First Reading

Lamentations 3:19-26

Pew Bible: Page 766

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

Psalm 96:1-8 Page 550

Cantor: Deb Kaiser



Second Reading

Luke 17:5-10 Pew Bible: Page 80

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

Sermon

The Rev. David A. Slyter

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 525 Let Us Break Bread Together"

*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 arr. Gordon Young "Let Us Break Bread Together"

*Congregational Response Hymn 606 Old Hundredth

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

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 361 Aurelia

"O Christ, the Great Foundation"

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Choral Response

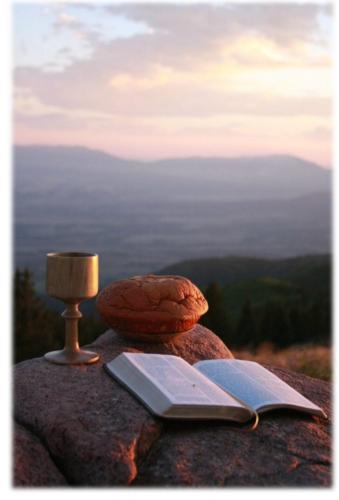
David H. Williams

Father, give Thy benediction, Give Thy peace before we part. Amen

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

*Closing Voluntary Jacques Lemmens "Fanfare"

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

October 6, 2019

10:40 A.M.

World Communion Sunday

*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 worshiping near you.)

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary "Cantad Al Señor" Brazilian Folk Song Handbells arr. Susan E. Geschke

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

Words of Gathering

Verse 14 read in German by Dave Kaiser Verse 15 read in French by John Fields Verse 16 read in Italian by Dave Kaiser Verses 17 & 18 read in Spanish by John Fields

- 14 For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.
- 15 He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace,

- 16 and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.
- 17 So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near;
- 18 for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 39

Faithfulness

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord.

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response

Hymn 288

Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry

Franklin D. Ashdown

"Shepherd of Souls" Sanctuary Choir

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless Thy chosen pilgrim flock With manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

We would not live by bread alone, but by the word of grace, In strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.

Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart; O Savior, abide with us an spread Thy table in our heart.

Lord, sup with us in love divine, Thy body and Thy blood, That living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal flood.

Children's Anthem

Natalie Sleeth

"God Is Like A Rock" Carol Choir

God is like a rock, changeless day to day; Something that will last, never go away; Evermore the same, our foundation sure, Always to endure.

God is like the wind, something no one sees; Mighty as the gale, gentle as the breeze; With a hidden power no one can deny As the days go by.

God is like a friend, full of loving care; Someone you can trust who's always there; One who will forgive every day anew, All your whole life through.

God is like a light, shining through the night, Filling all the world with its comfort bright; Bringing with it joy, hope for every heart, Never to depart.

Children's Worship