

**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 22, 2023, 10am**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**Prelude** “Children of the Heavenly Father” arr. by Robert J. Hughes

**Welcome & Announcements**

~**Moment for Mission:** *Family Promise, Todd Bernhardt*

**\*Responsive Call to Worship**

*Psalms 96*

O Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD all the earth.

**For all other gods are but idols,  
the LORD made the heavens and the earth.**

Let the heavens be glad.

**Let the earth rejoice.**

Let the sea roar.

**Let the field rejoice.**

O Sing to the LORD a new song!

**Sing to the LORD all of creation!**

**\*Opening Hymn No. 455** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

**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

*Isaiah 45:1-7*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and to strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:  
2 I will go before you  
and level the mountains;  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron;  
3 I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
4 For the sake of my servant Jacob  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name;  
I give you a title, though you do not know me.  
5 I am the Lord, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
6 so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the Lord, and there is no other.  
7 I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the Lord do all these things.

*Matthew 22:15-22*

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” 21 They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” 22 When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

## Sermon

“Tempted and Tried”

\*Hymn of Response No. 467

“How Great Thou Art”

## 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 No. 540 “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude “Ye Servants of God” arr. by Roger C. Wilson

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