



# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God  
September 4, 2022  
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Seek Ye First (Hymn 333)

arr. Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 64:8

O Lord, you are our Father!

**We are the clay, and you our potter;**

we are the work of your hand.

**Come, let us worship the Creator who has given us life.**

Let us lift praises to God who knows us totally and loves us fully.

Amen.

\*HYMN 288, V.1-3

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God  
That made the mountains rise;  
That spread the flowing seas abroad  
And built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
The sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at God's command,  
And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord  
That filled the earth with food;  
God formed the creatures with a word  
And then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,  
Where'er I turn my eyes;  
If I survey the ground I tread,  
Or gaze upon the skies!

There's not a plant or flower below  
But makes Thy glories known;  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
By order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee  
Is ever in Thy care,  
And everywhere that we can be,  
Thou, God, art present there.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 139

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit or stand. When far away you know my every thought.**

You chart the path ahead of me and tell me where to stop and rest.

**Every moment you know where I am.**

You know what I am going to say before I even say it.

**You go before me and follow me and place your hand of blessing on my head.**

This is too glorious, too wonderful to believe! I can never be lost to your Spirit!

**You formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

**Search me, O God, and know my heart; test my thoughts.**

Point out anything you find in me that makes you sad.

**Lead me along the path of everlasting life. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our thoughts, our weaknesses, our motivations, our sins. And you love us still. Forgive us when we don't believe such love is true or possible; when we wonder how you could love us just as we are, when we forget our intricate construction, fearfully and wonderfully made, in your image! Remove from our minds every thought which keeps us from you. Break down the walls, push aside the pride, and help us to trust anew. You know our hearts. And you love us still.**

*Silent prayer*

**Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Isaiah 64

Fear not, for our creator is the loving maker of every thought and thing. We are the clay; each one of us is being formed by God's all-loving hand, crafted for a purpose and cherished as a vessel made for love. In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

\*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 READING

Luke 14:25-33

SERMON

What We Were Made For...

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

\*HYMN 322, V. 1, *sung twice*

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me,  
Fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Gifted with the grace of God, let us offer ourselves to the building of God's kingdom.

OFFERING PRAYER

Bless the gifts given in thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, that we might serve you and your people with great love. In Christ's name, 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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

Come to the table of our Lord Jesus Christ; all who wish to be made new again are welcome here!

## THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We will lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God.

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

## PRAYER

It is truly right and our greatest joy to praise to you, O God... we sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## PRAYER

...Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

## 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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Come now to Christ's table, know you are welcome here.

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The bread and juice are distributed together and can be enjoyed immediately.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN 522, V.1-4

Give Thanks, O Christian People

Give thanks, O Christian people,  
For workers of our day  
Who heed the call to service  
And make it their life's way  
To go to feed the hungry,  
To tend to those in need,  
To work for equal justice,  
Till all God's folk are freed.

Give thanks, O Christian people,  
For leaders of our years  
Who live to share with others  
Our joy when Christ appears,  
To teach the ones who seek light,  
To guide the faltering feet,  
To lead the followers forward  
Our living Lord to meet.

Give thanks, O Christian people,  
For all who love the Lord,  
Who live each day believing  
In God's eternal Word:  
To share Christ's love in living,  
To witness with each deed,  
To use the talents given  
To plant the gospel seed.

Give thanks, O Christian people,  
For life in fellowship  
With all who trust our Savior  
Their serving to equip  
To ease another's burdens,  
To cope in joy and stress,  
To magnify God's message  
And Christ's great love confess.

\*BENEDICTION

May God, Creator of the universe, maker and shaper of all things, bless your labor and your rest.

May the Son of God, the son of a carpenter, bless your labor that it not be for possessions or prestige but for a world changed by God's love.

May the Holy Spirit, ever working for the new creation, bless your service and keep you in God's purpose, now and forevermore. Amen.

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

Noralee Manzek, Liturgist

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*We welcome Bud Martin as our guest organist today.***Luke 14:25-33**

Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.