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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

18th Sunday after Pentecost // 10:00am

*Half Truths // October 9, 2022*

### **MEDITATION TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP**

Dear Child of God, I am sorry to say that suffering is not optional. It seems to be part and parcel of the human condition, but suffering can either embitter or ennoble. Our suffering can become a spirituality of transformation when we understand that we have a role in God's transfiguration of the world. ~ *God Has a Dream*, Desmond Tutu

### **ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE**

**INTROIT**

*The Eyes of the Lord Are Upon Us*

Donald Moore

**LIFE AT FIRST**

*Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you.*

**PRESCHOOL UPDATE**

**RINGING THE BELL**

**PRELUDE**

*Lost and Found*

Mystical Improvisation

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: I lift up my eyes to the mountains; where does my help come from?

**All: Our help comes from God, the Creator of all worlds.**

One: God is my Keeper and my Helper, the One who keeps my life now and forever.

**All: We are here to worship God.**

**\*HYMN #839** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We are strong and proud, O God, and it is hard for us to admit that we cannot make it on our own. You give us intelligence and energy, but we assume we have the responsibility to live as if you don't exist. Forgive our willful ways; forgive our**

arrogance in believing that we do not need you. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who is our strength and shield.

~Silence

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Kyrie Eleison*

Cantor: Kyrie eleison, *Lord, have mercy.*

**All: Kyrie eleison.**

Cantor: Christe eleison, *Christ, have mercy.*

**All: Christe eleison.**

Cantor: Kyrie eleison, *Lord, have mercy.*

**All: Kyrie eleison**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The Apostle Paul says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."  
God forgives those who acknowledge that God helps those who can't help themselves, which means all of us!

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and accepted;  
in him we are new creations of God.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**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. Amen.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**ANTHEM**

*I Shall Not Be Moved*

arr. Brad Nix

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN** *So Glad You're Here*

**I'm so glad you're here**

**I'm so glad you're here**

**I'm so glad you're here, here today! (x2)**

**We're gonna \*sing while we're here**

**We're gonna \*sing while we're here**

**We're gonna \*sing while we're here, here today! (x2)**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SCRIPTURE** Genesis 27:1-17; Genesis 27:41-28:5 (The Message)

**SERMON** *I Can Do It* Rev. Linda Male

**\*HYMN** #816 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

## 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.

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

## THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND LIVES

**\*DOXOLOGY** #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**\*HYMN** #703 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE** *So Many Amens* Carlos Yo Juego

**Worship Leaders:** Rev. Linda Male, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Chuck Norris, FPC Choir, Bruce Rosensteel, Jan Goodwin, Jillian Rennaker. **Thanks to:** Technical Support Team, Greeters and Ushers, Bus Drivers, and M&M Café Providers.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Presbyterian Women** // Circles meet this week: MIRIAM at 9:30 am, 10-12-22, and HANNAH at 1:30 pm, on 10-13-22. Please pick up extra material for Lesson 2 preparation on our PW shelf in the narthex Cafe. It will also be available at your circle meeting.

**Church Directory** // We are in the process of updating the church directory. If your contact information is outdated (address, phone number or email address) please call or email Hannah in the office -or- simply update your information when signing the red Friendship Pad. Thank you!

**FPC Band!** // Dust off your old instruments and bring them to church for our first **FPC band rehearsal** on **Sunday, October 9**. All ability levels and ages are welcome. One-on-one zoom instruction can be arranged with Chuck to review, no matter how long it has been! Questions? Feel free to contact Chuck at [charles@fpcholland.org](mailto:charles@fpcholland.org).

**Holland Community Theatre** // Join us **Friday, October 14 at 7:30pm** for another production at HCT: *California Suite*, a Comedy by Neil Simon. Four comedic scenarios play out at a hotel. Divorced couple Hannah and Bill argue over custody of their daughter. An actress frets over her Oscar nomination as her gay husband comes out of the closet. A businessman finds a comatose prostitute in his bed. And two competitive doctors settle their differences with a free-for-all tennis game. Sign-up in the church lobby. Tickets are \$15 per person. Optional dinner at 5:30pm at the Curraugh. Contact Chris Urbaniak with questions.

## 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of  
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,  
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

## If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful  
2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful  
3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -  
hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's  
own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of

tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our  
grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.  
in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.  
yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

## 703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can  
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but  
 3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -

reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to  
 thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me  
 fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -

thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,  
 whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness  
 way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,

thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.  
 from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.  
 noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

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