

First Presbyterian Church

Celebration of Worship

October 15, 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 "Prelude and Fugue" Walther

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: Quiet our hearts, O God, to hear your voice.

P: Humility needs to be our attitude; humility and gratitude.

L: Help us, O Lord, be grateful for the many ways in which you love us.

P: Help us return that love by the way in which we care for others.

L: Be with us, O Lord, this day.

P: Open our hearts to hear your words of hope and encouragement. AMEN.

◆ Opening Prayer

◆ Hymn #390

"O Savior, in This Quiet Place"

◆ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of forgiveness, we implore you this day to forgive those many times in which we have turned our backs on you by turning away from the needs of the voiceless, the hopeless, the helpless. We let ourselves get distracted by schedules and activities which drain us of energy and enthusiasm. Light a fire under us, O God, that we may again feel the exciting challenge of being your people. Heal our wounds of indifference and apathy; bring us together in harmony and joy to serve you and your creation with peace, love, and hope. It is in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, that we offer this prayer.

(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 "He's Got the Whole World / Amen"

Arr. Paul Clark

Mary Snider, Cello; 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

New Testament Reading (Page 850)

Luke 18:9-14

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks Be to God

Anthem

"Brother James Air"

By Gordon Jacob

New Testament Reading (Unison)

Matthew 5:1-3

"Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them. He said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Sermon

"You Are Blessed"

Rev. AnnAline Drake

◆ Hymn #356 "Come Thou, Fount of Every Blessing"

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

"Festal Postlude"

Croft

◆ (Indicates appropriate place for congregation to stand)
Bold type indicates congregational response in unison.
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