



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 17, 2019 9:30 AM

First Presbyterian Church

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *God, our Father: you have promised the Holy Spirit whenever we gather in the name of your Son. Be with us now, so that we may hear your word, and believe in Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE

Rejoice, the Lord is King
Lydia Michelle Cronk, Guest Organist

arr. Anna Laura Page

##CALL TO WORSHIP

Cynthia Thomson

One: Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, Opened our eyes let us see
Beauty that made these hearts adore You, Hope of our lives spent with You.

ALL: *Here we are to worship, Here we are to bow down*
Here we are to say that You're our God

You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to us.

One: King of all days, Oh so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor.

ALL: *Here we are to worship, Here we are to bow down*
Here we are to say that You're our God

You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to us.

(from "Here I Am to Worship" by Hughes)

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

##HYMN OF PRAISE: 772 (*Please stand at the introduction to the hymns*)

Live Into Hope

TRURO

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. John White

One: Gracious and merciful God, in his letter to the Thessalonians, the Apostle Paul encourages us to not be weary in doing what is right. So often, however, we live out our lives in such a way that the newness and transformation of faith is hidden beneath weariness.

ALL: *O God, if we have become weary in doing what is right, forgive us.*

(A time of silent confession)

One: Give us a new and urgent hunger to be active builders of communities with Jesus as their foundation. Renew us with your Spirit, so that we might be faithful witnesses of the transformation offered in Christ. Gracious and merciful God:

ALL: *If we have come tired of dreaming dreams and seeing visions, forgive us.*

(A time of silent confession)

One: Holy God, make our joy in following Jesus so contagious that others are drawn to its source and foundation. Help us always to remain open to the newness and transformation which comes when Jesus leads our lives. Gracious and merciful God:

ALL: *If our witness has become apathetic and lacking in joy, forgive us. Surprise us with delight, O God, and energize us as faithful and joyful disciples of Jesus Christ, who is the builder and foundation of our lives. Amen.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. John White

One: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God to whom we have been reconciled by Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:17, 18a)

ALL: *Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!*

***RESPONSE: 423** (*stanza 1*)

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God (Psalm 51)

SARADAY

Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

TO GIVE THANKS, PETITION AND INTERCESSION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Go Out With Joy!
Chancel Choir Interns

Harlan

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

(After the Time with Children, our young friends ages 4-2ND grade are invited to the Children's Church in the Education Building. An adult will escort the children. After church the children will be escorted to their appropriate Sunday School rooms. Grades 3-5 are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for worship.)

***HYMN: 738**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Suicide Prevention

Lynn Julian

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*p. 35 in front of hymnal*)

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cynthia Thomson

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65: 17-25 (pg.696)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 21:5-19 (pg.85)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

"Testify"

Rev. John H. White

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Creed from Colossians 1:15-23

One: Who is Jesus Christ?

ALL: *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once we were alienated from God, but now God has reconciled us by Christ's physical body through death to present us holy in his sight. Thanks be to God!*

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

OFFERING

ORGAN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Diane Bish

OFFERTORY

Lydia Michelle Cronk, Guest Organist

*Doxology (Tune: 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

*Dedicatory Prayer

Cynthia Thomson

TO GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

WESTCHASE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION:

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve
Chancel Choir

Dufner

*ORGAN POSTLUDE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Lydia Michelle Cronk, Guest Organist

arr. Karrin E. Ford

WE WELCOME TODAY our guest organist, Lydia Michelle Cronk, a native of Memphis, who holds a Bachelor of Music degree with a major in church music. Her primary instrument is violin, but she has studied piano and organ for a number of years. She is employed at Union University where she teaches in the Community Music Center and serves as staff accompanist. She also plays with the Jackson Symphony.

ACOLYTES: *Sidney Richardson and Abby Varino*