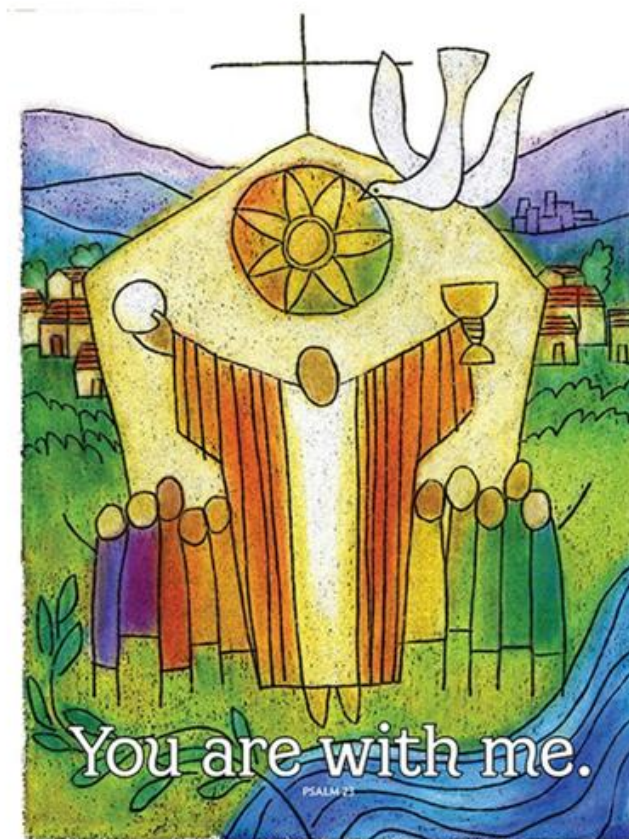


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



15th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 10, 2023
10:00 A.M.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Liturgist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

God calls us each by name as we gather on holy ground.

**We come to this place, seeking to know the
great I AM**

Let us worship God.

*HYMN #430 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Norlita Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Norlita Kaul

**Sometimes it sounds too hard: deny ourselves,
take up our crosses, lose our lives? Forgive us,
Savior, but we rather you do it for us. Forgive us,
Christ, but we are overwhelmed with what you ask
of us. We long to see you come in glory, but fear
the road we must take. Have mercy on our
weakness. Be patient with our stumbling. Do not
leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow,
and lead us in your ways of peace. *(Silent Reflection)***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Norlita Kaul

Response: In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection,
we are forgiven!

*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

ANTHEM

A TIME TO BE YOUNG

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 33:7

Liturgist

GOSPEL READING

Matt. 18:15-20

Rev. Kaul and Liturgist

SERMON

“Where Two or Three Are” Rev. Norlita Kaul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #353

“I want Jesus to Walk with Me”

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.

THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND OUR STUDENTS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***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 TABLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF 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.

Blessed are you... Therefore we praise you, joining the
song of the universal church and the heavenly choir :

**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.

Blessed is Jesus Christ...Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come
again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit...we bless you, God of glory, now
and forever.

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...The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***HYMN #376 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

**May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are
absent, one from the other. Amen.**

(Mizpah Benediction)

POSTLUDE



LITURGIST- Caroline Owens

USHERS- Team 2 John Ambrose, Bruce Carll, & Ken Freitag

COUNTERS - Team B - Marion Carll & Heather Newkirk

FLOWERS- In Memory of our Benefactor Robert Minch

"The Back Page Chuckles"

SCHOOL LiFE:

Most Irritating Moments

- Morning Alarm

Most Difficult Task

- To find Socks

Most Dreadful Journey

- Way to Class

Most Lovely Time

- Meeting Friends

Most Tragic Moments

- Surprise Test in 1st Period

Most Wonderful News

- TEACHER IS ABSENT

Question: Why were the early days of history called the Dark Ages?

Answer: Because there were so many knights.



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Question: Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?

Answer: She had such bright students.



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