

Order of Worship

August 11, 2024

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



Prelude

Prelude on “Brother James’ Air,” Denton

Call to Worship (Responsive)

from *Psalm 34*

One: I will bless the Lord at all times:

All: God’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.

One: O magnify the Lord with me,

All: and let us exalt God’s name together. Let us worship God!

Hymn No. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in evil gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. 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

Psalm 130

Special Music

On Eagle’s Wings, Estelle Carter, soloist (11:00 a.m.)

Word to Grow By

(11:00 a.m.)

Sermon*Holy Moments*, Rev. Nick Reed**Hymn No. 686***God of Our Life* (11:00 a.m.)**Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**adapted from *The 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 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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 35

Offertory

"Nearer" Medley, Clark

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. 543*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me***Benediction****Postlude***Finale in F*, Widor

Liturgist: Susan Fillippeli

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