

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Pastor

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Praise Medley

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Prayer of Confession: (Written by John van de Laar © 2008 Sacredise)

Compassionate Christ, You have shown Your love in works of healing, forgiveness and justice, and by giving Yourself to us and for us, in Your death and resurrection. Yet we are slow to love and to serve; we seek to have our own needs met before caring for the needs of others; we fail to give ourselves and choose instead to preserve our safety, our comfort, and our privilege. Forgive us, heal us, and teach us to live lives of compassion following Your example.

(silence for personal confession and reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus, in extravagant compassion, has already secured our forgiveness, and calls us to live as those who are renewed and thankful. Dearly Beloved, hear and believe the good news; **In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!**

*Gloria Patri (*Avery & Marsh*)

Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A---men. Amen! CCLI License #875928

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time for Young Disciples

Choral Anthem: *Brighten My Soul With Sunshine* (Joyce Elaine Eilers)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Responsive Reading: Psalm 146

Sermon Text: Mark 7:24-37

Sermon: *Justice For All*

*Hymn: *Here I Am, Lord*

No. 589

*Affirmation of Faith: *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

INTERCESSIONS / PRAYER CONCERNS:

Dean Wright, Anne Starr, Sara Miller, Emily Cummings, Mark Kaad, Karyn Daft; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

Lord's Prayer: **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.**

The Offering

Offertory

*Doxology: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

--Sandy Petroff

Pg. 595, Pew Bible

Pg. 525, Pew Bible

Pg. 843, Pew Bible

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

No. 431

*Benediction / Response: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

chorus

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Today: Special Congregational Meeting

(following worship)

Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen *(drive-thru only)*

Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Wednesday: 10:00a.m. Reflections with Pastor Bob

BEGINS TODAY: “Young Disciples”

(formerly, KID’S CLUB & Youth Groups)

3:30p.m. 4-year olds – 6th Graders

5:00p.m. 7th & 8th Graders

6:30p.m. 9th – 12th Graders

6:30p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That

5:30p.m. Session

Saturday: 1:00p.m.- 4:00p.m. Habitat Picnic

(in the Pavilion)

A **Special Congregational Meeting** will be held following worship today for the purpose of electing the following members to the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC): Virginia Feleppa, Laurie Fuller, Boyd Morstad, Hope Schuiteman, Cliff Smith, Jen Spreen, and Jessica Zeuske.

Habitat invites everyone to their Celebration Picnic this Saturday, the 14th, from 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m. in our pavilion. They are celebrating their 30th anniversary of building homes locally.

Ushers: Boyd and Vicki Morstad; Bill and Laura Stanek

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Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

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