

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion

September 4, 2022

10:30 a.m. Worship



You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off
my sackcloth and clothed me with joy. *Psalm 30:11*

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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, October 2nd.

Morning Worship†

Lector: Kristine French

REFLECTION BEFORE THE SERVICE

Notably, hope is present in the experience of marginalized communities and among people of color, who've found their way into a hope that's quite different from the one I've coasted on for most of my life as a White woman of relative privilege.

MaryAnn McKibben Dana, *Hope: A User's Manual*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prelude in Eb

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

*CALL to WORSHIP

You have turned our mourning into dancing

✘ **And we will sing of your praise forever!**

*HYMN

In the Garden

C. Austin Miles

Our soloist, Craig Colclough, will sing the verses. The congregation is invited to join in with the refrain.)

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses; and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

Refrain: **And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own,
and the joy we share, as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.**

He speaks and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.

I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling, but he bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.

TIME with the CHILDREN

[Children are always welcome in worship. KidSpace is taking a break for the summer but will resume in September in Room 11. There are activity bags

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

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

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

SCRIPTURE

(We read from a paraphrase of this Psalm by Christine Robinson. The New Revised Standard Version text can be found on the back page of the order of worship.)

Psalm 30

I thank you, O God, for your silent help in my life.
Because of you, my fears do not overwhelm me.
When I have cried out for help, I have felt a touch of comfort.
You have restored my life.

I sing my gladness and praise
settle into joy
My separations last moments –Love is always.
I may weep for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

When all was well in my life, I forgot you,
You did not intrude on my self-satisfaction.
When I needed you, I could not find my way back
What use is there for all the ten thousand things
If I have nothing anchoring me to the deep?
You heard my cry, and called me back
You reached out to me and you helped me find my way.
Therefore, my heart sings
and I give thanks.

Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of faith that we proclaim

✘ **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Sandra R. Tice

A MUSICAL OFFERING

Craig Colclough, Soloist

THE OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

(We invite you to respond to God's Word. We offer our gifts to be part of God's purposes in the world. You are invited to bring your offering up to the basket during the offertory. You may also place it in a basket on your way out or send gifts through the mail or online.)

***OFFERTORY**

For the Beauty of the Earth

SACRAMENT of the LORD'S SUPPER¹

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 and 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.

PRAYER of CONSECRATION

The WORDS of INSTITUTION

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WE SHARE GOD'S GIFTS

The cup is non-alcoholic. Gluten free bread will be available. Communion will be served by intinction. The servers will come to you. We will hand you a piece of bread, and you may dip it in the cup and partake immediately. If you wish to say something you might say, "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." Servers will have gluten free bread available. If you would rather not partake, you may cross your arms over your chest or shake your head no.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

A Place at the Table²

For ev'ryone born, a place at the table, for ev'ryone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for ev'ryone born a star overhead. For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair. And God will delight when we are creators of justice, compassion and peace! Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy! For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong. For just and unjust, a place at the table, oppressor, oppressed, with need to forgive, in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live. And God will rejoice For ev'ryone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for ev'ryone born, the right to be free. And God will rejoice

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 disciples
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same. Amen.**

*HYMN 765

May the God of Hope Go with Us

ARGENTINA

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

*MOMENT for REFLECTION

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***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

William Zeitler

(For health reasons we are not greeting at the door)

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Norma Woodward, Doris Schiavone, Judy Steppins

Elders: Tim Usher, Mary Bolaños, Brooke Dvorak

Deacons: Dan Direen, Robin Edwards, Rick Rodriguez

GREETERS: Merry Beth Grindahl

USHERS: Brad Smith, *Lead Usher*

David Grindahl, Jim Siegmund, *Security Ushers*

SOUND ENGINEER: Brent Nord

VIDEO ENGINEER: James Welte

CAMERA OPERATORS: Lynn Usher

This Weeks' Celebrations

***Sep 4* Ed Congdon**

***Sep 6* Norm & Christa Wallis**

Tom & Donna Garza

***Sep 7* Sally Inglis**

***Sep 8* Deon Garcia**

***Sep 9* Harry Babcock**

Jeanne Clark

Larry & Melodee Kistner

Rosalind & Ken Mantei

Shelby Obershaw

Ramon & Penny Ramirez

***Sep 10* Judy Steppins**

Christian Usher

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.



Swanson, John August. Celebration, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.
<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56538>. Original source: Estate of John August Swanson, <https://www.johnaugustswanson.com/>.

A Sunday of Reunion & Celebration

*It's been a rough couple of years.
Too much ... Isolation, Loneliness, Loss
Not enough ... Purpose, Joy, Community, Support
You are not alone. Others are feeling it too.*

Let's come together, celebrate, and have fun!

Invite your neighbors, friends, & family!

Special activities for all ages including Food & Fellowship

**Sunday, September 11, 2022
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Want to be more involved?

Here are a few of the many ways you can join in a ministry, regularly or once in a while. On September 11, folks from these ministries will be available to tell you more and sign you up.

Hospitality Ministry	<i>Ushers, Security (outdoor) Ushers Greeters Coffee hour set-up/clean up Office receptionist</i>
Food Ministry	<i>Shoppers Fill bags, Open and set up bags Give out food on Tuesdays/Thursdays</i>
Music Ministry	<i>Choir Bell Choir</i>
Education Ministry	<i>KidSpace Teacher or Shepherd (assistant)</i>
Technical Ministry	<i>Sound Technician Camera operator Video Technician</i>
Worship Ministry	<i>Lector</i>
Community Ministry	<i>LifeSkilz Breakfast or helper Card Ministry</i>

***There are many more opportunities.
Contact the church office to see who to talk to,
or just come on September 11 and sign up!***

Music Box

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917) was born at Spa Villa, Bath, England, and educated at Cambridge, earning his degree in Classics with honors. He taught Classics at Somersetshire College, and eventually retired from academics to become a writer, spending most of his life in Bath and the south-west of England. Pierpoint died at the age of 82.

While in Bath he published *The Chalice of Nature and Other Poems*, republished in 1878 as *Songs of Love, The Chalice of Nature and Lyra Jesu*. He also contributed hymns to the *Churchman's Companion*, and *The Lyra Eucharistica*, etc. He ultimately published seven volumes of poetry.

His most famous hymn is "For the Beauty of the Earth", originally intended as a communion hymn. Pierpoint was 29 at the time he wrote this hymn, inspired by the beauty of the surrounding countryside. The story goes that Pierpoint was taking a walk one late spring day, in the lovely area surrounding his home in Bath. Overwhelmed with the beauty he saw, he sat down and wrote "For the Beauty of the Earth" (and the beauty of our minds and senses, and family, and friends, and the church, and...) This hymn is rather unique in that the only sentiment it expresses is gratitude.

Originally the refrain ended "Christ, our God, to Thee we raise this our Sacrifice of Praise." It now reads "Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise."
-- William Zeitler

Psalm 30:8-12

To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:
"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"
You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.