

The Worship of God

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 25, 2024 – 9:00 Morning Worship

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!

PRELUDE

“This is My Father's World”

Rudolf Zuiderveld

WELCOME

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

I am the circling hawk dancing with joy for life.

God, you invite us to join in the dance!

I am the faithful soil nourishing each life I touch.

You invite us to join in the caring.

I am the swift stream singing my thanks for life.

You invite us to join in the song.

I am the blazing star bringing wonder to life.

You invite us to join in the wonder.

I am the voice of Creation praising the God who shapes life:

You invite us to join in the praise.

OPENING PRAYER

Generous God,

creation is your song of love.

May we stop to listen

and open our hearts to the melody

so that we might join in the singing.

Amen.

SING

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

#20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For times when we have viewed Planet Earth as a source of endless resources,
forgive.

Earth's waters are polluted with toxins,
forgive.

For times when we have cared more about progress than Planet Earth,
forgive.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Planet Earth is our sanctuary home.

We celebrate Earth as our home

and live in the goodness of God's forgiveness.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

I invite you to turn to one another and share a sign of peace:

You're invited to unmute yourselves and exchange peace with one another

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

SECOND SCRIPTURE

...The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Reverend Susan Phillips

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SING

"When the Poor Ones"

#762

GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

#15 VS 2

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We pledge, O God, to discover how much is enough
for us to be truly fulfilled, neither rich nor poor,
and to consume only that.**

**We pledge, O God, to be part of the discovery
of how much is enough for everyone; not only to survive but to thrive,
and find ways for all to have access to that.**

**May this offering of restraint and justice teach us to live like Jesus –
healing our lives and the life of the world.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

*SING

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

#451

SENDING

May the joy of soaring birds be yours.

May the peace of star-filled nights be yours.

May the hope of sprouting seeds be yours.

May the strength of flowing rivers be yours.

May God's love for all creation be yours.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Toccata for a Joyful Day"

Emma Lou Diemer