

Sunday Worship - First Presbyterian Church
October 18th, 2020 – Gathering to Worship!

Prelude "My Jesus, I Love Thee" Organ
Welcome/Introit "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" Hymnal #333, Congregation

Invocation and Call to Worship (Psalm 99)

One: You are the LORD; let the peoples tremble! You sit enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

All: You are exalted over all the peoples. Hear us as we praise Your great and awesome NAME. You indeed are holy!

One: Lover of justice, You have established equity; You have executed justice and Righteousness in Jacob.

All: We will extol You, O LORD our God, and worship at Your footstool.

One: Let us worship God!

Hymn of Praise "Holy, Holy, Holy" Hymnal #138

Confession of Faith or Prayer of Praise and Adoration (Unison)

I believe in *God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come again to judge the quick and the dead.*

I believe in the *Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lover of justice, distinctions become blurred when we are called on to serve you. We have been taught that to serve You is to obey You. At times fidelity to others gets in our way. Societal pressures appeal to that sense of security that speaks to our welfare and not that of others. Mores and customs become mandates; higher loyalties tend to be put aside. We confess our mixed allegiance. Have mercy upon us as we face our obligations especially these days as finances tighten. Reclaim us from error when we obey not you will. In Jesus precious name, Amen.

Joyful Response "Gloria Patri" Hymnal #579

Special Music "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" Handbell Ensemble

Scriptures: I Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon **A Sermon on Stewardship Before I Say Farewell!**

Lord's Prayer

Doxology and Signing Off

Pastoral Prayer/Benediction

Postlude "Be Thou My Vision" Organ