



# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God

July 2, 2023

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*\*Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Ubi Caritas

arr. Callahan

(translation: *Where charity and love are found*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 89

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever.

**With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever.

**Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Blessed be the Lord forever.

**Come, let us worship God.**

\*HYMN 555 (V.1-3)

Now Thank We All Our God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most gracious and merciful Lord, we do offer up our thanks and our praise for all the blessings that flow into our lives. You have provided for us well beyond our needs and expect us to share these blessings with those less fortunate. We confess that we do not always do your bidding and acknowledge that at times our doors are closed to the stranger rather than open. We are suspicious of those we don't know; we are frightened to reach out and invite the stranger into our lives. Lord, send your Spirit to prod us beyond our closed doors and give us courage to reach out in your name to those in need. In Jesus' name we pray.**

*Silent prayer*

**Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ has transformed us and Christ has renewed us. We are newly created through his resurrection and forever cleansed of our sinful behavior. Rejoice and give thanks that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Matthew 10:40-42

SERMON

Encounters with Red

Rev. Vernon Van Hise

SOLO

When I Think Upon Thy Goodness

J. Haydn; arr. Richard D. Row  
Elizabeth Campbell, soprano

When I think upon Thy goodness,  
And recalled Thy tender care.  
Then O God my heart rejoiceth  
How great Thy wonders are.

For Thy mercy ever flowery;  
Like Thy love it hath no bound,  
And Thy truth is ever near us  
For in Thee is comfort found.

God is love and God is spirit  
He alone hath life and pow'r  
Now O God we sing and praise Thee  
How great Thy wonders are.

God is love and faileth never.  
On his pow'r shall we rely  
Now O God we sing and praise Thee  
How great Thy wonders are.

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and God's ministries through Christ's church.

*Please leave your offering in the box at the front of the sanctuary or make your gifts online or via mail.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to witness to Christ's ministry in your world. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER

With fresh eyes and renewed hope, we join our voices with those around the world and with your heavenly chorus of all the saints to sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER

...Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE 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.**

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*HYMN 434 (V.1-4)

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God of Our Fathers (Hymn 262)

Warren

*The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of our parents,  
Norma and Tony Gulotta and Ann and Dick Beers,  
by Chris and Candy Gulotta.*

Worship Leaders

Rev. Vernon Van Hise

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

Noralee Manzek, Liturgist

Shirley Heinsohn and Chris Gulotta, Communion Servers

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