

First Presbyterian Church

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*Celebrating our history,
we look toward our future.*



The Order of Worship

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

October 1, 2017

WELCOME. We are delighted to have you with us this morning!
Following the service, please join us downstairs to meet others
and enjoy light refreshments.

As we enter the Fellowship Hall, let us prepare for worship.

As we make the transition from “getting here” to “being here,”
you are invited to take these moments
to come fully into the presence of God and our faith community.

Listen and hear God speak to you...

Respond quietly to God...

Speak to one another in love...

Large Print Hymnals and Children’s Activity Bags are available from the Usher.

*Please rise as you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

One: How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

**All: From one person,
God made all the nations who live on the earth.**

One: So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are citizens with the saints and all the
members of the household of God.

All: In God, we live and move and have our being.

One: For Christ is our peace; in him he has made all groups
into one and has broken down the dividing wall,
that is the hostility between us.

**All: I looked, and there was a great multitude from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and
languages...**

One: Come, let us worship and bow down together.

**All: Let us join our hearts and voices together
in praise of our God!**

***Hymn #401 “Here in This Place”**

***Prayer of Confession:**

One: When we come together and confess,
we recognize our humanity

and pray for peace over our brokenness.
Therefore, let us together pray
our words of confession...

**All: God of love and unity, we come to you to pray
for your church and for your world.**

**Forgive us the sin of disunity;
forgive us for the times when we have allowed
personal preferences to become more important
that Christ's message of love and salvation;
forgive us the times we have been intolerant and
overcritical of one another;
forgive us for our judgmental attitudes.**

**Lord, we ask you to cleanse us
and lead us into the full light of your Holy Spirit
so that we may cast aside distrust
and embrace all our sisters and brothers.**

**Fill us with love to accept our differences
and learn from each other with humility and
hope.**

One: Our prayers continue in silence.... Amen.

***The Assurance of Pardon**

One: Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God.

**All: In our confession, we are promised God's mercy
and are assured that God's grace
will follow us all the days of our lives.**

One: What wondrous love is this?

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.**

***Celebration of Our Pardon**

Hymn #215 "*What Wondrous Love is This*" (stanza 1)

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!*

*What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

***The Peace**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Jesus Christ,

All: Let us forgive one another.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the signs of peace with one another.

*You are invited to greet those around you
with words and signs of God's reconciling peace.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: **Isaiah 55:10-11 John 11:1-18**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *"Come to the Table"*

***Hymn #509** *"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is indeed right.... *(the prayer continues)*

The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion will be served by intinction. You are invited to come forward to receive the elements. If you are unable to move forward the servers will come to you in your pew.

Prayer Following the Meal

Holy Triune God, we thank you for this meal

that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations.

We thank you for this meal where a little is enough to change our lives; and where a little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion in community.

May this bread and fruit of the vine nourish us

so that we may grow in the faith and knowledge

that in you, we are one. Amen.

Reception of Tithes & Offerings

***Offertory Response**

Hymn #215 "*What Wondrous Love is This*" (stanza 3)

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;

to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.

*To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,*

while millions join the theme, I will sing.

***Offertory Prayer**

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer *(Ecumenical)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn #756** *“O God, Of Every Nation”*

***Charge and Blessing**

***Response**

Hymn #765 *“May the God of Hope Go With Us”*

*May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.*

*May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.*

*Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

Postlude

THIS SERVICE is broadcast each Sunday on station KDWA
1460 AM/97.7 FM, and is lived streamed on www.kdwa.com

Volunteers This Morning:

Greeter: Carlotta Mullins

Usher: Judy Becker

Lay leader: Marcia Caneff

Communion Server: Dave Hume

Volunteers Next Sunday, October 8:

Greeter: Mary Crawmer

Usher: Dennis and Margaret Brown

Lay leader: Kristin Blevins

Prayer Requests/Prayer Chain: Prayer requests can be written on the blue cards found on the table at the back of the Fellowship Hall. If you would like the confidential prayer chain of FPCH to continue in prayer for your request, write that on the card. Pass the card to the pastor during the Passing of the Peace. You may contact the prayer chain at any time by contacting the Deacon listed on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall.

Ministers: Every member of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Steve Robertson

Lead Musician: Pat Dymacek, **Pianist:** Karen Altpeter

Session: Karen Altpeter, Dennis Brown, Mary Crawmer, David Hume, Brenda Reiter, Grant Tiefenbruck (Clerk of Session)

Deacons: Carolyn Blumeyer, Margaret Brown, Sonia Christian, Helen Ott, Shannon Stenzel, Becky Tiefenbruck

Announcements

Contribute to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is on the ground in both Texas and Florida, not only helping congregations and their members, but reaching out through those congregations to the larger communities they serve. PDA provides emergency support in the days immediately following the disaster, and remains in the

communities for months and years to come to help families rebuild and begin life again. **Our congregation will receive a special offering through October 1st to support the work of PDA.** You may send or bring your gift to the church in the next two weeks to be included.

Peace and Global Witness Offering

The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received during worship this morning. The offering supports the justice and peacebuilding work locally, within our presbytery, and nationally through our denomination. It is received in connection with our World Communion Sunday worship, reminding us of our connectedness in the love of God.

Adult Bible Study – Begins Sunday, October 1st at 9:30 am

Pastor Steve will be leading a topical adult bible study on Sunday mornings during the month of October, beginning at 9:30 am. These 45-minute times of conversation will be an opportunity to deepen our connection with scripture in light of contemporary issues. Let Pastor Steve know some of the current issues that may be on your mind these days that you would like to see considered in the study time. Pick up a study handout if you would like to read in advance of our study time.

The **Board of Deacons** will have their next meeting on Sunday, October 8th immediately following worship.

PTCA Mission Celebration – Saturday, October 14

Mission Celebration 2017 is coming in October, following the theme "Concerns of God's Heart." Organized by the Mission and Witness Committee of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, the event is planned Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Bloomington. Complete details about the celebration can be obtained from Pastor Steve.