

# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 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: "Come, ye thankful people, come" #803

Opening Prayer:

Creator God, in you we live and move and have our being. You have been our help and our guide, you are our strength, and you will be our rest and our welcome. Draw us near, so that we might see as you see, love as you love, and follow your ways. As we turn to you in praise, we recognize the shortcomings of our lives. We are prone to foolishness and we neglect to seek your wisdom. We are caught in our stubbornness and fail to follow your way. We are lured by selfishness and disregard our call to love. We are trapped by anxiety and forget how to rest in your presence. Forgive who we have been, amend who we are, and direct who we shall be. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

\*Children's Hymn "This is my commandment" #694

\*Sing one before and once 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.

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalms 86:11-17

Matthew 13:24-30;36-43

OT – Pg.673

OT – Pg.544

NT – Pg. 14-15

"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.

Gloria Patri: #594

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: "Weeds and Wheat"

\*Hymn: "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds" #357

## **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:

God of Salvation, we seek to be children of your heavenly kingdom. Yet, our self-deceiving ways cause us to believe that we will be more generous once we have satisfied our own personal, material desires. Change our thinking. Help us to be faithful disciples who recognize that everything we have in life is a gift from you. Inspire us to share our resources as a response to your unconditional love. Amen.

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

## **WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

\*Hymn: "Make me a channel of your peace" #740

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