

# Order of Worship

## October 23, 2022

### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### Prelude

*On Wings of Morn*, Nolte (11:00 a.m.)

#### Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**All: My soul longs for the courts of the Lord. My flesh sings for joy to the living God.**

One: Happy are those who live in the house of the Lord, ever singing your praise, O God.

**All: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

#### Processional Hymn No. 401

*Here in This Place*

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, hope of your people in every age, we confess that we have sinned against you. We have wandered from your pathways, turned toward idols, lived without compassion, and disregarded the well-being of your creation. Do not turn away from us, O Lord, but renew your covenant, for only in you will our lives be healed. Guide us and lead us in your ways, for happy are those who live in your house. (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

*Joel 2:23-32*

#### Word to Grow By

#### Anthem

*For the Beauty of the Earth*, Rutter (11:00 a.m.)

#### Second Reading

*Luke 18:9-14*

## Sermon

*God Is Faithful Still*, Rev. Nick Reed

## Hymn No. 32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God* (11:00 a.m.)

## Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

## Communion

(9:00 a.m.)

## Prayers of the People

## Offertory

*Behold the Master Cometh*, Moore (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. 367

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

## Benediction

## Postlude

*God Walks Beside Me*, Smith (11:00 a.m.)

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Liturgist: Donna Yeager

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### 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