

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #612B "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" *Dr. Renee Huff*
(Prepare for worship in silent prayer and reflection)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev. Jeff Binder*

INTROIT #75 "We Give Thanks Unto You" (vs. 2 & 3)
Dr. Renee Huff

WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 149 selected verses *Sharon Wilson*

Praise the Lord!

**Sing to the Lord a new song, God's praise in the assembly
of the faithful.**

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise God's name with dancing,

making melody to God with tambourine and lyre.

For God takes pleasure in his people;

The Lord adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory;

Praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN #10 "Sing Glory to the Name of God"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Sharon Wilson*

**Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day, to the
rising of this life itself.**

**We confess that we have doubted your ways; we have not
trusted you as we ought.**

**Lord, we ask that your presence moves through this very
space, throughout our homes, and our hearts, as a wild
goose that canvases the sky; as water flowing throughout
the earth. Come, Holy Spirit, come. Renew us once again.**

- Silent Confession -

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS & PEACE *Sharon Wilson-*

Friends, the good news is that because of God's unending
grace in the waters of creation, in the waters of Baptism, and
in our daily lives, we are forgiven and made new!

Alleluia!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.)

***THE GLORIA #582** "Glory to God" *Dr. Renee Huff*

SCRIPTURE READING **Exodus 14:19-31** *Rev. Jeff Binder*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM #852 "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"
Dr. Renee Huff

SERMON "Into the Unknown" *Rev. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #75** "We Give Thanks unto You" (vs. 4-6)
Dr. Renee Huff

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal P. 35*

CALL TO OFFERING *Rev. Jeff Binder*

OFFERTORY #649B "He Rolled the Sea Away"

***DOXOLOGY #606** *Old Hundredth*

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #65** "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
Dr. Renee Huff

***BLESSING & SENDING Colossians 3:12-14** *Rev. Jeff Binder*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,

**May we clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness,
humility, and patience.**

Forgive one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

**And above all these things, may we put on love, which binds
everything together in perfect harmony.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

***POSTLUDE #747** "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH PICNIC TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 First Presbyterian will have our church picnic today, Sunday, September 10 at 5pm poolside at Hugh Sproul's home, located at 951 E. Beverley St. The church will provide fried chicken, lemonade, plates, cups, and napkins. Members are asked to bring sides and desserts.

In case of rain, we will have our picnic in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Jeff will provide a brief message and blessing. We hope to see you there!

HEIDI WILL BE ON VACATION through-Monday, September 11, returning Tuesday, September 12. Fay Knicley will kindly be filling in during this time.

THERE WILL BE A SESSION MEETING Tuesday, September 12 at 6:00pm in the library.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER 2023 The deadline for submissions for the October 2023 issue of First Impressions is Monday, September 18. Please submit any info you would like to include by then. Thank you!

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Family of Doris Dixon; Jim Cooke; Sidney Supple; Susie Lendermon; Brad Furr; Otto & Sherry Pebworth; Charlie Obaugh; Rebecca Corbett; Natalie Dodge; Charlotte Kuykendall; Celia Goble; Shelley & Emily Craft & Malcolm Buran; Sherry von Oeyen; Alan Obaugh; Brian Kopia; JoAnn Tigert; the people of Lahaina

Please contact Heidi in the church office or Pastor Jeff to have names added or removed from the prayer list.

Elders

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Amanda Avery, Worship
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