



Jesus and the Bent Over Woman, Barbara Schwarz, OP

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 21, 2022
10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 71

God is our rock and our refuge,
A strong and mighty fortress.
Beloved, people of light, come;
The Lord is our hope.
Let us worship God!

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

*HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

May God be with you in worship here.
May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for our Summer of Sharing Wisdom Books program. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Jer. 1:4-10

Our God is compassionate and merciful, knowing us with an intimacy we cannot comprehend. There is nothing we have done, or left undone, that is not already known by God. This gives us confidence to be fully ourselves, that we can be fully forgiven.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heb. 12:28, 29; Jer. 1:5; Luke 13:13

God of Life, you come to us as a consuming fire, and the one who has consecrated us before time. You promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving. But we forget, and yield to fear. We trust in the tangible rewards of this world, and neglect your promises. We confess that we are a divided people; we foster separations and widen rifts in our families, our communities, and in the world. Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage; through Jesus Christ who comes to save. Amen.

Silence is kept.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Promising forgiveness and the sustenance we need to amend our lives, God rejoices in our longing for wholeness. Give thanks that we have been known and forgiven, set free to live the resurrected life of faith. **Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

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 OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 797)

*We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer,
Yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn,
To carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.*

*So some have come who need your help and some have come to make amends,
As hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind, and soul,
To disentangle peace from pain, and make your broken people whole.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, you know us better than we know ourselves. By your word, give us wisdom, by your Spirit, grant us healing, and set us free to serve you with love. We ask this through the one who heals in your name, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 1:4-10 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 13:10-17 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“Eighteen Years”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Confession of 1967

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.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Marilou

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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. Hosanna in the highest!

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 & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. You may take communion by taking a small piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Pre-packaged elements are also available in baskets for a contact-free option.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, send us out from our Lord's table to answer his summons into new life and to follow him with joy and gladness. Set our feet in his holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life and all we do may show forth his love. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 157

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Janice Odom*

Communion Servers: *Brad Smith & Debbie McCoy*

The Life of the Church

Thank you to everyone who played a part in yesterday's Multicultural Festival. From those who served on the planning committee, to those who served lemonade, staffed booths, or invited friends to attend – this effort proves that we're better together.

Extended Table is our monthly opportunity to go out to eat together after church. Today, we will gather at Mellow Mushroom, 101 W. 2nd Street. Please join us!

Wednesday Night Faith Formation kicks off September 14. Each Wednesday evening this fall from 5:00-7:00, we will gather for dinner, a brief time of worship, and classes for children, youth, and adults. Volunteers are needed to help lead classes for children and youth. Please speak to Jeff Moles if you are interested in helping.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.





First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith called to proclaim the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people, and to join God in the building of a just, peaceful, and compassionate world.



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