

First Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

August 10, 2025

Prelude I *Shall We Gather at the River* – arr. Joel Raney

Prelude II *Voice of Truth* – Hall, Chapman
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Welcome & Announcements
Pass the Peace

Responsive Call to Worship Anita Ramsey

One: Come, prodigals and pious alike—strayers from distant domains and bearers of bitter burdens. Let us rally to revel in God's glorious grace, which greets the guilt-ridden with generous embraces and beckons the dutiful to dance in delightful redemption!

Many: **We surge toward You, Sovereign Savior, hearts hungry for Your heavenly mercy. We own our outbreaks of envy over errant ones embraced anew, yet declare our deepest delight is discovered in You.**

One: Let us laud the Lord whose lavish love lures us from loneliness and mends our marred minds!

All: **We exalt You, Exuberant Father, and erupt with gratitude and zeal.**

*Opening Hymn *O for a World*

Call to Confession Anita Ramsey

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have resisted Your abundant grace and generosity. In our self-righteousness, we grumble like the dutiful son, envious of Your forgiveness poured out on the prodigal, resenting the feast prepared for those who have strayed while we toil without joy. We harden our hearts against Your lavish mercy, judging others unworthy and failing to celebrate redemption that is not our own. Forgive us for our bitterness, our pride that pushes away Your embrace, and our reluctance to extend the same generosity You show us.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Doxology *How Majestic Is Your Name* – Michael W. Smith
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Prayer for Illumination Anita Ramsey

Scripture — Psalm 73 (NIV)

Anthem *Jesus Hold Me Now* – Herms/Hall, arr. John Carlson
HolyGrounds Praise Band

Time with our Children Anita Ramsey

Video – Three-Sixteen

Sermon Rev. Christian Johnson
Are You Secretly the Bitter Older Brother?

Scripture — Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (NIV)

Hymn of Affirmation *Above All* – LeBlanc, Baloché
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Call to Offering Anita Ramsey

Offertory *On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand* – arr. Joel Raney

Prayer of Dedication & Pastoral Prayer Rev. Christian Johnson
The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn *God, You Reign* – Brewster, Fieldes
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

*Benediction Rev. Christian Johnson

Postlude *The Solid Rock* – arr. Gerald Anderson

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

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