

First Presbyterian Church

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Embodying Christ's inclusive love through heart, mind, and service

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Oak Ridge, Tennessee
A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

October 4, 2020 • *World Communion Sunday*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Come, let us worship God our Maker, who created the world and all that is in it!

God welcomes all, strangers and friends!

Let us join hearts with Christians around the world to feast at the Table of grace!

God's love is strong and it never ends!

Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

(Glory to God, 32)

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,

That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.

The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.

God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,

If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.

And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,

While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,

And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

Prayer of Confession

God of abundant mercy, you invite all people to your table of grace. And yet, while we delight in your hospitality, we confess our discomfort in sitting next to someone who is different from us. We prefer to hear ourselves talk, rather than listen to the perspectives of others. We desire the largest helping of your attention, rather than trusting that you shower more than enough blessings on everyone. Forgive us, Lord. Refine our table manners, that we might reflect your goodness and compassion to all people; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Peace of Christ

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Sung Response

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

(Glory to God, 59)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning;

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

Sermon

God's Table Leaf

Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

For Everyone Born

(Glory to God, 769)

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead.*

Refrain:

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

*For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,
The hands of a child in the hands that are wrinkled,
For young and for old, the right to belong.*

(Refrain)

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free.*

(Refrain)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Indeed, blessed are you, O Christ ... the one who first taught us to pray, saying:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Breaking and Sharing of the Bread

Pouring and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, you have fed us from your own generous and gracious hands. Now hold us and guide us as we go forward to share your unending story of abundance and welcome; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West

(Glory to God, 317)

*In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.*

*Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.*

Charge and Blessing

Sung Response

Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow at your back,
May the sun shine warmly on your face. May the rain fall softly on your field,
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.*

Postlude



*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, or your faith journey,
you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.*

Weekly online gatherings (See weekly emails or call the church office for Zoom links.)

Sundays:

9:00 a.m. classes Early Birds
Rise 'n' Shine
Let's Talk About It
11:00 a.m. Post-worship fellowship
5:30 p.m. Youth group

Mondays:

9:30 a.m. Coffee Chat with Sharon

Wednesdays:

5:30 p.m. Mid-week Bible study

Thursdays:

7:00 p.m. Brewing Questions

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