

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 **November 12, 2023, 10am**
**Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude "Offertory" by John Ness Beck, arr. by Mark Thewes

Welcome & Announcements

~Moment for Generosity: Dave Henderson

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 70

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

**Let those who love your salvation say evermore,
"God is great!"**

But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!

**You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD,
do not delay!**

***Opening Hymn No. 341** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

Gathering Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare and greed.**

**God of grace,
help us to admit to our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive
forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer.**

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing the Peace**

Time with Children

Unison Prayer of Illumination

**Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain
offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Sermon

“Getting it right or getting it wrong?”

***Hymn of Response** (insert) “We Come to This Table”
To the tune of “We Gather Together”. From “Songs of Grace” by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. Used with permission.

Offering

***Doxology**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is truly right...

...who forever praise 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 the one who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, we thank you...

...great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Gracious God, pour out...

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful--those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Sending Hymn No. 434** “Today We All Are Called to be Disciples”

Benediction

Postlude

“The Strife is O'er” arr. by Cindy Berry