

Order of Worship

August 25, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Prelude

Lead On, O King Eternal, Smith

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: Christ abides in us,

All: And we abide in him.

One: As we hear the gospel of peace today,

All: Let us choose again whom we will serve.

One: We will serve the God of liberation and new life,

All: the God who hears and answers when we call.

Trusting God to meet us as we gather. Let us worship our God together!

Hymn No. 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, through Christ you abide in us, and you invite us to abide in you. But so often we are restless and unsatisfied. Instead of resting in the fullness of life Christ offers to us, we chase after money and power, status and control. Instead of honoring the image of God in all our neighbors, we push others down in the pursuit of our own desires. Forgive us for forgetting that you call us to a different way of being in the world, to lives grounded in the self-giving love of Christ. Lead us out of self-interest and into communal care for one another and the world you have made. In Christ's name we pray; 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

John 6:56-69

Anthem	<i>The Call</i> , Stroope (11:00 a.m.)
Word to Grow By	(11:00 a.m.)
Second Reading	<i>Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18</i>
Sermon	<i>The Best of Intentions</i> , Rev. Dr. Kathy Wolf Reed
Hymn No. 339	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i> (11:00 a.m.)
Affirmation of Faith (Unison)	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i> , Hymnal p. 35
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer	Hymnal p. 35
Offertory	<i>Reflections</i> , Warriner
Doxology No. 606 <i>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.</i>	
Prayer of Dedication	
Communion	(9:00 a.m.)
Hymn No. 463	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>
Benediction	
Postlude	<i>Go Forth with Joy</i> , Wion

Liturgist: Donna Yeager

The flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God in memory of Donald Brinkley by the Hazel and John Goodman Flower Fund and Margaret Brinkley.

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