

February 4, 2018



11:00 a.m.

*Where faith is nurtured, curiosity is encouraged,
diversity is welcomed, and all are loved.*

*****Those who are able, please stand***

Prelude "Salvation Unto us has Come" setting by Charles W. Ore

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Dr. Sue Collier
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others in your row, and then return it to the center aisle.

Call to Worship Paul Smith

One: The grace of the Lord of love be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Opportunity awaits us here;

All: this is the house of a God who is the most generous Host.

One: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

All: Where God lives there is the loftiest beauty and joy enough to fill the whole earth.

One: Let us worship God with joy in our hearts.

****Hymn #65** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

Call to Reconciliation

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

One: If we have been so busy that we don't notice the needs of others, or have resented those who do take time to be kind and generous, or have disgraced our faith by becoming self absorbed:

All: Forgive us, loving God, and save us from ourselves.

One: If we have been too proud to undertake humble tasks, or too impatient to do tasks that have no immediate reward, or too stubborn to seek the help of others:

All: Forgive us, loving God, and save us from ourselves.

One: If we have magnified small wrongs done to us, or have allowed tiny difficulties to frustrate us, or have been thick-skinned, inflexible or unteachable:

All: Forgive us, loving God, and save us from ourselves.

One: The Lord has mercy.

All: Christ has mercy.

One: The Lord has mercy.

Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church is a living ministry of the Risen Christ in the heart of Lincoln.

*We praise God through worship
We live our beliefs through mission*

*We strengthen faith through study
We nurture a diverse community*

Assurance of Pardon

One: My fellow pilgrims on Christ's mountain road, take heart. God does not have to be persuaded to forgive us; it is more likely our pride that holds us back from accepting forgiveness. For Christ's sake, let down your guard, open your mind and heart, repent and accept the Gospel of free grace.

*All: In Christ there is grace. In Christ there is peace. In Christ there is love and joy.
Thanks be to God!*

**The Peace

One: Knowing that we are forgiven, let us be at peace within ourselves and be seekers of peace with one another. The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.

**Song of Joy

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

Prayer For Illumination

First Scripture Reading Mark 6:6-13, 30-32 (NT pg. 40, 41)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

"Jesus Loves Me"
Chancel Bells

arr. Ron Mallory

Second Scripture Reading Nehemiah 6, 7, 8 *selected verses* (OT pg. 430)

Sermon

The Joys of Leadership

Rev. Dr. Sue Coller

Special Music

"Come, Labor On"
Chancel Choir

arr. Ryan Murphy

*Come, labor on! Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,
while all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."
Come, labor on! Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here.
By feeblest agents may our God fulfill his righteous will.
Come, labor on! No time for rest, till glows the western sky;
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Servants, well done!"
Come labor on! The toil is pleasant, the reward is sure;
Blessed are those who to the end endure.
How full their joy, how deep their rest shall be, O Lord, with Thee!
Come labor on!*

The Offering

Please place the top sheet of the friendship pad in the offering plate.
Text **MissionPossible** to 73256 to give by text

Offertory

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
Bell Sextet

arr. Patricia S. Cota

**Hymn of Dedication “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” 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.*

**Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

One: May the God of love be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Do not be afraid to offer your hearts to God.

All: We do so, knowing they will be filled with God’s love.

One: Always and forever, let us praise our God.

All: Here, now, every day, everywhere, we will offer our songs to the One who abides.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord’s Prayer

One: *The prayer begins ...* With those who worry they cannot do what you ask, with those who believe your word is fulfilled, we join our voices in singing your praises:

All: Holy, holy, holy are you, God of abiding faith. All creation sings of its hope in you. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who came as your love embodied. Hosanna in the highest!

One: *The prayer continues ...* We may not have prophetic powers, we may not know as much as we think we do, but we can speak of that mystery of faith:

All: God’s Word came, offering his life in faith on the cross. God’s Word comes to offer resurrection hope to all. God’s Word will come, bringing love for each one of God’s children.

One: *The prayer continues ...* Until that day, we join our voices in hope and confidence, in the prayer you taught us to pray:

All: 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Gifts

Please eat the bread and drink the cup as they are passed through the pews. Gluten free bread is in the cups in the center of each tray. All are welcome to share the feast of communion. Christ welcomed all who came – and so do we.

Communion Music

“Amazing Grace”

setting by Charles W. Ore

“Arioso in A”

J.S. Bach

Prayer of Sending

**Hymn #761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

BEECHER

**Charge and Benediction

One: ...and I know you will, for you are...

All: The Salt of the Earth

One: You are...

All: The Light of the World

One: You are ...

All: The People of God

One: And God goes with you.

Postlude

“In Service, Faith, and Grace”

arr. Cathy Moklebust

Chancel Bells

(You are invited to remain seated for the Postlude or exit quietly)

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*Please join us in the East Entrance after the service for coffee
hosted by the Pfohlner family.*