

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship



The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

-- Song of Solomon 2:12

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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, August 4th.

Morning Worship†

Lector: Mary Bolaños

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Allow the music to usher you into sacred space and time.

INTROIT

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

*CALL to WORSHIP¹

Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us.

✘ **Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.**

Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.

✘ **Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.**

Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.

✘ **Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in ministries of hope and peace. AMEN.**

*HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

PRAYER of CONFESSION²

✘ **God of mercy, you know us so well and have offered us a relationship. You have offered us new life, characterized by honesty, compassion, joy, and peace. You have invited us into ministries of peace and justice; but we have answered the call of the fallen world instead of seeking Your transformational love. We like to think that we can hide from You, but we are just kidding ourselves. Forgive us for our stubbornness. Help us to turn around and listen to Your revealing Word of relationship. Remind us again that You will guide our steps and our lives. Give us courage to leave our selfish ways and to live prioritizing our relationship with you Lord. AMEN.**

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

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

¹ Nancy C. Townley, www.ministrymatters.com

(We remain seated for the kyrie, an ancient song of the church. We will sing it through in Greek first and then in English.)

577 Lord, Have Mercy

Musical notation for the first system of 'Lord, Have Mercy'. It features a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' Below the melody, there is a bass clef staff with a whole note chord (F major) and a whole note chord (B-flat major).

Note: Lower voices may hum.

Musical notation for the second system of 'Lord, Have Mercy'. It features a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' Below the melody, there is a bass clef staff with a whole note chord (F major) and a whole note chord (B-flat major). A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Dinah Reindorf, 1987; arr. Sing! A New Creation, 2001
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KYRIE ELEISON (Reindorf)

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ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS²

Even if we have transgressed and done what we know to be wrong remember, God forgives us and sends each of us on our way to become people of peace, hope, love, and justice. Be at peace. God is with each of us.

✘ **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and are being made whole. Amen.**

(We stand and sing)

***GLORIA PATRI 581**

✘ **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

TIME with the CHILDREN

[Children are always welcome in worship. There are activity bags and books in the back of the room.

Infants through pre-Kindergarten may go to the Nursery at any time.]

HYMN 453

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

YISRAEL V'ORAITA

² Inspired by Nancy C. Townley, www.ministrymatters.com

SCRIPTURE

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

This is the word of faith that we proclaim

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Don't Miss It

Eric Brandenberger

MUSICAL OFFERING

*Promised Land*³

Sally McGill

Won't you help me Lord my savior Won't you heed my daily cry? Won't you keep my soul from danger, For I know, I know the time is nigh. Won't you take this burden from me That I can't seem to shed? Put that easy yoke upon my shoulders, Walk with me, with me the path ahead. *Won't you lead me to that promised land That I so long to find? O I know there's plenty of milk and honey there If I could leave, just leave, these snares behind.* O my feet grow tired and weary From this slippery path I'm on. Won't you lend your gracious hand to help me? For my strength, my strength is almost gone. *Won't you lead me . . .* O the weeds grow thick and fast In this little plot I'm meant to plow. Won't you show me where the wheat is growing and we'll reap, we'll reap the harvest now. *Won't you lead me . . .*

THE OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

(We offer our tithes and gifts to be part of God's purposes in the world, and we invite you to take part. You may place your offering in the plates as they are passed. You may always send gifts by mail or online.)

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

✠ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost, Amen.**

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PRAYERS of the PEOPLE, OUR LORD'S PRAYER

✘ 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.

***HYMN 300** *We Are One in the Spirit* *Peter Scholtes*

***MOMENT for REFLECTION**

***CHARGE and BLESSING**

***RESPONSE 600** *Amen* AMEN

POSTLUDE *Improvisation*

Eric Brandenberger is a Ruling Elder at Magnolia Presbyterian Church in Riverside and a Candidate for Ministry in the Presbytery of Riverside.

We are grateful today for the musical talents of David, Susan, John, Sally, and Claud.

GREETERS: Jeanne Clark, Jeoff Molcan

USHERS: Margaret Doane, *Lead Usher*

Tim Usher, *Security Usher*

SOUND ENGINEERS: Dan Direen, Brent Nord

LIVESTREAM ENGINEER: James Welte

CAMERA OPERATORS: Kevin Lamb, Lynn Usher

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Bob Saenz, Doris Schiavone, Beverly Snell

Elders: Pat Morris, Martha Pinckney, Lily Bolaños

Deacons: Joyce Lyons, Joanna Nord, Mindy Rueda

Pastor Nominating Committee:

Shelby Obershaw, Christa Wallis, Neal Williams

This Weeks' Celebrations

- Jul 21* Donna Garza
Ezra Joseph Morales
- Jul 22* Helen Babcock
Dennis & Laurie Stafford
- Jul 23* Cheryl Direen
Kevin Lamb
- Jul 24* Larry Marona
Elizabeth Franklin-Morales
Gary Saenz

Celebration of Life for Jacquie Lyman. A Celebration of Life service and reception will be held in honor of Jacquie Lyman on Friday, July 26, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Hemet, 515 E. Kimball Ave., Hemet, CA.

Hot Dog Fundraiser! **Sunday, August 11th right after church.** GrillMasters Al Rueda and Brent Nord will be ready to serve you delicious hot dogs, brats, and vegan hot dogs. This is a fundraiser for our Intern program, but we won't tell you how much it's worth—you decide! Donations only and you can have a delicious lunch and support the interns who do so much for us.

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.



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:

Mary Bolaños, Brooke Dvorak, Pat Morris, Martha Pinckney, Lily Bolaños, Margaret Doane, Jon Horstmann, Phyllis Hough, Sue Alexander, Jeanne Clark, Kathy Showman, Norm Wallis, and Clerk of Session Amy Smith

and supported by our Board of Deacons:

Rebecca Allen, Dan Direen, Robin Edwards, Rick Rodriguez, Katie Smith, Brad Smith, Dave Thomas, Chris Wright-Thomas, Kristine French, Joyce Lyons, Joanna Nord, Mindy Rueda

In this time of change for our congregation, a Pastor Nominating Committee has been elected by the congregation:

Susan Addington, Mary Bolaños, John-Paul Fletcher, Brian Gano, Kendra Lamb, Jim Morris, Shelby Obershaw, Christa Wallis, Neal Williams