

# Order of Worship

## May 25, 2025

### Sixth Sunday of Easter



#### Prelude

*Arabesque, Smith (11:00 a.m.)*

#### Call to Worship (Responsive)

*based on Psalm 67*

One: May God be gracious to us; May God bless us.

**All: We gather in worship, knowing God is here.**

One: May God's face shine upon us.

**All: May God call us into the joyful work of creating peace. Let us worship our God in praise.**

#### Hymn No. 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of the city, you call us to come to you in the world, but instead of answering we turn to idols of power and profit. We become content working within systems that oppress instead of striving for justice. We forget that everything comes from you, and that we are mere stewards of your gifts. We seek out mountain tops instead of being content among your people. Please forgive us for the times that we forget your call to fully follow the Lord who became Servant of all and the Servant who became Lord of all, our Savior and our strength, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### 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

*Psalm 67*

#### Word to Grow By

**Anthem**

*How Lovely and How Pleasant*, Burkhardt

**Second Reading**

*Acts 16:6-15*

**Sermon**

*Mission, Vision, Plan...Whatever*, Rev. Elizabeth Goodrich

**Hymn No. 307**

*God of Grace and God of Glory* (11:00 a.m.)

**Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

excerpts from the *Confession of Belhar*

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another...

We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope and together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

Hymnal p. 35

**Offertory**

*Courante*, Frescobaldi (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 Dedication**

**Communion**

(9:00 a.m.)

**Hymn No. 729**

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Amazing Grace*, Broughton

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Liturgist: Anne Leader

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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

