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The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 634 *To God Be The Glory*
"To God Be the Glory"

*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.**

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer for the People and Lord's Prayer Choral Amen
**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.**

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

Offertory Charles Callahan
"Prelude on *Nettleton*"

*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

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Hymn 700 *I'm Gonna Live*
"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Choral Response David H. Williams
Sanctuary Choir
Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give unto you. Amen

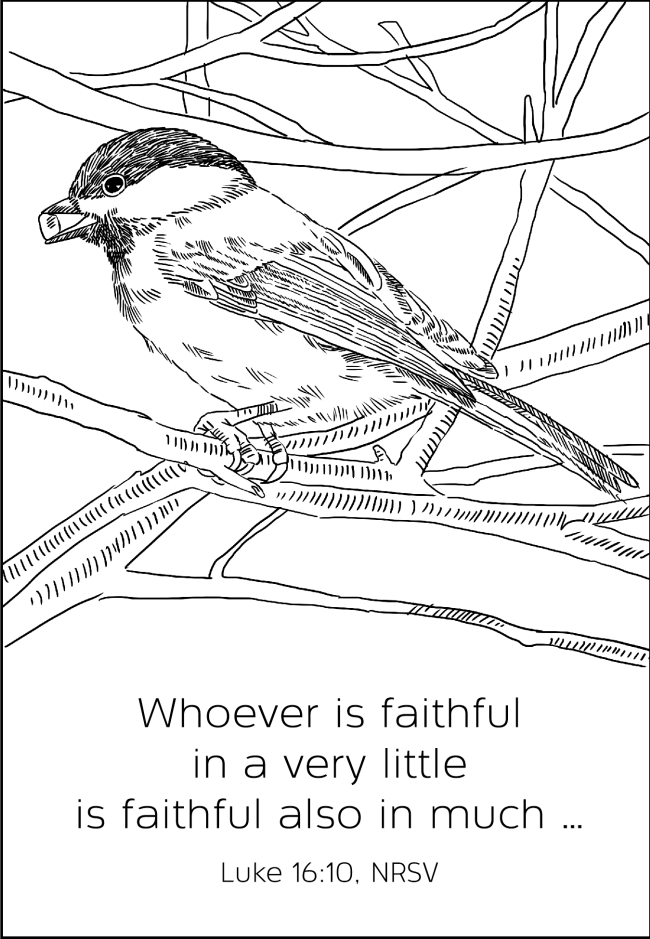
*Peace of Christ
The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

*Closing Voluntary Louis-Nicolas Clerambault
"Caprice Sur Les Grands Jeux"

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

September 22, 2019

10:40 A.M.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**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 George Shearing
"There Is a Happy Land"

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

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.

**Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory
of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins,
for your name's sake.**

Let us worship God!

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 1 Nicaea
"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Creator of the universe, casualty of our sin,
breath of life, we come trembling before you for we
have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours
in hope of securing our future. We have yearned for
wealth more than we have yearned for you. We have
squandered trust and grieved your heart with our
betrayal. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory
of your name: deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your
name's sake...**

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response Hymn 447 *We Are Forgiven*
**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry Robert Lau
"Sing to the Lord a New Song"
Sanctuary Choir

People and tongues of every nation
sing to the Lord a new song.
Bring Him a song of jubilation,
sing to the Lord a new song.
All God's creatures, old men and children,
voices raised in hymns of love.
He crowns the humble with salvation,
sing to the Lord a new song.

Mountains and hills and all creation
sing to the Lord a new song.
Join in a hymn of adoration,
sing to the Lord a new song.

Praise His name, sing "Alleluia!"
Praise Him for His mighty deeds.
This is our song, our supplication:
"Sing to the Lord a new song!"

Praise him, shining stars,
and praise Him highest heavens.
Oh, all kings and princes praise His holy name.
Angels above make melody to Him.
Now lift your voice, Lift up your heart,
and sing, and sing!

Come, Christians all, now raise your voices,
sing to the Lord a new song.
Praise and thanksgiving be your choices,
sing to the Lord a new song.

Sound the trumpet! Play on the lute and harp;
Dance your dance, and shout for joy.
Make music now as heaven rejoices,
sing to the Lord a new song. Sing a new song!

Children's Time The Rev. David A. Slyter

Children's Worship

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

First Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7
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Psalm 78:1-7 Pew Bible Page 537
Cantor: Dianna Dixon

Refrain Hal H. Hopson

Hap - py are they who love the
law of the Lord.

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