

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday July 30th 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, thou almighty king" #293

Opening Prayer:

God of the past, present and future, we thank you for the blessings of our lives. We look forward to the time ahead you have prepared for us. You promise us a life beyond anything we can hope or imagine; a kingdom marked by grace, love, and justice for all. Yet, we confess that we are often more comfortable with the way things are, than with the new ways of life in your kingdom. Tempted by the promises of the world, we find ourselves relying on worldly powers to protect and prosper us. Comfortable with the status quo, we neglect to stand up for justice and peace. Afraid of witnessing to the good news of your new world, we remain silent and complacent. Forgive us and guide us in your ways, today and always. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music: "I Love My Jesus" by Laura Po

***Children's Hymn "God of mercy, God of grace" #39**

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:

Job 28:12-19

Psalms 19:1-10

Matthew 13:31-33;44-52

OT – Pg.475

OT – Pg.498-499

NT – Pg. 14-15

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: "Beyond Price"

***Hymn: "May the mind of Christ my Saviour" #644**

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:**

Gracious God: by your Holy Spirit, you search the recesses of our minds and the depths of our hearts. You call us to be not only givers, but also receivers of your gift of grace. We believe that you will multiply our gifts to draw us nearer to your side. As we offer these financial gifts, we are grateful to be joined to the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

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

"Commissioning of the Haiti Team"

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn: "Lord of light, whose name and splendour" #769**

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