(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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 714

God of the Fertile Fields

Benediction

Postlude

Voluntary, Hesse(11:00 a.m.)

Liturgist: Susan Bannon.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Frank Griffin by Carol Griffin.

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