

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)      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.

Call to Stewardship  
All undesignated cash goes to the Compassion Fund.

Offertory      Paul Manz  
"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

\*Congregational Response      Hymn 606      Old Hundredth  
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.

\*Offertory Prayer

THE LORD'S SUPPER  
(Gluten-free bread is in small cups on each tray.)

Communion Voluntary      Hymns of Faith

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

\*Hymn 839      Assurance  
"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

\*Invitation to Discipleship

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Closing Choral Response      Sine Nomine  
"Go to the World!"  
Sanctuary Choir  
Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Alleluia!

\*Peace of Christ  
The peace of Christ be with you  
And also with you

\*Closing Voluntary      Paul Manz  
"God of Grace"

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## THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

June 2, 2019

10:40 A.M.

### Communion

*\*The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.  
Additional worshipers may enter as the congregation sings.*

### Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! As we light the Christ Candle, we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world. As we pour the Baptismal Waters in the Font, we recall our baptism and newness of life. As we bring in the Bible, we remember the centrality of the Word. We worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. *(Please sign the attendance register, pass it down the pew, and then back so everyone can greet those worshipping near you.)*

### Gathering Around the Word

#### Opening Voluntary

“Prelude on Hyfrydol”

Paul Manz

Entrance of Baptismal Water,  
the Christ Light, and the Bible

### Call to Worship (Responsive)

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

**Let everyone who is thirsty come.**

Let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

**Let everyone who is thirsty come.**

Let everyone who wishes take the water of life  
as a gift.

**Let everyone who is thirsty come.**

Come to the tree of life, the Alpha and Omega.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn 442

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

*Woodworth*

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Gracious Power, you call us to your everlasting  
springs to be drenched and reformed, but we fail to heed  
you. We do not turn with love to our neighbors, to  
ourselves, or to you. Forgive us for our failings, shield us  
from our due, and guide us into unity with all for the  
sake of the whole world...**

#### Silent Confession...

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Congregational Response Hymn 645 v.1 *Mit Freuden Zart*

**Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation, the God of power,  
the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled,  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!**

### Proclaiming the Word

#### Prayer for Illumination

#### Music Ministry

Healey Willan

“God Is Gone Up with a Shout”

Sanctuary Choir

Linda Young, Soloist

Alleluia!

God is gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.  
Alleluia! Christ hath ascended up on high,  
and hath let captivity captive.

Alleluia!

Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel.  
He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.

Oh, clap your hands all ye people;

Shout unto God with a voice of triumph!

For the Lord most high is a holy God;

He is a great King over all the earth!

Alleluia!

### Ordination and Installation of New Officers

### Children’s Worship

*Children up through 5<sup>th</sup> grade may leave the Sanctuary at this time.  
Following worship, parents should pick up their child in room 6.*

#### First Reading

Pew Bible

Revelation 22:12-14, Page 260

16-17, 20-21

The Word of God for the People of God

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 97

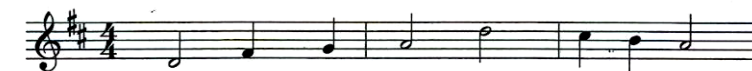
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Cantor: Rusty Crownover

Refrain

Mit Freuden Zart

Arr. Dan E. Goldsmith, Jr



Give praise to God for by His grace,



we have peace and sal - va - tion.

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#### Second Reading

John 17:20-26

Pew Bible

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**Thanks be to God.**

#### Sermon

The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz

### Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 506

*Copeland*

“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table!”