
First Presbyterian Church

13th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 4, 2022

*Those who are able may stand

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP
PRELUDE MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
MINUTE FOR MISSIONS
INVITATION TO REST



***OPENING SENTENCES (Responsive)**

We are here,

in the name of Christ Jesus.

To ask

The God who wants to give.

To seek

The truths that make us free.

To knock

At the door Christ already opened.

Let us worship our Father in heaven who gives all good things.

***GATHERING HYMN #645....."Sing Praise to God"**

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)

You call us to be your voices in this world
and we stay silent.

You call us to be your hands in this world
and we keep them hidden.

You call us to be your feet in this world
and we go our own way.

When we meet those who are doubting
and say nothing, forgive us.

When we meet those who need your touch
and do nothing, forgive us.

When we are called to take up your cross
and carry nothing, forgive us.

We need you to breathe life into these bones
bring freedom to these lives
that we might declare
with heart and soul and voice
that we are here to follow you
Into the service of your people.

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Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

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Christe Eleison

Kyrie Eleison

SILENCE FOR CONFESSION AND RESTING IN GOD'S GRACE

DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)

Beloved of God, hear the good news.

In the hands of Christ

your weakness is strength

your shame is glory

your less is more

For you are loved by Him who overcame the world by its
cross.

And you are forgiven.

RESPONSE HYMN #627....."I Love You, Lord" 2x

***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.



SPECIAL MUSIC

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 35:5-10 (pg 735)

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

GOSPEL READINGMatthew 7:13-14 (pg 7)

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

SERMON

“The Highway of Holiness”

Tim Denney

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

***HYMN OF THE DAY #410....."God Is Calling"**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Responsive)

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 #726....."Will You Come and Follow Me"
vs. 1,2,5**

***DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

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

***POSTLUDE**

"Celebrate George!" Sunday, Sept. 18

As we emphasize our theme, Creating Space for Worship, we also want to celebrate and thank George French for forty years as church organist and pianist at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The Worship and Music Team commissioned Mark Sedio, Cantor/Deacon at Central Lutheran in Minneapolis, to write a piece of music based on one of George's favorite hymns, Thy Strong Word (ELW #511). Entitled "Fantasy on the Tune "Ebenezer", this piece will be performed by George during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. The published version includes this comment; "In appreciation and celebration of the gifts of GEORGE FRENCH for 40 years of service as organist, pianist, accompanist, and music leader for Trinity Lutheran Church in Crookston, Minnesota. To God be the glory!"

A reception in George's honor will be held in the fellowship hall following worship where cake and coffee will be served. A basket for cards will be available to express your own personal thanks for George's music, leadership, friendship, and faith.

Rev. Gregory Isaacson

Congregational Meeting
September 18th

Immediately following the Worship Service there will be a short Congregation Meeting concerning Ruth Sander's Ordination and Installation.

Please plan to attend!