



# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God

August 6, 2023

The Tenth 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

Sonata in F Major

George Philipp Telemann

Susan Charlton, flute

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**The Lord is good to all and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all look to you, O Lord, and you give them food in due season.**

The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.

**My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord and all people will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

**Come, let us worship God.**

\*HYMN 455 (V.1-4)

All Creatures of Our God and King

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We are your creatures, O God and King and we are blessed with flowing water pure and clear, and fertile ground from which the flowers and fruits grow. And we acknowledge that through Jesus Christ, you are the source of the bread which nourishes our souls. Yet too often we forget that you are the font of that bread. We fear that there will be too little for our own needs and do not share it with others. We allow it to grow old, stale and moldy as we try to feed ourselves on the bread of our own making. Forgive us Lord when we deny that you are the true source of the bread to fulfill our spiritual needs, when we forget that our souls can only be fed by your love and mercy. Send your Spirit into our midst to keep us ever mindful that you are the very Bread of Life. In Jesus' name we pray.**

*Silent prayer*

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's love and mercy for us is from everlasting to everlasting. And through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, God's grace knows no end. Believe in the nourishing bread that can only come from God and know that we are forgiven. Amen.

\*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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 16:1-15, 35

Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON

God's Progressive Supper

Rev. Vernon Van Hise

ANTHEM

Largo (from *Xerxes*)

George Frederic Handel  
Susan Charlton, flute

## 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 343 (V.1-4)

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord

Callahan

Worship Leaders

Rev. Vernon Van Hise

Bud Martin, Guest Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

Pat Koefoed, Liturgist

Ruthann Arras and Susan Charlton, Communion Servers

Tech Support: Jacob Van Norman, Bill Bartlett, Rich Linnell, Pat Koefoed

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