

The Worship of God
3rd Sunday after Pentecost – June 13, 2021 – 10:30 Morning Worship
Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

We walk by faith, and not by sight,
seeking your company,
desiring your presence.

As the Spirit moves, let us welcome the unexpected:
you and your unfathomable love, O God,
you and your astounding grace.
Surprise us again as we raise our voices in praise.

OPENING PRAYER

Spirit of God, settle in among us;
look past our external features and peer inside our hearts.
See us for who we really are: yours.
Stubborn, doubting, self-centered and yet, ever yours.
Grant us insight to see as you see and the confidence
to allow your unpredictable choices to lead us closer to you.
Amen.

SING

“Come Into God’s Presence”

#413, VS 1, 2, 4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, surprised when you call us to lead,
we doubt our God-given abilities and your wisdom.
Instead, we seek leaders who assure us they will do those things that further our well-being,
rather than your will.

We surround ourselves with comfort and with like-minded friends,
while insulating ourselves from those who seem “different.”
We judge others based on their capabilities, their degrees, their rank and status.
Forgive us.

Open our eyes to our narrow-mindedness
and our hearts to trust you to provide the way forward.

Help us see the good – in your unexpected ways, and extraordinary leadership.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Celebrate the new life you have received, trusting you are at peace with God!

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

SING

"The Summons"

#726

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

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

REFLECTION

Chaplain Tim Haworth

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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"The Summons"

#726

GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

"Santo, Santo, Santo"

#595

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

For the gift of those in leadership – whether anticipated or unforeseen –
may we offer our support, and in so doing,

respect and honor you, Holy One, and your role in their choosing.

**For the gift of talents you provide to each of us – those that come easily,
or those that need cultivating – may we be thankful.**

Help us commit to exercising them to do your work.

While our offering today may seem small compared to your generosity,
may it be the seed you use to grow our community into a place
where everyone finds rest and welcome.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT WINDOW

LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

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SENDING FORTH

Go, as God sees, looking for what is hidden in the heart.

Go, as the Spirit moves, expecting the unexpected.

Go, as Jesus lives, leading by serving.

Go in peace, love and joy.

POSTLUDE