

First Presbyterian Church Worship Bulletin 9.4.22

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Pouring the Water into the Font

Prelude

O Worship the King

Arr: Phillip Keveren

*Call to Worship

Welcome to the house of God.

There's room for all who enter.

Welcome to the family

There's a place for everyone at the table

Scarcity has no home here

For this is a place of God's great abundance

Let us worship God together!

*Hymn of Praise *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing #466*

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing

My dear Redeemer's praise,

The glories of my God and King,

The triumphs of God's grace!

2 Jesus, the name that charms our fears,

That bids our sorrows cease;

'Tis music in the sinner's ears,

'Tis life, and health, and peace.

3 Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,

And sets the prisoner free;

Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,

Christ's blood availed for me.

4 My gracious Master and my God,

Assist me to proclaim,

To spread through all the earth abroad

The honors of Thy name.

Call to Confession

Sometimes, God calls us to action, but we turn away because of how it might appear to our friends and family. Let us have the courage to turn to God and lay our burdens before the one who forgives us and strengthens us. Let us pray...

Laying Our Burdens Before Christ

Forgive us, O God, when something we have done or left undone or said or left unsaid causes harm or hurt to another. Forgive our carelessness with our words and our inattention to our actions. Have mercy on us when we blame others instead of taking responsibility for our own actions. Give us your grace when we do not stand up and speak out for those who have no voice. Help us to become thoughtful, loving people, intent on living the way you have called us to live and serving the way you have called us to serve. Amen.

Prayer Song Sing the Faith #2188 *The Family Prayer Song* (vs. 2)

Lord, we vow to live holy, bowing our knees to you only.

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

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As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

We will serve the Lord.

Silent Reflection and Confession

***Proclamation of the Gospel**

Friends, the one who loves us is also the one who strengthens us and forgives us. We are fully made members of the household of God as we have been washed by grace and love. You have been forgiven and made whole! Amen!

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Family members of the risen Lord, it's time for a reunion! Turn to your Christian brothers and sisters and pass the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of our Risen Lord.

***The Gloria Patri**

Prayer for God's Wisdom

Scripture Ruth 4

Message The Sandal Stops Here

Hymn *When God Restored Our Common Life G2G#74*

*1) When God restored our common life, our hope, our liberty,
at first it seemed a passing dream, a waking fantasy.
A shock of joy swept over us, for we had wept so long;
the seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.*

*2) We went forth weeping, sowing seeds in hard, unyielding soil;
with laughing hearts we carry home the fruit of all our toil.
We praise the One who gave the growth, with voices full and strong.
The seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.*

*3) Great liberating God, we pray for all who are oppressed.
May those who long for what is right with justice now be blest.
We pray for those who mourn this day, and all who suffer wrong;
may seeds they water now with tears spring up into a song.*

Prayers of the Community & Lord's Prayer

To respect others' privacy, we ask that you first ask permission from an individual for whom you would like to request the congregation to pray. Please share only their first name and avoid detailed descriptions of their situation in awareness that your words are recorded online.

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Offertory *When I Look into Your Holiness*
 with *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Arr: Cindy Berry

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Dear God, Boaz risked much in saying yes to giving his life to redeem Ruth. May we risk much in what we give, say, and do. May what we give today be used in the redemption of the world that began in Christ's resurrection. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

with *Almighty*

Arr: Carol Tournquist

Remembering in Prayer

Praise and Thanksgiving: *(Lord, hear our praise):* That this be a year of peace for all students, teachers, professors and staff in our schools and EOU.

Ministry of the Church in the Community: Alcoholics Anonymous

Homebound: Jean M

For those seeking healing and comfort: Mary S, Scott, George, Bob, Linda's friend, Marilyn, Kaye's friend, Ross, Zach S., Fable, Jackie, Zachary R, Becky, Phil, Janet, Eric, Larry, Fred, Charity's father, all those in recovery from drugs and alcohol and those supporting them, Dory, Les and Jan, Chris' friends with prostate cancer, Bill's brother Dick, Allen, Preston, Ernie, Nicholas F and his family, Carlene & Wayne, Cindy and Steve, Adam, and Sheri and Jim, the conflict in Ukraine, our nominating committee seeking church leaders for 2023.

For our World: Peace in our homes, state, nation, and the world.

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Psalm of Encouragement:

O Lord, you have searched me and known me

Psalm 139:1

Announcements

September 22 Evening Prayer Service 7:00 pm

September 23-24 Scout Rummage Sale Set-up 23rd, Sale 24th

Community Fellowship Night begins October 5th.

RSVP to the church office

Liturgy sources: <http://www.doubtingbeliever.com/resources/liturgy-for-narrative-lectionary-ruth-series/>

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