



First Presbyterian Church

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**Come, Worship the Lord, Our God
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
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July 17, 2022

10:00 am

PRELUDE *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is good and loving to the faithful.
Give thanks and praise for all that God has done for us.
God is good! Praise the Lord!

GATHERING PRAYER

Almighty God,
You brought creation into being through Christ,
and in Christ all things find their purpose.
Open our eyes to see the world as your gift
and to use your gifts for the sake of Christ,
that through the witness of our lives
the gospel may be proclaimed to all people. Amen.

HYMN: *Open My Eyes that I May See #451

CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
We confess that we have been distracted with
many things and have not loved you with our whole heart
and strength. We have not paid attention to your Word.
We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the
weak to be oppressed. We have been impatient in worship and
insincere in our dealings with others.
We have ignored signs of injustice and disregarded
warnings of judgment. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance.
Free us from our habits of pride, and make us steadfast in faith,
that we may live as those who are reconciled with you
in Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom we pray. Amen.
Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Though we were once estranged,
in Jesus Christ we have been reconciled with God.
Baptized, forgiven, and freed,
we are one with the Lord and with each other.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts and our minds,
so that we can understand the fullness of your Word.
Fill us with the light of the Holy Spirit,
and bless the servant you have chosen,
to share the Word proclaimed today.
In the name of Christ, the Word revealed. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: **Psalms 23:1-6; Matthew 18:10-14; John 10:1-5**

SERMON: **“A Caring Shepherd”**

Mr. Leon Weinsheimer

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

THE OFFERTORY

Change My Heart, O God

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God,
Receive these gifts, which are the product of our labors,
and let us not forget the better part of our offering,
which is our devotion to the words of life
we have received from Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN:** ***In Christ There Is No East or West #318

CHARGE

Go out into the world proclaiming Christ in every corner, admonishing and teaching with all wisdom, so that everyone can comprehend fully the presence and witness of Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

BENEDICTION

Receive the blessing of God, whose mercy knows no ends.

Receive the blessing of Christ, who is patient and eager to give us words of life.

Receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit who moves us and gives us power to do God's will.

Receive the blessing of the triune God, and share this blessing with others!

POSTLUDE

Lord I Want to Be a Christian

We would like to thank Mr. Leon Weinsheimer for sharing his gifts with us today.

HYMNS

"Open My Eyes that I May See" #451

1 Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear,

and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.

Open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my mouth, illumine me, Spirit divine!

"In Christ There Is No East Or West" #318

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north.

But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find.

His service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

3 Join hands, then, people of the faith, whate'er your race may be.

All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north.

All Christly souls are joined as one throughout the whole wide earth.

Scripture Readings

Psalms 23: 1-6

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Matthew 18: 10-14

¹⁰ "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. ^[11]

¹² "What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. ¹⁴ In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

John 10: 1-5

¹"Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."