

Welcome To Worship



First
Presbyterian
CROOKSTON, MN.

Sunday, July 30th, 2023 14th Sunday After Pentecost

**Those who are able please stand*

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP
PRELUDE MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVITATION TO REST

***OPENING SENTENCES: The Words of God's People**

Come and worship God with your whole heart.

We come as mustard seeds of faith.

Come and worship God with your whole being.

We come as leaven for the world.

Come and worship God with your whole mind.

We come as treasures and pearls of great price,

Giving the world your witness.

***GATHERING HYMN #35**

Praise ye The Lord

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)

Kyrie Eleison

Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)

Christe Eleison

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

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CONFESSION OF NEED (Unison)

God, we pause this morning to remember that we live in the middle of great and unchanging love, but we are also surrounded by lies and injustice.

We want to be faithful in all we do.

Speaking the truth in love.

Treating others with generous grace.

Choosing acts of hope over habit.

But too often we choose to follow our familiar feelings instead.

Seeking you only in what feels enjoyable, self affirming, or self righteous.

Instead of the everyday freedom to choose your way of love.

Leaving us to doubt if you are here at all.

This is why, our lives still need your salvation.

Save us from being blinded by our old habits.

Save us so we can see you in everyday life.

Save us so we can seek the mustard seeds, the yeast, and the buried treasures of your Kingdom.

O God, this is our confession. We still need you to save us from ourselves.

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SILENCE for confession and resting In God's grace.

DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)

The Spirit of God cannot be stopped. Even by ourselves. Always forgiving, always creating, always renewing, always calling us home.

Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE HYMN #626**

As The Dear (2x)

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Responsive)**

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

READING 1..... Genesis 29:15-30

READING 2Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

SERMON “Leah’s Eyes” or “Seriously Jacob, What’s Wrong With You?”

***HYMN OF THE DAY #175**

Seek Ye First

PRAYERS & GIFTS 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 #64**

To God Be The Glory

***DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

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

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Reader..... Sandy Perkins

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