

Sunday Worship - First Presbyterian Church

November 15, 2020

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“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 - Rejoice, the Lord is King Organ

Welcome

Introit - 369 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me.

\*Call to Worship

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

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

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

**C: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**

L: Day to day pours forth speech,

**C: and night to night declares knowledge.**

L: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you,

**C: O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Prayer of Invocation (L): Almighty God, whose sovereign purpose none can make void, give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, knowing that your kingdom shall come and your will be done, to your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **AMEN!**

Hymn: 138 Holy Holy Holy.

**WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Call to Confession (L): The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Let us confess our sin before God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession (All): **Forgive us, O God, if we have taken the gifts of life for granted, without giving thanks, without sharing. Forgive us, Holy One, if we have refused to hear your voice within our hearts or through the prophets of our day. Help us to put our lives in order, so that we will be worthy to share in the bounty of your realm. In the name of the One, who has declared your reign among us. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

Assurance of Pardon (L): In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Who in the midst of death announced resurrection, Who in the midst of darkness leads by light, Who in the midst of sin promises salvation, I declare our sins are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Joyful Response

Gloria Patri

Hymnal 579

Special Music Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul.

Lesson from the Prophets: Isaiah 41:10 “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right Hand.”

Lesson from the Gospels: John 16: 33 (Main Verse) “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have trouble, but fear not for I have overcome the world.”

**Sermon**

“Fear Not”- Jesus Overcame the World - Heather and Habtom Kebede

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD BY AFFIRMING OUR FAITH**

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE /LORD'S PRAYER**

Doxology

CLOSING HYMN      372 Lord I Want To be a Christian.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE              Praise God, All Ye Christians

Organ

Signing Off