

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday July 16th, 2017

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.

Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Susan Mattinson

Organist: Carol Wehrstedt

Music Director: Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

***Entry of the Bible**

Call to Worship

Hymn: "Glory be to God the Father" #298

Opening Prayer:

God, you are the light of the minds that know you. You are the strength of those who serve you. You are the rest of those who seek you. In worship, we come and we pause: to rest from our work and responsibilities; to rest from our play and from our distractions; to rest from our fears; and to fully love, worship, adore, and enjoy you forever. We confess that we often choose strife instead of peace. Lured by the promises of the world, we forget your truth. Preoccupied with our own comfort and preservation, we neglect to stand up to injustice. In your mercy, give us the wisdom to walk in your way, the will to seek things that endure, and the grace to begin again with you and one another. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Children's Hymn** "I have decided to follow Jesus" #570
Sing last verse after Children's Time

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #575

"Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness; make your way plain before my face; for it is you, and you, God only, who makes me to dwell in safety.

"Be Still and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:10)
Please take the time before the service as an opportunity to quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalms 65:1-8

Matthew 13:1-9;18-23

OT – Pg.686

OT – Pg.527-528

NT – Pg. 13-14

#594

Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen, amen.

Sermon: "Lord of the Harvest"

***Hymn:** "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

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WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Response

#434 v.5

"For each perfect gift of thine, to the earth so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven, Lord of all to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise."

***Prayer of Dedication:**

Almighty God, your boundless miracles in nature are such a small display of your awesome deeds. You visibly enrich our lives with the bounty of the earth's beauty. How can we ever adequately honour the gift of an amethyst sunset or the fragility of a butterfly's dance? Abundantly increase these gifts, so that we may be more faithful stewards of your entire creation. To you be all honour and glory. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debts...debtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn:** "Send forth by your blessing" #775

Blessing

#264

Sing Amen. Amen we praise your name, O God.

Sing Amen. Amen we praise your name, O God.

Sing Amen, Amen, amen, amen, amen,

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Asithi. Amen, si-ya-ku-du mi-sa.

Asithi. Amen, si-ya-ku-du mi-sa.

Asithi, Amen, Baba, amen, Baba,

Amen, si-ya-ku-du mi-sa.

Postlude