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***Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church***

Sunday, November 15, 2020

24th Sunday after Pentecost

***Announcements***

Rev. Stephanie Ells

***Prelude***

“Hark Ten Thousand Harps”

*arr. L. Smith*

***For Prayer and Reflection:***

Here we are Lord; your people, your Church, meeting together in your presence. Make yourself known to us in new ways through our worship, our prayers and our understanding of your Word today. Amen.

***Opening Prayer***

***Call to Worship in Song***

“Together in Thanksgiving”  
Women’s Choir

*arr. Pethel*

***Litany of Worship***

The time for harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

**We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.**

Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

**We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.**

Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

**Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. Amen.**

***\*Hymn of Praise #6***

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

*Salzburg*

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"

Heaven and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty King!"

Praise him, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;

Sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.

Christians striving for the Lord, prophets burning with his Word,

Those to whom the arts belong add their voices to the song.

Those of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw;

All who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"

Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold,

And let children's happy hearts in this worship bear their parts;

From the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:

“Holy, Holy, Holy One, glory be to God alone!”

***Call to Confession***

### ***Prayer of Confession***

Again we must confess, Master of the Universe, our struggles to be faithful disciples. We are "pack rats" who hide the gifts and blessings you pour into us away for fear that they might disappear or not be worthy of acclaim. We squander them wastefully on things that are not healthy or helpful to others. We confess that we have not always recognized the talents we have been given. We find it easier to belittle the gifts than to honor the giver. As Jesus reminded his listeners to honor the giver of the gifts by using them to create something better, for healing, for hope in the world; remind us that the message of Jesus is truly pertinent to us today. Forgive us when we have treated it as a nice story. Help us to take the gifts you have given us, to develop them, and use them in ways which will offer healing and hope. In Jesus' blessed name, we pray.

***Silent Confession*** (Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession)

### ***Declaration of Forgiveness***

***\*Gloria Patri #734***

"Glory Be to the Father"

*Greatorex*

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.

### ***Prayer for Illumination***

### ***First Scripture Reading***

Judges 4:1-7

### ***Second Scripture Reading***

Matthew 25:14-30

### ***Sermon***

***\*Hymn of Response #571***

"Christ You Call Us All to Service"

*In Babilone*

Christ, you call us all to service, call us all who follow you;

Plant in us a deep commitment all your work and will to do.

Fire a passion for your justice, in us kindle love of peace;

Help us heal the brokenhearted, to the captive bring release.

Teach us how to work together, brothers, sisters, side by side,

Equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied.

To each one some gift is given, man or woman, young or old;

Help us use each skill and talent your great purpose to unfold.

Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife,

Seeking ways more just of sharing and of ordering human life.

Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be;

Send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.

***\*Affirmation of Faith***

"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.

### ***Joys and Concerns***

#### ***Prayers of the People and 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.*

#### ***\*Sending Hymn #574***

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

*I’m Gonna Live*

I'm gonna live so God can use me, any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna live so God can use me, any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna work so God can use me, any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna work so God can use me, any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me, any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me, any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me, any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me, any time and anywhere.

#### ***\*Benediction***

#### ***\*Postlude***

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

*arr. Purifoy*

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

#### ***Leaders in worship:***

Liturgist: Joe Klinebriel

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells

Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby

Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel

Women's Choir: Sara Blair, Alex Eby, Kristen Eby, Stephanie Ells, Linda Longfield

Musicians: Alex Eby, Hannah Eby

Technical Directors: Bryan and Sara Blair

#### ***Lectionary Reading for November 22***

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

*Psalm 100 or Psalm 95:1-7a*

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

“Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices”

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