

# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Sunday Sept 3<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: "Jesus, life of all the world"

#776

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, Deep is our desire for what is true and enduring. Deep is our need to see clearly. For you are the way and the truth and the life. You are the root of love; the fountain of knowledge; the source of wisdom; and the path of right living. Although you satisfy our deepest desires, we confess that we have often turned elsewhere. We have sought meaning in shallow places. We have clung to old hurts and familiar habits. We have nursed anger and envy. We have been joyless and self-absorbed. We have turned our backs on those in need. Forgive what we have been, and guide us toward what we may become. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ; amen.

Assurance of Pardon

\*Children's Hymn "Praise him, praise him, Jesus our blessed Redeemer" #372

\*Sing last verse after Children's Time\*

Children's Time

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Hymn of Preparation: #449

"Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love; send us power; send us grace!"

"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:

Exodus 2:23- 3:15

OT – Pg. 50

Psalms 13

OT – Pg. 577

Matthew 16:21-28

NT – Pg. 18

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: "The Humiliation of the Cross"

Hymn: "This is a story full of love"

#504

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD**

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Response

#661 v.2

"May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, And gladly as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give."

\*Prayer of Dedication:

God of Compassion, sometimes we are reluctant to follow your divine authority and to place our entire trust in you. We feel more secure trusting in our own ability and our own strength. Thank you for this moment in our worship service when we are reminded that your unwavering, steadfast love engulfs us like a mother's gentle embrace. Bless these gifts and we who give them. Trusting in your heavenly grace, we pray. Amen.

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

## **WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

\*Hymn: "I, the Lord of sea and sky"

#592

Blessing

"Peace! Peace! Wonderful peace, coming down from the Father above. Sweep over my spirit forever, I pray, in fathomless billows of love."

Postlude