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

Sermon The Rev. David A. Slyter

Responding to the Word

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

*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 arr. Wilbur Held
"The Ash Grove"

*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 35 *Lobe Den Herren*
"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Choral Response Hal H. Hopson
Sanctuary Choir

Go your way rejoicing; God is with you.
He will guide your way.
Amen!

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

*Closing Voluntary J.S. Bach
"Prelude in F Major"



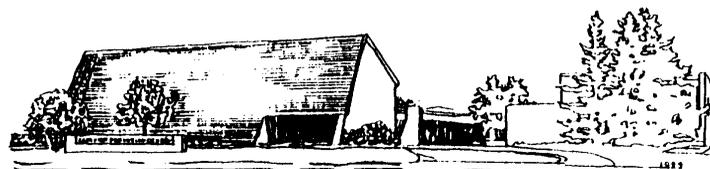
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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

August 18, 2019

10:40 A.M.

When Our Plans For Our Children Unravel

**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 arr. Alfred V. Fedak
"Like the First Bird"

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

Call to Worship (Responsive)

When you dream, what do you dream of?

We dream of children who know love and churches with open doors. We dream of rest and sunny days.

When you dream, what do you dream of?

We dream of peace without walls, and equality for all people.

When you dream, what do you dream of?

We dream of milk and honey, food on tables, and an end to suffering.

We dream of the Church of Jesus Christ serving all God's people.

Let us worship God.

Let us worship God.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 20

Royal Oak

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, we do not know the plans you have for us. We do not know, so we place our children into "good schools." We set aside money for days to come. We keep our fingers crossed and try to control the world around us. Having faith in the midst of uncertainty has never been easy for us. Forgive us for the moments when we refuse to trust you. Strengthen us so that when life unravels, we are strong enough to turn to you. That is our prayer of faith.

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response Hymn 442 v.3 *Woodworth*

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry

Alan Bullard

"Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him"
Sanctuary Choir

Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him;
praise Him, angels in the height;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
praise Him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken;
worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
and laws, that never shall be broken,
for their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him,
praise Him, angels in the height;
Sun and moon bow down before Him,
praise Him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for He is glorious;
never shall His promise fail;
For God hath made His saints victorious,
sin and death shall not prevail.

Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him,
praise Him angels in the height;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
praise Him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the God of our salvation,
angel hosts His power proclaim;
For heaven and earth, and all creation,
praise and worship, and magnify His name!

Children's Time

The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz

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

Matthew 2:11-16

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Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19

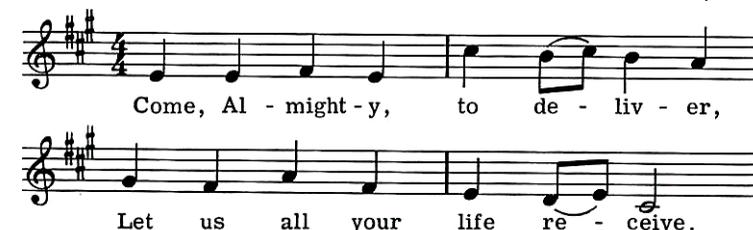
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Cantor: John Fields

Refrain

John Zundel

Arr. Hal H. Hopson



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