

First Presbyterian Church

IN VICTOR

WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.



First Presbyterian Church

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Order of Worship

October 15, 2023, 10am

**Please stand if you are able.*

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Prelude “Christ, We Do All Adore Thee” by Theodore DuBois,
arr. by Lauren Gadd

Welcome & Announcements
~Moment for Mission

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Psalm 106

Praise the LORD!

**O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good for
God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all
God's praise?

**Happy are those who observe justice, who do
righteousness at all times.**

***Opening Hymn No. 457** “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

Gathering Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

**We confess that we have sinned against you in
thought word, and deed, by what we have done, and
by what we have left undone. We have not loved
you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been help us
amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will and walk in your
ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing the Peace**

Children's Time

Unison Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power
of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed we may hear with joy
what you say to us today. Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Exodus 32:1-14

32 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." 2 Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." 3 So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. 4 He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" 5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." 6 They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

7 The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; 8 they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" 9 The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. 10 Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

11 But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" 14 And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Philippians 4:1-9

4 1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. 2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

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Scripture Readings (cont.)

3 Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Sermon

"Idol Hands"

*Hymn No. 374

"Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace"

Offering

*Doxology

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Blessed are you, O God maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with
these gifts: ourselves our time, and our
possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love; through the
one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our
savior and Lord . Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

"God Whose Love is Always Stronger"

To the tune of "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending",
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*Benediction

*Postlude

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"
arr. by Hugh Livingston