

***FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH***



**18th Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Day  
Sunday, October 1, 2023  
10:00 A.M.**

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Improvisation on “Hyfrydol”

Paul Manz

WELCOME

Liturgist

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist

The God for whom we have waited is among us!  
We share in the Spirit who encourages us, instructs us,  
consoles us, and **calls us together as the body of Christ.**

**\*HYMN #507**

**“I Come With Joy”**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Norlita Kaul

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Norlita Kaul

**Holy God, we confess to you: We are not of the same mind. We do not share the same love. We act in selfish ambition and do not regard others as better than ourselves. We have not looked to the interests of others instead of ourselves. We do not embrace the humility of Jesus Christ. Forgive us. Continue to be at work in us, that we might serve each other as you served us, and reflect your glory in this world.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Norlita Kaul

When we lift up our souls to God, God does not put us to shame.  
God forgives us, leads us in the truth, and leads us in what is right.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**A TIME TO BE YOUNG**

**ANTHEM**

'Just As I Am'  
Beverly Pugh Corry - Flute

Evelyn Larter

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

O.T. READING  
Exodus 17:1-7

Liturgist

GOSPEL READING  
Matthew 21:23-32

Rev. Norlita Kaul

**SERMON**

*"Yes and No!"*

Rev. Norlita Kaul

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN #329

*"Break Thou The Bread of Life"*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

Rev. Norlita Kaul

**OFFERTORY**

Trio on "St. Agnes"

David Lasky

## **\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy...

...and praise who forever sign to the glory of your name:

**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.**

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Remembering all your gracious acts,...

....and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## SHARING OF THE MEAL

(Please **hold the bread** until everyone has been served;  
Rev. Norlita will lead us in partaking, everyone together.  
Please follow **the same** process **with the cup**)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Gracious Father, giver of all good things: For our home on earth and for your unfailing mercy,

**we give you thanks.**

Christ, our Redeemer: For your sacrifice on the cross and rising from death that we might live,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life:

For your abiding presence in our lives  
and for comforting and guiding us,

**we give you thanks, praise, and glory.**

O triune God:

To you be glory and praise now and forever.

**Amen.**

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN #289

*“O God of Every Nation”*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

The blessing of the holy, triune God, who was and is and is to come— first and last, beginning and end, Alpha and Omega— be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

*Revelation 1:8*

Go in peace to love the Lord your God with heart and soul and mind and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself. Amen. *Mark 12:29–31*

*(Mizpah Benediction )*

POSTLUDE

Joyous Organ Verse #2

Domenico Zipoli



**LITURGIST-** Sandy Zimmerman

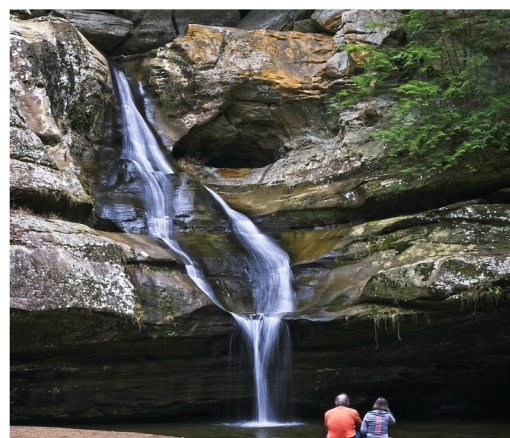
**USHERS-** (Team 1) - Curtis Homan, Debbie Homan  
& Frank Pillsbury

**FELLOWSHIP** - Debbi Boykin-Greenberg

**COUNTERS-** (Team 1)- Debbie Fooks and Sherry Macpherson



Please join us after Worship to meet and greet Christie in Bonham Hall during our Fellowship time! Thank you, Christie, for saying yes to God's invitation to serve with us here at FPC. We're so glad you are here!





Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς, ἀγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου· Ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου· Γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου, ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. Τὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον ὀδός ἡμῶν σήμερον. Καὶ ἄφες ἡμῶν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν, ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφίεμεν τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν. Καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκῃς ἡμῶν εἰς πειρασμόν, ἀλλὰ ῥύσαι ἡμῶν ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ.  
 Ὅτι σοῦ ἐστὶν ἡ βασιλεία, καὶ ἡ δόξα, καὶ ἡ δόξα, καὶ ἡ δόξα, τοῦ Πατρὸς, καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ, καὶ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν, καὶ ἀεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰῶνων.  
 Ἀμήν.

alamy

**Notre Père**

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,  
 Que ton nom soit sanctifié,  
 Que ton règne vienne,  
 Que ta volonté soit faite  
 sur la terre comme au ciel.

Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain  
 de ce jour.  
 Pardonne-nous nos offenses  
 Comme nous pardonnons aussi  
 À ceux qui nous ont offensés.

Et ne nous soumets pas à la tentation,  
 Mais délivre-nous du mal.

Amen

**Vater Unser**

Vater Unser im Himmel,  
 Geheiligt werde Dein Name;  
 Dein Reich komme;  
 Dein Wille geschehe,  
 Wie im Himmel so auf Erden  
 Unser tägliches Brot gib uns  
 heute. Und vergib uns unsere  
 Schuld, Wie auch wir vergeben  
 unsern Schuldigern; Und führe  
 uns nicht in Versuchung,  
 Sondern erlöse uns von dem  
 Bösen. Denn Dein ist das Reich  
 und die Kraft und die  
 Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.

**Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER  
 IN GAELIC

Arn-Athair a ta air neamb,  
 Gu naomhaidear t'ainm.  
 Thigeadh do rìoghachd.  
 Beanor do thoil air an talamh,  
 mar a nìthear air neamb.  
 Tabhair dhuinn an diugh  
 ar n-aran laitheil.  
 Agus maith dhuinn ar fiachan  
 amhuil a mhaithreas sinne  
 d'ar luchd-fia fiach.  
 Agus na leig ann am buairzadh  
 sinn: ach saor sinn o olc:  
 oir is leatsa an rìoghachd, agus  
 an cumbachd, agus a ghloir,  
 gu sìorruidh . . . . . Amen.  
 Cape Breton

**Padre Nuestro**

Padre nuestro que estás en  
 los cielos  
 Santificado sea tu Nombre  
 Venga tu reino  
 Hágase tu voluntad  
 En la tierra como en el cielo  
 Danos hoy el pan de este día  
 y perdona nuestras deudas  
 como nosotros perdonamos  
 nuestros deudores  
 y no nos dejes caer en al  
 tentación  
 sino que líbranos del malo.

**Amen**

**Yes / No Game**

Do you like ice cream?  
 Are you a good singer?  
 Have you ever kissed someone you don't  
 like?  
 Have you ever caught a snowflake on your  
 tongue?  
 Have you ever run more than 5km?  
 Have you ever climbed a mountain?  
 Have you ever lost your temper in public?  
 Do you think you are a creative person?

## Session Members

Debbi  
Boykin-Greenberg

Albert Fooks

Curtis Homan

Debbie Homan

Franz Pampuch

Sandy Zimmerman

Rev. Norlita Kaul,  
Moderator

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Debbie Fooks

Darlene Freitag

Robin Freitag

Jane Hankins

Jody Husted

Heather Newkirk

Marge Pampuch

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