

# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Communion Sunday

August 4, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship



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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](http://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, September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

# Morning Worship†

Lector: Katie Smith

## REFLECTION BEFORE THE SERVICE

Sacraments are an unapologetically material activity. We use tangible water, wine, and bread. Sacraments speak not despite these material things but because of them. The Holy Spirit uses these material actions to seal the covenantal relationship we have with God in Christ. When we minimize the materiality of these signs, we may be signaling that our relationship with God is merely a spiritual reality that doesn't enter into tangible, everyday affairs. The very materiality of these actions is a crucial part of their message.

John D. Witvliet, *Reformed Worship*

## GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

*Diamond Dewdrops*

*W. Zeitler*

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

#### \*CALL to WORSHIP (*Psalm 89:1-4*)

Sing of the Lord's great love forever!

✘ **With our mouths we will make known his faithfulness to all.**

His love is firm forever!

✘ **He established his faithfulness in heaven itself.**

God made a promise to David.

✘ **A covenant which lasts even today.**

**Praise the Lord!**

#### \*HYMN 157

*Lord of the Dance*

SIMPLE GIFTS

## PRAYER of CONFESSION

✘ **Lord, you have called us to worship you. We gladly gather! As we praise you, though, our own inadequacy reminds us of how we have broken our relationship with you. Even our worship fails to be what it could. We sometimes treat it as a show, or we go**

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

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

through the motions, failing to recognize that you want to engage us on a very deep level.

*(Moment for silent reflection and confession)*

- ✘ Renew us, we pray, according to your steadfast love. Remind us of your covenant faithfulness and have mercy on us in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*(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

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

Note: Lower voices may hum.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: Dinah Reindorf, 1987; arr. Sing! A New Creation, 2001  
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## ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

*(We stand and sing Alleluia)*

### \*ALLELUIA

*William Zeitler*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le al - le - lu - ia!

**TIME with the CHILDREN**

*If you are returning to school as a student, you are invited to come forward with your schoolbag if you brought it for the Blessing of the Backpacks.*

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

*There are backpack tags to color and have laminated.*

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

**BLESSING of the BACKPACKS**

*[If you are a teacher, counselor, administrator, staff member, or otherwise connected with the schools, you will be invited to come join the students as a reminder that people who care are all around in the schools.]*

Children of God and curious thinkers,  
 be filled with questions about yourself and the world around you.  
 Be blessed with discernment as you decide when, where, and of whom you will ask your many questions.  
 And when there is no answer to be found, or none that satisfy,  
 cling to the greatest promise of all: God loves you and will never leave you.  
 Amen.

**HYMN 547*****Go, My Children, with My Blessing*<sup>1</sup>**

AR HYD Y NOS

**“Go, my children, with my blessing,  
 never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you,  
 you are my own.**

**In my love’s baptismal river  
 I have made you mine forever.  
 Go, my children, with my blessing,  
 you are my own.”**

**PRAYER for ILLUMINATION**

✠ **God of mercy,  
 you promised never to break your covenant with us.  
 Amid all the changing words of our generation,  
 speak your eternal Word that does not change.  
 Then may we respond to your gracious promises  
 with faithful and obedient lives;  
 through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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## **SCRIPTURE Exodus 24:9-11**

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. Under his feet there was something like a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. God did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; also they beheld God, and they ate and drank.

## **1 Corinthians 11:17-29 (Common English Bible)**

Now I don't praise you as I give the following instruction because when you meet together, it does more harm than good. First of all, when you meet together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and I partly believe it. It's necessary that there are groups among you, to make it clear who is genuine. So when you get together in one place, it isn't to eat the Lord's meal. Each of you goes ahead and eats a private meal. One person goes hungry while another is drunk. Don't you have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you look down on God's churches and humiliate those who have nothing? What can I say to you? Will I praise you? No, I don't praise you in this.

I received a tradition from the Lord, which I also handed on to you: on the night on which he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this to remember me." He did the same thing with the cup, after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Every time you drink it, do this to remember me." Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you broadcast the death of the Lord until he comes.

This is why those who eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord inappropriately will be guilty of the Lord's body and blood. Each individual should test himself or herself, and eat from the bread and drink from the cup in that way. Those who eat and drink without correctly understanding the body are eating and drinking their own judgment.

This is the word of faith that we proclaim.

✘ **Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

*Signs of the Covenant* Pastor Wendy Lamb

*(This four-part series on worship explores four dimensions of this covenant-renewal image. The primary focus will be on the new covenant relationship God makes with us in Christ. The secondary focus will be on the ways in which worship expresses, deepens, and shapes that relationship through the working of the Holy Spirit.)*

## **CONVERSATION around TABLES**

HYMN 451

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

*Clara H. Scott*

MOMENT for MISSION

*Dan Direen*

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

SACRAMENT of the LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION to the LORD'S TABLE

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

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, OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven...

✠ **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

## SHARING of the BREAD and CUP

*The cup is non-alcoholic. Gluten free bread is available.  
Communion will be served around the tables. A deacon or elder will begin passing the bread and offering the cup. We will offer it around the table saying, the “body of Christ, the cup of salvation.” If there are gluten free folks around the table, please offer them the cup first along with the gluten free bread.*

## PIANO MUSIC

### PRAYER after COMMUNION

✘ We give you thanks for this feast of abundance that we shared this morning.

Grant us that we go out and make a place for everyone at the table as you did because we have shared the bread of new beginnings and cup of belonging and can't remain the same.  
Amen.

\*HYMN 839

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*

ASSURANCE

\*MOMENT for REFLECTION

\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Improvisation*

**GREETERS:** Meryll Davis, Linda McCarl

**USHERS:** John-Paul Fletcher, *Lead Usher*

Marilyn Kraft, *Security Ushers*

**SOUND ENGINEERS:** Dan Direen, Brent Nord

**LIVESTREAM ENGINEER:** James Welte

**CAMERA OPERATORS:** Kevin Lamb, Lynn Usher

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Noé Falconi, Marianna Fowles, Sandy Garza

*Elders:* Sue Alexander, Jeanne Clark, Kathy Showman

*Deacons:* Rick Rodriguez, Katie Smith, Rebecca Allen

*Pastor Nominating Committee:*

Brian Gano, Kendra Lamb, Jim Morris



## **This Weeks' Celebrations**

**Aug 8** Tim Usher

**Aug 9** Jackie McKee

**Aug 10** Aaron Saenz

***Hot Dog Fundraiser!*** Next Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ***A Note from Marion Wiens***

Dear CHURCH---Beloved Community---That is what you are!!

This note is my attempt to express my deep gratitude for the years of loving support and prayers you have lavished on my granddaughter, Erin!

It all began during her four years at the University of Redlands when she chose to make First Presbyterian Church her church-away-from-home and sang in our choir each Sunday. As a Religion major, Erin asked Sandy if she would tutor her in preaching for a semester. Sandy said "yes", and Erin preached for us a couple of times and taught an Adult Education Class, as well.

After graduation from the University of Redlands, three years of seminary at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley and interning at a local Episcopalian parish, on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 Erin was ordained a priest in the Episcopal tradition. The service was in Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. Attending the service, to our delight and amazement, were Amy Smith, Sandy Tice, Lynette Adelson and Melodee and Larry Kistner! These folks and so many of you, plus many others from far and near, have upheld Erin in extraordinary ways.

As her family of origin, we too, have been nourished by your unwavering love and support!

Thanks also to Wendy for up-dating the congregation through all the ins and outs, and ups and downs of this journey!

You are Beloved Community, indeed!!

***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***

In November 1954, Albert Einstein wrote a letter to a magazine in which he declared that, were he a young man again, he would not try to become a scientist: “I would rather choose to be a plumber or a peddler in the hope to find that modest degree of independence still available under present circumstances.” Across the United States, plumbers responded. The famous physicist was offered membership in the Chicago plumbers union, and Stanley Murray, a New York plumber, wrote to him: “Since my ambition has always been to be a scholar and yours seems to be a plumber, I suggest that as a team we would be tremendously successful. We can then be possessed by both knowledge and independence. I am ready to change the name of my firm to read: Einstein and Stanley Plumbing Co.”

There’s a serious backstory to Einstein’s humorous statement, however. On February 9, 1950, Senator Joseph McCarthy claimed to have a list of 205 Communists working in the State Department. However, when asked to present the list, McCarthy failed to do so, claiming he had “left it in another suit.” Nevertheless, his accusations created a wave of fear and suspicion across the United States, particularly affecting the academic sector. McCarthy’s tactics were criticized as “perhaps the most nefarious campaign of half-truths and untruth in the history of this republic.” Historians later confirmed that no such list existed.

Despite the lack of evidence, mainstream Republicans largely ignored the findings that debunked McCarthy’s claims. They saw his tactics as beneficial for regaining political power, culminating in the 1952 elections where Republicans gained control of the White House, the House of Representatives, and the Senate. With newfound power, McCarthy extended his inquisition into various sectors, with the educational system becoming a primary target.

Among those affected was William Frauenglass, a teacher in a Brooklyn high school. In April 1953, he was summoned before the Senate subcommittee. The accusations against him concerned a course on intercultural education he had been asked by the school district to teach to other teachers. The course aimed to promote understanding among different cultural groups, a goal that some committee members deemed

"against the interests of the United States." Frauenglass was shocked by the accusations, pointing out that fostering intercultural understanding was a fundamental objective of public education. When questioned about his associations and affiliations, Frauenglass invoked his Fifth Amendment rights, refusing to answer.

Needing support, Frauenglass reached out to Albert Einstein, well known for his advocacy of academic freedom and his opposition to war and racism. Einstein, who described himself as an "incorrigible nonconformist," responded with a public letter advising Frauenglass and others in similar positions to refuse to testify, even if it meant facing jail or economic ruin, invoking Gandhi's approach. Einstein argued that such inquisitions violated the spirit of the Constitution and that the suppression of intellectual freedom was detrimental to the cultural welfare of the country. He asserted that if enough people resisted, the intellectual community could overcome the oppression.

Einstein's public stance attracted sharp criticism from McCarthy and his supporters, who labeled him an "enemy of America" and questioned his loyalty. Despite the backlash, Einstein continued to advocate for the rights of intellectuals and the importance of academic freedom. In a speech to a group of lawyers in March 1954, he emphasized the necessity of free expression and the dangers posed by the suppression of free speech, academic inquiry, and the press. He warned that such conditions were incompatible with democratic governance and could not be sustained in the long term.

The broader public reaction to Einstein's statements was mixed. Some viewed him as un-American, while others saw him as a courageous defender of democratic principles. In one notable instance, a Los Angeles woman wrote to the Institute for Advanced Study Director, expressing disdain for Einstein's perceived lack of patriotism. And a man from New York bluntly suggested that Einstein should move to Russia.

Despite the controversy, Einstein's advocacy played a role in the eventual decline of McCarthy's influence. In December 1954, McCarthy was formally censured by his Senate colleagues for his "contemptuous" and "reprehensible" conduct. While Einstein's efforts were not solely responsible for McCarthy's downfall, they contributed to a broader pushback against McCarthyism.

William Frauenglass didn't get his teaching job back.

*-- William Zeidler*



*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