

First Presbyterian Church

Celebration of Worship

October 8, 2017

11:00 A.M.

We're glad you're here! We are honored to have you join us for worship this morning. It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ during our worship service.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude "Sonata IV" Rheinberger

Welcome & Announcements
(Please sign and pass the friendship pads at this time.)

◆ Introit "Still"

**I believe that You are God alone,
But sometimes I still try to take control.
'Cause I get scared when I can't see the end,
And all You want from me is to let go.**

(Chorus)
**You're parting waters, making a way for me.
You're moving mountains that I don't even see.
You've answered my prayer before I even speak.
All you need for me to be is still.
Be still, is still, is still**

◆ Call to Worship
L: Come away from the rush and worry of the world to worship God.
P: We come seeking peace and quiet for our souls.
L: Rest your spirits. Quiet your hearts. God is with us.
P: In the quiet, we can open our hearts to God's prompting rather than the demands of the world.
L: Open our hearts to hear your good news, O Lord.

◆ Opening Prayer

◆ Hymn #267 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

◆ Prayer of Confession (Unison)
No matter how righteous we imagine ourselves to be, Lord, your perfect word reveals our imperfections all too clearly. No matter how hard we strive to fulfill the requirements of your law, we always fall short. We have forgotten that righteousness and perfection come not from rules and regulations but from faith. Open our eyes to see that all we have accomplished is nothing compared to knowing Christ as our Lord. Let us count everything as loss, that we might gain heaven and be found blameless in Christ. In the name of the Savior we pray.

(Silent Prayers of Confession) **Amen.**

◆ Assurance of God's Pardon (Jude 1:24-25)
L: To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—
P: To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

◆ 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.

Thoughts for the Children Amy McAllister
(Children's Church is available for 4 yrs. through 2nd grade.
Preschool children may be excused to the nursery.)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Gift of Music "The Lily of the Valley" Arr. Kartsonakis
Amanda Teachnor, Piano

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Morning Offering

◆ Doxology
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

◆ Prayer of Dedication

Anthem "Power and the Blood Medley" Arr. Russ Mauldin

New Testament Reading (Page 850) Luke 15:11-24
L: This is the Word of the Lord.
P: Thanks Be to God

Sermon "Awaking to Life" Rev. AnnAline Drake

◆ Hymn #8 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

◆ Benediction

◆ Congregational Response

"Trust In You"

**When You don't move the mountains
I'm needing you to move,
when You don't part the waters
I wish I could walk through,
when You don't give the answers
as I cry out to You.**

I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You

◆ Postlude "Fuga Cromatica" Rheinberger

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