
First Presbyterian Church

19th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 16, 2022

*Those who are able may stand

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF CONTEMPLATION *'Come, Now Is The Time To Worship'*



***OPENING SENTENCES (Responsive)**

Come, sing praises to God!

For he is our God!

a parent to the parentless,

and the defender of all who need protection.

The One in whom the lonely find a home,

and the prisoner finds release.

Bless the Lord,

the God of our salvation,

who sustains and strengthens us,

day after day!

Let's worship God together!

***GATHERING HYMN #267....."Come, Christians, Join to Sing"**

KYRIE

(Please join us in the "Kyrie", an ancient song that mirrors the words people used to cry out to Jesus for healing in the scriptures. In Greek they mean, "Lord, have mercy". The church has sung these words for thousands of years as prayer and to prepare our hearts for confession.)

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

Kyrie Eleison

Christe Eleison

Kyrie Eleison

CONFESSION OF NEED (Responsive)

We are hesitant to confess, Holy God,

What we really need in order to invite others as you command.

It is easy to invite you into our lives

except when you remind us that you are found in the poor, the rejected and the forgotten with little to give us back.

We find it hard to extend invitation to our neighbor, because we feel

like we don't have enough to offer.

It is hard to extend invitation to the stranger,

because we fear it will be uncomfortably accepted.

It is hard for us to trust that in you we are and have enough

and invitation is how we grow and share your grace.

Forgive us, God of welcome, who chased down the lost sheep, the missing coin, and your people again and again.

Teach us how to invite others home, like you have always done.

As you took a risk in creating and redeeming us to your world,

help us to take risks in loving and welcome others into ours.

Show us how to live like your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

We need you Lord. Amen.

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SILENCE FOR CONFESSION AND RESTING IN GOD'S GRACE

DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)

In God's Kingdom, all are loved for who they are,

not what they do.

In God's Kingdom, all are forgiven for what they've done or failed to do,

No matter what.

In God's Kingdom, all are welcomed and fed

by God's grace and hope.

Forgiven, loved, and drenched in grace, we are sent forth

To pour it out on others.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

RESPONSE HYMN #743....."O God, You Are My God" x2

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And Also, with you!**

Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker's ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING..... Acts 8:26-39 (pg 131)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING..... John 1:43-49 (pg 95)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON *Creating Space for: Invitation* Rev. Greg Isaacson

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

***HYMN OF THE DAY #726....."Will You Come and Follow Me"**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our "sins")

***BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

Alleluia! Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #450....."Be Thou My Vision"**

***DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
Amen.

***POSTLUDE**



****Mark Your Calendar ****

We would like to invite the parishioners of the Northern Lights Ministry Collaborative to meet and greet Pastor Ruth.

Wesley will have a "souper" lunch to welcome Ruth at Wesley from **12:00-2:00 Sunday, October 30**. We hope to give Ruth a warm welcome with some food and fellowship.

We are already feeling the blessings of this collaboration with Pastor Ruth preaching these last two Sundays and connecting with the folks at Wesley.
