

First Presbyterian Church
Organized May 25, 1822

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,
We seek to know God's love and share it
With each other, our community, and the world.
We invite you to join us in this journey
of discipleship!*

*Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 30, 2020*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Suite Laudate Dominum: Processional"
by Peter Hurford

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From whirlwind and burning bush,
in still of night and in sheer silence—
God calls the faithful to sacred work.

Beckoning us to turn aside,
inviting us to stand on holy ground—
God welcomes the faithful into sacred space.

Come, God is calling.
Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN #268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Compassionate God, who hears the cries of the
oppressed, you call us to resist evil and hold fast to what
is good, to take up the cross and commit our lives to the
cause of love.**

But we are afraid to confront powers that privilege some

**and diminish others; we do not want to lose the security
we enjoy.**

**Forgive us. Open our ears to hear your voice, our eyes
to look upon neighbors in need, and our hearts to
respond with compassion, that we might follow the way
of Christ.**

Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Romans 14:1-12 (p. 923)

SPECIAL MUSIC "When I Sing, I Pray"
Composed & Performed by Leo Adames

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 14:13-23 (p. 924)

RESPONSE

SERMON "Quarrels and Stumbling Blocks"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #822 "When We Are Living"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Confession of 1967 (9.32-33)*

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of
Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church in the common life of
all people.**

**His service to men and women commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.**

**His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.**

**His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on
the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the
awful consequences of the church's own complicity in
injustice.**

**In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his
coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal
of human life in society and of God's victory over all
wrong.**

**The church follows this pattern in the form of its life
and in the method of its action. So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Tanzweise"
by Ernst Pepping

*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #722 "Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Jubilate"
by Roy Douglas

WORSHIP NOTES

Howard & Dottie Cross are today's liturgists.
Dianne York is leading today's Children's Moment
Leo Adames is participating in today's Special Music.
Hannah Cruse is Director of Music.
Douglas Ferguson is today's Audio-Visual Specialist.

***Please stand if you are able.**