



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God

September 24, 2023

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Adagio; Sonata No. 1

Mendelssohn

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty and on your wondrous works I shall meditate.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN 478 (V.1-4)

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we do praise you, O God of grace and King of heaven. But too often amidst our songs of praise we fall into fits of grumbling and peevishness. We find fault with others who seem to have more of what we want. We complain when we sense that we have been treated less fairly than others. And on our really bad days, we find fault with you for all manner of things when the responsibility really rests with us. Forgive us, Lord, for our selfish perspective on the world and send your Spirit to guide us in living lives of grace, mercy and justice. In Jesus' name we pray.

Silent prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Regardless of the number of times that we fall short of God's expectations of our lives, we can be assured that through the grace of Christ's sacrifice on our behalf, we are redeemed people in the sight of God. Hallelujah!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

**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.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON

Grumble, Gripe and Groan!

Rev. Larry Van Hise

ANTHEM

Come, Let Us Sing

The Chancel Choir
words and music: Mary Kay Beall

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord.
Come, let us shout to the Rock of our salvation.
Come, let us sing, come, let us sing for joy to the Lord.

Come, let us bow, let us bow down and worship.
Come, let us bow, come, let us kneel, let us offer our praise.
Come, let us kneel before Him.
He is our God, we are His people;
We are His flock for the length of our days.

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord.
Come, let us shout to the Rock of our salvation.
Come, let us sing, come, let us sing for joy to the Lord,
Let us sing, let us shout, let us offer our praise.
Come, let us sing.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Peace and Global Witness

Pat Koefoed

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and God's ministries through Christ's church.

Please leave your offering in the box at the front of the sanctuary or make your gifts online or via mail.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to witness to Christ's ministry in your world. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 298 (V.1-2)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven (Hymn 478)

Lauda Anima

Worship Leaders

Rev. Larry Van Hise

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

Ruthann Arras, Liturgist

Pat Koefoed, Nancy Udut, Ruthann Arras, Sherrie Moki, Coffee Hour Hosts

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