



Order of Worship

October 22, 2023

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

Song of Love and Hope, Heller

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: In this sacred hour of worship when we name things for what they really are,

All: we give to God what is God's.

One: Between the demands of this last week and the demands of the one ahead

All: we give to God what is God's.

One: With open hearts and hands and minds, every innate gift from our loving Creator,

All: we give to God what is God's.

Hymn No. 694

Great God of Every Blessing

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Stewardship

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

But since we cannot see your face, we confess to a miserable confusion. Your image is not printed on our coinage or our calendars. The only place we can truly see your face, is in our neighbor and in the mirror. We are the ones created in your image. So forgive us when we have offered allegiance to other things and help us commit all that we have and all that we are back 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

Psalm 96:1-9

Special Music

Spirit, Open My Heart, Estelle Carter, soloist (11:00 a.m.)

Word to Grow By

Sermon

No Easy Answers, Rev. Dr. Kathy Wolf Reed

Hymn No. 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (11:00 a.m.)

Affirmation of Faith (Responsive)

(adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

One: In life and death we belong to God.

All: Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

One: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

All: In sovereign love God created the world good, acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation, and makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

One: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

All: Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, was crucified, and raised from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.

One: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

All: The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Autumn, Chaminade (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. 298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Benediction

Postlude

Festal Postlude, Stairs

Liturgist: Susan Fillippeli

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Dorothy Moran's sister, Sandra Huber, who passed away in June of this year, by Ed & Dorothy Moran.

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