

# First Presbyterian Church

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10:30 A.M

### PRELUDE –

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

— *Psalm 103. Selected verses*

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits --**

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

**Who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with love and mercy,**

The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

**He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.**

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,**

To those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

**The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.**

Bless the LORD,

**O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word.**

Bless the LORD,

**All his hosts, his ministers that do his will.**

Bless the LORD,

**All his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul.**

### INVOCATION (*Opening Prayer*)

O God, we ask that your Spirit will move among us as we gather together in your name. Open our hearts and minds to receive your word, to hear your voice, and to experience your presence. Fill us with joy as we meet with you. Show us your glory

and splendor. Open the eyes of our hearts to know you more and delight in you. May this time of worship be a time of encounter with you, our living God. **Amen.**

### \*HYMN

### “Come People of the Risen King”

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Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

R Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!

One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;  
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land - men and women of the faith;  
Come, those with full or empty hands - find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing - shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age: “our God is all in all

### CALL TO CONFESSION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O God, our actions in going our own way astound those who see it.

**In our arrogance we have committed two wrongs.**

We have rejected you the fountain of life giving water and dug cisterns for ourselves,  
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

**Yet your mercy and grace is available to us if only we ask. So hear now our confession.**

*(Time of silent personal confession)*

You have made us to be free,  
**But we crave the cheap comforts of our chains.**  
You have made us to serve others,  
**But we have eyes only for ourselves.**  
You have made us to love,  
**But we only want to care for ourselves.**  
You provide, that we may be generous,  
**But we greedily hoard as if your well will run dry.**  
You forgive time and again,  
**But we hold fast to the sins of others.**  
You offer light for our path,  
**But we insist on making our own way.**  
You are the God who saves.  
**Lord, save us from ourselves. In your great mercy, restore and heal us.**

As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins from us. Through Christ we have been made free to a new life through the Spirit.  
**God loves us with a love that is everlasting and unceasing. Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN      “Speak, O Lord”      INSERT**  
Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us all Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow’r that can never fail— Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;

Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

**MESSAGE    “Seeing God”**

**\*HYMN      “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”      #276    BLUE**

1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of Thy tone;  
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thine erring children lost and lone.

2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet;  
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things Thou dost impart;  
And wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

4 O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o’erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

5 O use me, Lord, use even me, just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;  
Until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH    “A Brief Statement of Faith – PC(USA)”**

*(Exert regarding the Jesus and God the Father)*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word

and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –

**Hymn - “Lord, Jesus Christ, Master of All”**

**INSERT**

## The Lord's Prayer

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

**\*HYMN      “How Great Thou Art”**

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1 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hands hath made,  
I see the stars, i hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

R Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:  
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2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [R]

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: "my God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

## CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

## BENEDICTION

--- Based on 1 Thess. 5

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, Col. 3:16-17

**Teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,  
Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,  
With thankfulness in your hearts to God.**

And whatever you do.

**In word or deed,**  
Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
**Giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE –**

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**Upcoming Events:**

Pastor Tim’s last Sunday     June 29            10:30 AM

**Worship Leaders:** Hannah Mergen, Jay Stoneman, and Pastor Tim Dyck

**Numbers 6:23-27**

"Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is the way you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

    "The LORD bless you and protect you;  
    The LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
    The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."  
So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

**John 1:45-51**

Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the law, and the prophets also wrote about– Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

Nathanael replied, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Philip replied, "Come and see."

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and exclaimed, "Look, a true Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"

Nathanael asked him, "How do you know me?"

Jesus replied, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel!"

Jesus said to him, "Because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than these." He continued, "I tell all of you the solemn truth– you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

**Isaiah 40:25-31**

"To whom can you compare me? Whom do I resemble?" says the Holy One. Look up at the sky! Who created all these heavenly lights? He is the one who leads out their ranks; he calls them all by name. Because of his absolute power and awesome strength, not one of them is missing.

Why do you say, Jacob, Why do you say, Israel, "The LORD is not aware of what is happening to me, My God is not concerned with my vindication"? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is an eternal God, the creator of the whole earth. He does not get tired or weary; there is no limit to his wisdom. He gives strength to those who are tired; to the ones who lack power, he gives renewed energy.

Even youths get tired and weary; even strong young men clumsily stumble. But those who wait for the LORD's help find renewed strength; they rise up as if they had eagles' wings, they run without growing weary, they walk without getting tired.