



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God
September 26, 2021
The Eighteenth 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

Blessed Jesus, At Your Word (Hymn 454)

J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Peacemaking and Reconciliation

Pat Koefoed

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus is coming near.

We cannot see.

Jesus is coming near.

We want to see!

Climb a sycamore, like Zacchaeus, and not only will you catch a glimpse of Christ, you will be called by name;

And we will see God's healing and restoration.

Jesus is coming near.

Spirit, open our eyes, minds, and hearts.

Come, let us worship.

*HYMN No. 333

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, sometimes we cannot see you. We search for you and have to strain to hear your voice. And yet you come to us where we are, in our sinful lives. You forgive us and welcome us to draw close to you. Forgive us again, as we thank you for your presence in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray.

Silent Prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our good news is this: The steadfast love of God never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is God's faithfulness. -Lamentations 3:22-23

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. 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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:1-10

SERMON

ReNewed Purpose

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR GIVING

The Psalms urge us to give thanks to God at all times, for everything God has provided. In gratitude, we offer to God a portion of what God has given to us, trusting that God will bless what we bring and multiply our gifts to serve God's good purposes. Please leave your offering in the plate in the back of the sanctuary or make your gifts online or via mail. Thank you for your support.

*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.

*HYMN No. 280 (V. 1-4)

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
Than saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

Do what you have learned and received and seen and heard in Christ, and the peace of God will be with you. And may that peace, which passes all understanding, guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

ANTHEM

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God we with you till we meet again;
Unseen wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

Blessed Jesus, At Your Word (Hymn 454)

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

Elizabeth Campbell, choir director

Gloria Snyder, organ and piano

Kimberly Rausch, liturgist

Tech Support: Jacob Van Norman, Bill Bartlett, Rich Linnell, Kimberly Rausch, Pat Koefoed, Luke McGloughlin

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Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."