

**The Worship of God**  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – October 10, 2021 – 10:30 Morning Worship  
**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come;  
not to be entertained,  
not to be needlessly humored,  
nor to remain the same.

Rather, we come;  
to be moved by new visions,  
to be disturbed by our reluctance to let things go,  
to be changed by the invitation of grace.

We come with expectancy and hope.

**We come in the life-changing Spirit of Christ.**

OPENING PRAYER

Source of Life,  
gather us into your presence and hold us in love.  
May we be mindful of the bounty that surrounds us  
and open to receiving the blessings of this day  
so that we might give generously and freely  
in the way that we have been so richly blessed to receive.

**Amen.**

SING

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

#12

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

At times the possessions we own can be used for good in the world.  
**At other times our possessions can own us, and take a powerful hold on our lives.**  
In the silence of this moment, I invite you to close your eyes  
and imagine you are holding an empty basket.  
In your mind's eye, slowly begin to fill the basket  
with things you know you can live without: shoes and clothes you seldom wear;  
appliances of little use; boxes stored in the shed, attic, basement...  
Now fill the basket with things that give you pride: jewelry, cars, large electronics,  
perhaps even your home... Now  
imagine the basket being taken away and replaced with one that is empty.

Imagine yourself filling this basket with the things of deeper meaning:  
your friends and family, your community of faith,  
your natural-born gifts, your faith, God's faith in you.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Embraced by the love of Christ, filled with the power of God,  
we are set free from all that has a hold on us,  
to share our real bounty and enter God's earthly realm  
of compassion and grace.

**Amen.**

#### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

I invite you to turn to one another and share a sign of peace:  
You're invited to unmute yourselves and exchange peace with one another

### LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON 1

Job 23:1-9; 16-17

LESSON 2

Mark 10:17-31

...The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Rev. Susan Phillips

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SING

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#475

GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

"Santo, Santo, Santo"

#595

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Receive, O God,  
not only our gifts of money but our heartfelt commitments  
to a more generous and equitable world.

**In the receiving, grant us your blessing and courage  
for living in Jesus' way.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT WINDOW

LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

### SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

SING

"The Summons"

#726

## SENDING FORTH

Let us go into the world taking with us nothing but ourselves to offer.

**We will bear in our hearts the love of Christ and  
share through our actions the power of the Spirit.**

## POSTLUDE