

Sunday Worship - First Presbyterian Church
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time/Reformation Sunday

November 1, 2020

“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.” (Romans 15:4 NRSV)

Prelude "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

Organ

Welcome/Introit "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Bell Choir

*Call to Worship

L: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. AMEN!**

L: Watch and be ready,

C: **for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.**

Prayer of Invocation (Liturgist): O God, our heavenly Father, your blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of evil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life. Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: **AMEN!**

Hymn: 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling /191 God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength (Psalm 46)

WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Call to Confession (Liturgist): The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (All): **God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon (Liturgist): The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All: **Amen**

Joyful Response

“Gloria Patri”

Hymnal#579

Scriptures Psalm 121, Matthew 6:25-34 (NRSV)

Sermon

"What—Me Worry?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD BY AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed - Ecumenical Version

WE BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of

all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us all, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father [and the Son], who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper with Lord's Prayer

Invitation To the Lord's Table

Hymn of Preparation 513 Let Us Break Bread Together

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Congregation: **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise . . .

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels,

with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,

and with all the faithful of every time and place,

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty,

Words of Institution

Minister: . . . Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take

According to his commandment:

All: **We remember his death,**

we proclaim his resurrection,

we await his coming in glory.

Prayer of Invocation

Lord's Prayer - Traditional Version

Serving the Lord's Supper/ Prayer after Communion

Doxology and Signing Off

Prayer of the People / Benediction/ Postlude "Living Word of God Eternal"

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