



## **First Presbyterian Church**

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**Come, Worship the Lord, Our God  
14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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***Words to hymns are on the insert***

**August 29, 2021**

**10:00am**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

God invites us to live in the Spirit.

**We open our souls to God's care.**

God calls us to have loving hearts and faith-filled lives.

**We open ourselves to God's gifts.**

God summons us to be known by our faith.

**We open ourselves to God's claim.**

God calls us to live out our faith.

**We open our gifts to God's design for them.**

God offers us every gift of grace.

**We will worship, give thanks, and live so we show God's grace all around us!**

## **GATHERING PRAYER**

We pray to you, O God: be our helper and protector. Save the afflicted, have mercy on the lowly, raise up the fallen, help the needy, humble the proud, return the lost, feed the hungry, release the captive, heal the sick, revive the weak, and comfort those in fear. All this we ask for the sake of the world you love, and in the name of the One you sent to save us: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*From St. Clement of Rome (1<sup>st</sup> century)*

**HYMN:**      *O Sing to the Lord #637*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

*from Psalm 15*

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right. Let us confess all that keeps us from dwelling with God.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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*Time for Silent Confession*

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

*(Book of Common Worship)*

**Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

#448 Peace of God Be with You

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 15

Who, Lord, may dwell within Your holy place,  
And live upon Your holy, righteous hill?

**Those who walk blamelessly, and do what's right,  
And speak the truth from their heart ever still.**

Who never slander with an evil tongue,  
Nor do their neighbor any wrongful deed;

**Who cast no slur on either friend or foe,  
Rejecting those who walk by sinful creed.**

The righteous honor those who fear the Lord;  
They keep their oath, despite the hurt or pain.

**No wicked bribe they take for a reward.  
Money is lent without dishonest gain.**

*Who, Lord, may dwell within Your holy place?  
Who live upon Your holy, righteous hill?*

**Those who walk in this path and do these things,  
Will not be moved or shaken from Your will.**

### Philippians 4:4-9

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

### MEDITATIVE TIME      *Walk of Gratitude Prayer Stations (see insert)*

- Breathing and Rejoicing
- Looking Around
- Listening
- Praise

## **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**    *Our God is an Awesome God*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**                      *Rev. Teri McDowell Ott, Presbyterian Outlook*

**Eternal God, you bless us with abundant gifts. Receive these tokens of our gratitude and use them to fulfill your will. May the gifts we give support Christ's work and ministry in this world. Amen.**

**HYMN:**            *We Will Go Out With Joy #539*

**CHARGE**                      *Rev. Teri McDowell Ott, Presbyterian Outlook*

May we leave this house of worship today,  
quick to listen, slow to speak,  
open to hearing and responding to God's truth.

## **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                      *Rejoice the Lord is King*

### **Hymns**

See Insert