First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022 10:00 a.m.

O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45) Words of Welcome Prelude

Call to Worship

Let us give praise to God!

Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves...

It is God who forgives...

It is God who delivers...

Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

* Hymn 33

"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

Call to Confession Prayer of Confession

O God, we pray: "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Yet we confess that often our lives show little mercy. We pass judgement on people who think and live differently than we do, keeping us from building communities where everyone feels welcome and known.

Merciful God, again we ask for your forgiveness. Teach us and guide us to extend to others what we have received so abundantly from you: gracious acceptance, saving help, and love that will bind us together. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 581

"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.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 103 (Hymn 439) Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

A Time with Children

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon: "Forgiveness: Easier Said than Done!" The Rev. William Samford

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering Offertory

Prayers of the People and 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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 436 "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor Rev. William G. Carter

Coordinator of Children

And Youth Ministries

Liturgist

Director of Music

Organist

Usher

Jana Schillinger

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