First Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 19, 2022

*Those who are able may stand

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP
PRELUDE MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVITATION TO REST



*OPENING SENTENCES (Responsive)

Our souls long for you, O God;

Where are you?

In raging wing?

In trembling earth?

In blazing flames?

Our souls long for you, O God:

This is why we gather here together.

Meet us once more.

In stillness, in silence, in weakness.

<u>Come now, O God, enter our hearts and minds, present for you.</u>

*GATHERING HYMN #401....."Here in This Place"

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 (Unison)

God of vulnerability and honestly.

In confession, we speak the truth about ourselves and our broken world. We face the hard realities that live within us, trusting that you are strong enough to hold them and faithful enough to hold us through the consequences.

But all too often we choose to avoid it instead. We pretend nothing is wrong when it is. We seek the distraction of substance and entertainment instead of action. We choose polite silence instead of forceful words of truth. We choose acceptance instead of your call.

Jesus Christ, give us courage to confess what is true. To ourselves and the world around us. Especially that which we have the privilege to avoid while the more vulnerable suffer the consequences.

This Juneteenth we acknowledge the brutality of slavery, it's lasting legacy of racism, the unseen privileges and prosperity received off the suffering of others and our calling to actively fight against its legacy now.

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SILENCE FOR CONFESSION AND RESTING IN GOD'S GRACE

DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)

This is the truth:

You are not the labels others expect of you.

You are more than the boxes you check.

You are not the side of the aisle on which you stand,

For all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

You belong to Christ and Christ alone.

Believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ reconciliation is made possible.

*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......Isaiah 65:1-9 (pg 771)

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

GOSPEL READINGLuke 8:26-39 (pg 69)

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

SERMON "Seriously, what's the deal with all the Demons?" Rev. Michael Ozaki

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN OF THE DAY #465...."What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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 #821....."My Life Flows On"

*DISMISSAL (Responsive)

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

*POSTLUDE

A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!

Our church has a wonderful array of ministries that seek to spread the gospel into the world. If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:

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Calendar for this week:

Sunday, June 19, 2022

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Coffee Fellowship

Preaching..... Rev. Michael Ozaki

Ushers & Greeters..... Craig & Connor Morgan

Pianist......Sandy PerkinsMusic Director......Sandy PerkinsReader......Marsha Odom

Tuesday, June 21

6 pm Rural Life Outreach Meeting

7 pm PW Circle Meeting

Thursday, June 23

1 pm Book Study

6 pm Session Meeting

Next Sunday, June 26

10:30 am Combined Worship at Trinity Pointe