

**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  
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Communion Sunday  
September 6, 2020*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE "Pasticcio"  
by Jean Langlais

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING  
Helene Schmidt

The LORD be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

**Christ is here.**

Calling us to the water, beckoning us to the feast,

**Christ is here.**

Speaking to our souls, listening to our prayers,

**Christ is here.**

Binding us as one body, sending us out in service,

**Christ is here.**

Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

**Christ is here.**

**Let us worship the Lord.**

\*HYMN #372 "O For A World"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God,  
You teach us to seek reconciliation with those who have wronged us; for, above all else, we are to love one another. But we let resentment smolder until anger flares, destroying any chance of peace. We blame others and refuse to repent. Grant us grace, we pray. Make space in our wounded hearts for the possibility of forgiveness, and teach us to turn toward others in love as you have turned toward us.

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 15:1-13 (p. 924)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Shall Tribulation or Distress"  
by Sallie Ann Morris

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MUSIC INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 15:14-33 (p. 924)

RESPONSE

SERMON "Hope"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN #800 "Sometimes A Light Surprises"

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed, pg. 35*

**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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

"Jesus Loves Me"  
Arr. by Fred Bock

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* HYMN #546 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

\*CHARGE & BENECTION

\*POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"  
Arr. by Matt Linbaugh

**WORSHIP NOTES**

**The Mealer & Goodwin families** are today's liturgists. **Dianne York** is leading today's Children's Moment **Hannah Cruse** is Director of Music. **Douglas Ferguson** is today's Audio-Visual Specialist. **\*Please stand if you are able.**

**HAPPY  
LABOR  
DAY**