

*FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



14th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 3, 2023
10:00 A.M.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Liturgist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

O give thanks to the Lord!

Sing to God! Tell of God's wonderful works!

Remember all the things God has done!

We glory in God's holy name!

Seek the Lord, our strength and refuge:

we come to be in God's presence.

*HYMN insert *"In Christ There Is No East Nor West"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Norlita Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Norlita Kaul

Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord, but it is much harder to believe with our hearts, to live in a way that puts you first. We are quick to trust in idols. We depend on what we can see, touch, and control, instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice. Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief, so that what we confess with our lips we may truly believe in our hearts.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Norlita Kaul

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

There are no prerequisites, no disqualifications, no exceptions.

We are saved, we are forgiven, we are freed!

Hallelujah!

*GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

Rom. 12:9-21

Liturgist

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GOSPEL READING

Matt. 16:21-28

Rev. Kaul and Liturgist

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SERMON

“If Any Wish To Follow” Rev. Norlita Kaul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN insert

“Wherever He Leads I’ll Go”

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 THE OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN insert *“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BENEDICTION

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

(Mizpah Benediction)

POSTLUDE

- - Those who are able, please stand.
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LITURGIST- Caroline Owens

USHERS- Team 7 Ken Freitag, captain; Heather Newkirk

COUNTERS - Team A - Debbie Fooks and Sherry Macpherson

FLOWERS-