



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God
October 16, 2022
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

O God, What You Ordain Is Right (Hymn 284)

arr. Walther

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 121

From where does our help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Who keeps us in our going out and our coming in?

The Lord is our keeper.

Who is with us always?

The Lord Jesus Christ is with us and for us in all things.

*HYMN 403 (V.1-3)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge –
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glorious grace. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others, while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God.

Silent prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news; in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber;
Indeed, the Lord who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord watches over you – the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life;
The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Amen.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage, to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In the midst of pain, I choose love.
 In the midst of pain, I choose love.
 In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
 I await the sun again. I choose love.
I choose love.

In the midst of war, I choose peace.
 In the midst of war, I choose peace.
 In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,
 I will seek the good once more. I choose peace.
I choose peace.

When my world falls down, I will rise.
 When my world falls down, I will rise.
 When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,
 I will climb to holy ground. I will rise.
I will rise.

In the midst of pain, I choose love.
 In the midst of pain, I choose love.
 In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
 I await the sun again. I choose love.
I choose love.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Gifted with the grace of God, let us offer ourselves to the building of God's kingdom.

Our offering is received in support of the church's mission and ministry. Please give by leaving your donation in the box at the front of the church, by mail or by making your donation online through our website, eastonfpc.org.

OFFERING PRAYER

Bless the gifts given in thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, that we might serve you and your people with great love. In Christ's name, 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE 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 466 (V.1-4)

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,
And sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,
Christ's blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Let us go from this place trusting that God is with us and for us in every place. May the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you and abide with you this day and forevermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE

O God, What You Ordain Is Right (Hymn 284)

arr. Callahan

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Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'