



First Presbyterian Church
2022

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
RALLY DAY
August 21, 2022

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; though Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Lead on, O King Eternal* arr. by DeCou
Dr. Terry McRoberts

CHORAL INTROIT *Joyfully Sing to God Forever* F. J. Haydn
Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Rev. Courtney Bowen*
One: The Lord will guide you continuously,
ALL: And satisfy your needs in parched places.
One: You shall be like a watered garden.
ALL: Whose spring never fails.
One: With thanksgiving and praise,
ALL: Let us worship God.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 406** *We Are Standing on Holy Ground* **HOLY GROUND**

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION *Rev. John White*
One: We are led astray from God and God's purpose for our lives by our sins and shortcomings. Let us clear our path back to God through our prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Rev. John White*
Eternal God, you call, but we fail to listen. We rationalize our way out of doing what you desire. We excuse ourselves from your work claiming our own inadequacies. You promise to equip us, but we fail to trust you. Transform us. Encourage us. Make us steadfast in faith. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. John White

One: God's grace is abundant. God's redemption free to receive.
Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 We Are Forgiven**

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

***CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO**

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

MINUTE FOR MISSION: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ FPC

Marlie Richardson

COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS

(See insert)

***RESPONSE: 298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission (stanza 1 only)**

ABBOT'S LEIGH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

ANTHEM

Like a River in My Soul
Chancel Choir

T. Osiek

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. John White

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (pg. 698)

Rev. John White

One: This is the word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Luke 13:10-17 (pg. 76)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: This is the word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

No Reason to Wait

Rev. Courtney Bowen



**Congregation standing, if able*

RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From A Brief Statement of Faith)

Rev. John White

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center aisle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

OFFERING OFFERTORY

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Rev. John White

arr. J. Raney

Dr. Terry McRoberts, organ | Helen Redding, piano
Chancel Choir

*Doxology (Tune: 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

*Dedicatory Prayer

Rev. Courtney Bowen

*HYMN: 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM

SENDING

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

CHORAL BENEDICTION *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

USA folk melody

Chancel Choir

(We request that you remain seated until after the Postlude and ask that you use the Postlude as a time to reflect upon the scripture that was read in today's service.)

POSTLUDE

Allegro in F Major

Mozart

Dr. Terry McRoberts