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Worship

October 1, 2023
Monteith Hall

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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WELCOME

We're glad you're here!

Welcome to this new worship gathering! This Fall we will be experimenting in this service for 12 weeks, trying out new liturgical patterns and exploring ways of being more participatory, responsive, and intergenerational in our expressions of worship. Join us as we listen for the Holy Spirit and try new things! No two weeks will be exactly alike, but each service will seek to help us encounter God in meaningful ways. Join us on the journey!

Ways to Give

Your gift allows us to carry out our mission as an inclusive and diverse faith community.

CASH/CHECK

Place in the offering plate on your way out or in the mail

ONLINE

<https://bit.ly/FPCvanco>

TEXT-TO-GIVE

Text the amount to 855-904-1523

VANCO MOBILE APP



Musicians

Abby Kasenow, soloist

Donna Smith, violin

WORSHIP

18TH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
October 1, 2023 · 11:15 AM

** When this symbol precedes an element of the service,
please rise in body or spirit.*

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Side A: You are welcome here!

Side B: *You are welcome here!*

Side A: This is the day that the Lord has made,

Side B: *Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Side A: Surely God is in this place.

Side B: *We gather here with joy and love.*

*OPENING HYMN 769

“For Everyone Born”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Love,
In the stopping, in the pausing, in the
quiet,
We cannot avoid what we are not:
Our faults and missteps, our lack of
vision and of action,
Our failure to uplift the dignity of our
neighbor, our lack of trust –
They all bubble to the surface.
Yet, you, Loving God, see who we are
and still stand by us –
Offering us hope, and offering us
forgiveness.**

Silence is kept.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As you pass the peace, you are invited to share
what your favorite home-cooked meal was
growing up.

*RESPONSE 582

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines
on Me”

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (sung, Hymn 288)	“Spirit of the Living God”
SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 25:1-10a
SERMON	“A Crowded Table”

RESPONSE

RESPONSE ACTIVITY Sharing Communion Around the Table.

COMMUNION

THE INVITATION And the Table will be Wide: A blessing for World
Communion Sunday by Jan Richardson

THE GREAT PRAYER
OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O God of holy presence, how do you call us this morning?

We come just as we are:

**your children, full of both fear and love,
brokenness and hope, confusion and clarity.**

**We come in search of grace and peace,
knowing it is from the wisdom of our Christ
that we might receive both in our lives.**

Bless this table, our coming and our going,
our receiving of the bread of life and the cup of
blessing.

**May this table fill us with the hope of you,
the insights of you, the peace of you.**

**May we experience redemption and
reconciliation**

**so that we may be the example of your
possibilities,
your presence in this world.**

We pray all of this in the name of Jesus Christ,
who taught us to pray,

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PASSING OF THE
BREAD & CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
AFTER COMMUNION

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.
Amen.**

SENDING

*SENDING SONG "Crowded Table"
(handout)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION ...We go out in peace,
To love, to serve, to imagine.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

