

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

**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.**

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (The Presbyterian Hymnal, Page 16)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory O Beautiful for Spacious Skies George Lachenauer

*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.***

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 564 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies MATERNA

To Go Forth to Serve as God's People in the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response Surely the Presence of the Lord Lanny Wolfe

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Postlude

Improvisation on Materna

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A Place to Belong, A Place to Serve

"Now you are the Body of Christ, and Individually members of it." I Corinthians 12:27



OUR VISION AND MISSION

We, the members
of First Presbyterian Church,
are disciples of the risen Christ
and members of his universal Body,
who are empowered by God's Spirit to
WORSHIP God with joy and thanksgiving;
PROCLAIM the Gospel through word and deed;
TEACH the message of God's love in Christ;
SHARE God's love for all people by reaching out
in hospitality, ministry and mission;
WORK together in harmonious unity
as a loving and caring people;
and to **SERVE** one another and
others beyond our fellowship
in the name of Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

The values we cherish to enable us to accomplish our vision and mission are the fruit of God's Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 5, 2009 - 11:00 AM

*All who are able are invited to stand

Chiming of the Trinity

The three bells rung at the beginning of the service represent the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
As the bells ring, let us gather quietly, prayerfully reflecting on the majesty of God in our lives.

Welcome

To Praise the Living God

Centering Music (*see insert*) Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory
(*The congregation will join the choir in song*)

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 48) Phil Neely, Liturgist

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

His holy mountain,

Beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense.

Then the kings assembled, they came on together.

As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic, they took to flight;

Trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor,

As when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever.

We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory.

Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments.

Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers,

Consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation

That this is God, our God forever and ever. He will be our guide forever.

*Hymn 476

O Worship the king, All Glorious Above!

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To Confess Our Sins and Receive Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Like Solomon, we ask, O God, for Your presence and Your wisdom. We know we have been blessed by both. Unfortunately, we sometimes fail to live up to those blessings. Like Solomon, we become enamored with things which are not spiritually healthy for us. Pardon us through Jesus Christ, in whose name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Reflection and Personal Confession

Response Hymn

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;

Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed,

Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Assurance of Forgiveness and Passing of Christ's Peace

Hear the good news. By the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven and we are restored to wholeness. God's love will abide with us as long as we share it with others.

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

To Experience God's Word

Message for Children

Anthem (*see insert*)

Scripture Reading

I Vow To Thee, My Country

2 Chronicles 7:11-22

The Word of Our Lord,

Thanks be to God!

"Time For A Change"

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Sermon:

Dr. R. Shane Owens

To Respond in Faith

*Hymn 561

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

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