



The Lord's Supper, Fritz Eichenberg, 1955

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Twenty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 28, 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 81

Sing aloud to God our strength and shout with joy:

God, our Host, welcomes us.

God reminds us,

“I brought you out of the land of Egypt and fed you along the way:”

When we opened our mouths, God filled us with good things.

God calls us to walk the path of faithfulness, trusting the promise:

a feast for all--freshly-baked bread, hot from the oven,

and sweet honey to satisfy our hunger.

Let us worship God!

*OPENING PRAYER

Hospitable God, you invite us to a banquet where the last may be first, and the humble and the mighty trade places. Let us share your abundance with no fear of scarcity; let us greet strangers as angels you have sent! Send us your Spirit that we may find a place at your table and welcome others with radical hospitality; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Guest at all our tables, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

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

Luke 14:1, 7-14

God invites us to mutual love. But to find that mutuality, we must release our need for honor, our desire for privilege. In humility let us seek forgiveness, trusting in the promises of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength. Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence is kept.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God rejoices when we repent and return, offering us finest wheat and honey from the rock to sustain us in new life. Rejoice! For you have been reconciled to God and to one another. With joy, seek the honor of God's service. **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 401)

*Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Wisdom, open us to the work of your Spirit, that we may hear and faithfully respond to your holy Word. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 2:4-13 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 14: 1, 7-14 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“Places of Honor”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Iona Community

We believe in God; who is older than eternity and younger than our next breath; who is beyond describing yet knows us all by name; who inspires faith yet cannot be contained by religion. We believe in Jesus Christ, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone; he came to give worth to every human life. He touched the untouchable, loved the unlovable, forgave the unforgivable and endured slander, persecution and death in order that through suffering love God’s kingdom might come on earth. He rose from the grave as living proof that what is laid down in faith will be raised in glory. He ascended to heaven

that he might be present at all times to all people. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who leads us into truth and freedom, who gives good gifts to all God's children, who inspires research, enables prayer, and wills that human economics and politics should prioritize justice, care of the earth and the healing of the nations. We celebrate the potential of the Church, the life in our bodies, the yearning in our souls, the promise of good things in store for those who love the Lord.

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Wyatt and Haley Minigh

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

You Are Not Alone
Dakota DeGraw, solo

Choplin

*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

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world—because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM LORD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Patti Price*

Communion Servers: *Jerry & Glenda Price*

The Life of the Church

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.

Promotion Sunday is September 11. This day, when we traditionally celebrate the beginning of fall church education programs, will include the presentation of Bibles to our first, second, and third graders during worship.

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

Marking Ordinary Time



The new banners adorning our sanctuary were created by liturgical artist Clee Lee, an elder at Second Presbyterian Church of Nashville. In coming weeks, we will highlight some of the symbolism that has been incorporated into these banners which are for the season of Ordinary Time.

Clee writes, “Ordinary Time is the foundation on which the year is built. It is “the rest of the year” between festivals and seasons, between Pentecost and Advent, between Epiphany and Lent. It is a time of creation and growth and life. The primary color of this season of green.”

The banner on the congregation’s left includes familiar symbols of the liturgical year: Advent/Christmas, Epiphany, Lent/Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost. The Bible, of course, is the foundation of our understanding of the Christian faith, and it is the open Bible on which the rest of the symbols are laid. The fabric is a mottled green/gold background that is reminiscent of old leather, and is overlaid with gold Celtic knot designs.



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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