

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship



If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Philippians 2:1-2

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Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

This service is being livestreamed and can be viewed on our YouTube channel in real time or as a recording. **Large-print copies of this order of service**, as well as **audio enhancement devices** are available **from the ushers**.

We gather on Sunday for 3 reasons:

- **To seek God**- whom we find in sacred text and sacrament, in music and in song, in prayer, in the beauty of this space, in the stillness where we can hear our hearts. We offer God our thanks and praise, our lament and longing, and our resources. We let go of burdens and receive grace and forgiveness. We see the One our hearts love.
- **To practice Community** – rejoice w/those who rejoice, weep w/those who weep. To break bread with those whom we love and those whom we need to love more fully. We practice things our culture does not emphasize: resting, forgiving, sharing. Jesus asked us to love one another as he loved us, and we cannot do so without practice.
- **To listen for our Call**- often an invitation to go out and be or do or remember. God is speaking all the time: through conscience, nature, friends, and certainly scripture. We gather to listen for that Call and to recommit ourselves to discipleship.

Information on our common life can be found on our website www.fpcsb.net, along with sermons and newsletters. You can participate in our work by supporting us financially with a one-time or sustaining donation.

Children are **welcome** in worship. Younger children may go to the Nursery at any time.

OUR NEXT COMMUNION will be Sunday, November 5th.

Morning Worship†

REFLECTION before the SERVICE

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for our service.

*-from a prayer by the Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt,
United Church of Christ*

The liturgy for this week is taken largely from Liturgy created by the PCUSA for the Peace & Global Witness special offerings 2023. The names of authors and their communities are noted within the service.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Prelude & Fugue in G (BWV 550)* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT *This Is the Day*¹ James Christensen

This is the day the Lord has made, Rejoice and sing to God's name.

***CALL to WORSHIP** (*Rev. Gloria Ulloa, Presbyterian Church of Colombia*)

We gather from the west to the east,
from the south to the north,

✠ **to celebrate the God of peace
who accompanies us in our acts of peace.**

This God of peace accompanies us
in each and every circumstance around us.

✠ **We praise God's name! Amen!**

***HYMN 637** *O Sing to the Lord* CANTAI AO SENHOR
(We sing verse 1 in Spanish and verses 2-5 in English.)

PRAYER of CONFESSION

(Armenian, Shant Agoushian, Near East School of Theology student, Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East)

Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings.
In the knowledge of God's mercy,
we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world.

† The symbols you will see in this order of worship mean:

*** Stand if you are able** **✠ The congregation will read.**

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In the confidence of God's children let us confess our sins.

*(Arabic, Jameel Maher Khadir, Near East School of Theology student,
Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land)*

✘ **Gracious Lord, creator of this universe,
in your generosity you have given us
a world of abundance and diversity,
yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.
We confess that we have defaced your creation
and poisoned our environment
through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain.
In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters
and intended for us to be united,
and yet we have built walls to separate us
from those who are different from us.
You gave us wisdom and creativity
and we have used those to trick each other
and to develop weapons of destruction and death.
You gave us laws to order our lives
and we have abused them
to take revenge and punish our enemies.
We love war rather than strive for peace.
We ignore the poor and the weak
and honor the rich and powerful.
In all this we have not lived according to your will.**

(Moment for silent reflection and confession)

✘ **Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements
and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise.
In your mercy, forgive us our sins.**

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

✘ **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and are being made whole!**

***SUNG RESPONSE 591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*²**

John L. Bell

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

(Repeat)

² Text: Refrain: traditional liturgical text. Music: Caribbean melody; arr. John L. Bell. Text & Music ©1993 GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Used by permission of OneLicense #A706254.

TIME with the CHILDREN

[After Time with the Children, our children are encouraged to worship with us. There are activity bags and books in the narthex. Children Pre-K and younger may go to the nursery as necessary.]

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 2:1-13

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

SERMON

Rev. Frances Lin

THE OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS *Rebecca Allen, Deacon Moderator*

(We offer our gifts as a response to God's Word, to be part of God's purposes in the world. You may place gifts in the plate during the offertory, or on your way out – or by mail or online.)

OFFERTORY*On Eagles Wings**Joncas & Bliss**Susan Addington: Flute, Lucy Lewis: Violin, Amy Gano: Oboe***ANTHEM***One World³**Mark Hayes*

One world, that is what I dream of, One world, where ev'rything is light. One world, I can live in, where all is right. One people, standing by each other, United, they will become strong, Blending all their voices in one song. I want this world to be a place of harmony, where love abounds, and hope is found, and music rings the whole world round. What a wonder this one world could be. I wonder if I can make a diff'rence? Can one voice really make a change? Can one flame pierce the darkness and light the way? If love can join two perfect strangers, Then I can learn to be your friend. Imagine such a future, one day. Oh, come with me, to a place of perfect harmony. Spirit is calling, calling us all together. One world, that is what I dream of, One world, where ev'rything is light. One world, I can live in, where all is right. One people standing by each other, United, they will become strong, blending all their voices in one song at one time for one world. For one world!

SACRAMENT of the LORD'S SUPPER**INVITATION to the LORD'S TABLE***(From Quechua, Spanish, Portuguese, Guaraní, and Tsotsil liturgies)*

This is the table to which Jesus invites us!

Let us participate joyfully!

God-planted seeds now germinate
A tree of life, an orchard bearing fruit
Such is nature, abundant life budding,
And Jesus sets the table, invites us to dine.
Water into wine, land where bread is born,
A people on the path of perfect communion.

SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.

✘ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

✘ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

✘ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

GREAT PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

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SANCTUS

James C. Huffstutler

✘ Holy, holy, Lord Almighty,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Glory in the highest!
Blessed! Blessed!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and OUR LORD'S PRAYER⁴

✘ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

PRAYER of CONSECRATION

WORDS of INSTITUTION

WE SHARE GOD'S GIFTS

*(The cup is non-alcoholic. The rice crackers are gluten free.
Communion will be served by intinction at two stations. As you feel ready,
please come up by the inside aisle to a station, receive a cracker, dip it in the
cup, eat it, and return to your seat by an outside aisle.
If you would rather remain seated, rovers will bring the elements to you.
During this time, we invite you to sing these prayers.)*

*God Bless to Us Our Bread*⁵

Bell

God bless to us our bread,
and give food to all those who are hungry
and hunger for justice to those who are fed.
God bless to us our bread.

⁴ This prayer is included but uncredited in the Liturgy created by the PCUSA for the Peace & Global Witness special offerings 2023.

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*Come and Fill Our Hearts*⁶

Taizé

Come and fill our hearts with your peace;
You alone, O God, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace; Alleluia.

*Bless the Lord my Soul*⁷

Taizé

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.

PRAYER after COMMUNION

✠ In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment,
this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as your Beloved ones
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same. Amen.

***HYMN 765** *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

ARGENTINA

***MOMENT for REFLECTION**

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE

Now Go Forth

Unknown

Now go forth with peace and understanding; now go forth with joy and
fellowship; now go forth and show God's love; Go and serve.

***POSTLUDE**

Order of Chivalry: Dignity

William Zeitler

*Rev. Frances Lin is the Presbytery Leader for the Presbytery of
Riverside. We are glad to welcome her this morning as our
preacher.*

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GREETERS: Phyllis Hough, Meryll Davis

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Rick Rodriguez, Marilyn Kraft, *Security*

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LIVESTREAM ENGINEER: James Welte

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Jim Huffstutler, Ramon Ramirez, Robert Saenz

Elders: Martha Pinckney, Lily Bolaños, Margaret Doane

Deacons: Dave Thomas, Steve Smith, Rebecca Allen

This Weeks' Celebrations

Oct 2 Julie Aguilera

Dave Thomas

Jean Wierenga

Oct 4 Jennifer (Coyne) Scerra

Lisa (Coyne) Star

Oct 5 Caleb Christopher Jones

Oct 7 Carmen Avila

Edward Munz

What is God calling us to be and do at this time in this place? That's the work of Mission Assessment. Learn more, or find a survey you missed, at <https://fpcsb.net/mission-assessment>, or click **Mission Assessment** from the church home page. Surveys or other feedback to the MAT can be sent to the office, to any member of the team, or left in the box at the table in reception.

God's presence empowers us to bring peace to all people.

Through our gifts to the **Peace & Global Witness Offering**, we as a single congregation, participate in this larger work that we would not be able to do on our own. A gift to this Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world, as well as right here at home. **If you did not get an envelope for this offering last week, the ushers have a limited number available, or you can simply note "Peacemaking" on your check.** Thank you for your gifts.

Reformation Sunday, which we traditionally celebrate with bagpipes and dancers and shortbread cookies, will soon be here! We will have the Kevin R. Blandford Memorial Pipe Band and highland dancers. If you would like to help pay this cost, perhaps as a memorial to a loved one or friend, please get your offering, and the name of the person(s) you wish to honor, to the church office by **Tuesday, October 24th**.

And what is Reformation Sunday without shortbread cookies?

(Well, it's still Reformation Sunday, but we *really like* the cookies!) If you are able to bring shortbread for our celebration (you can make it or buy it), **please let the church office know by October 20th**, and then bring it to the kitchen before church on or before Sunday, October 29th. The church will purchase some gluten-free shortbread, so that everyone may celebrate!

Symphonie Jeunesse invites you to their ***Semi-Haunted Symphony*** on **Sunday, October 29th at 2:00 p.m.** in our own Fellowship Hall. Admission is free, and all attendees are welcome to bring a child.

More news and announcements are available in your *Friday Keeping in Touch* emails. If you are not receiving these, and you would like to, contact Mimi in the church office.

Music Box

Bach was born in 1685 into a very musical family, but found himself orphaned at 9 years old. He made his way to adulthood with a combination of relatives and music scholarships to boarding schools, getting musical instruction here and there as he could. In his early 20's he was establishing himself as the leading organist of the German speaking world (basically the Holy Roman Empire – what is now Germany, Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, etc.), and was working his way up the corporate – I mean courtly ladder – working for increasingly illustrious and wealthy princes.

In this morning's postlude we hear a piece he wrote at age 25 (1710). It features an extended pedal solo in the prelude (contemporaries said Bach could play things with his feet that others couldn't play with their hands). And towards the end of the joyous fugue in 4 parts, at the final entrance of the fugue subject Bach can't contain himself, breaks the 'fugue rules' and adds a 5th part. (The Fugue Commission issued him stern warning for this – just kidding!)

By the way, a 'prelude' is a piece 'that comes first' and also has no particular 'rules' about how to write one. A fugue, however, has a long list of rules – one of the most restrictive forms in Western music. It was fairly unique to Bach to write so many 'preludes and fugues' – combining the Freedom of the prelude with the Law of the fugue. Great swaths of his music have much more theological symbolism than this! -- *William Zeitler*



The seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a symbolic statement of the church's heritage, identity, and mission in contemporary form. Its power depends on both its simplicity and complexity, as well as its traditional and enduring qualities.

The basic symbols in the seal are the cross, Scripture, the dove, and flames.

As a church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), our congregational life is governed by the Ruling Elders of our current Session:

Jeanne Clark, Susan Skoglund, Alex Smith, Tim Usher, Mary Bolaños,
Brooke Dvorak, Pat Morris, Martha Pinckney, Lily Bolaños,
Margaret Doane, Jon Horstmann, Phyllis Hough,
and Clerk of Session Amy Smith

and supported by our Board of Deacons:

Rebecca Allen, Sharon Landeros, Joyce Lyons, Joanna Nord,
Chris Wright-Thomas, Dan Direen, Robin Edwards, Rick Rodriguez,
Katie Smith, Brad Smith, and Dave Thomas

In this time of change for our congregation, a Mission Assessment Plan will be completed by our Mission Assessment Team:

Mary Bolaños, John-Paul Fletcher, Nancy Horstmann,
Marilyn Kraft, Jim Morris, Brent Nord, Irene Sandoval Suverkrup