#### Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 22 Roeder

"God of the Sparrow"

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

God challenges us, God encourages us. God confronts us, and God accepts us. God works wonders in our midst and gives us the eyes, the hearts, the souls to see such miracles. God forgives us, God guides us through the wilderness of the world, God leads us home. Thanks be to God. 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. Dale Wood "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

\*Congregational Response Hymn 606 Old Hundredth

Doxology

Projec Cod from Whom all bleesings flow:

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 726 Kelvingrove
"Will You Come and Follow Me"

\*Invitation to Discipleship

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Closing Choral Response David H. Williams Sanctuary Choir

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

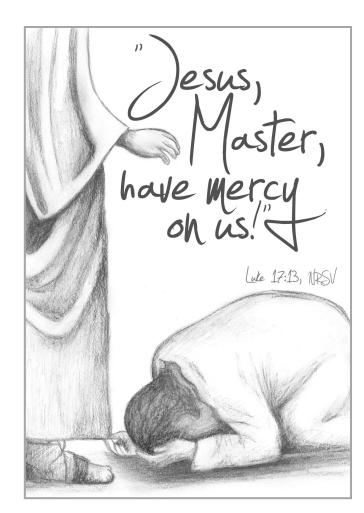
\*Peace of Christ
The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

\*Closing Voluntary Alfred V. Fedak "Postlude on *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*"



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# THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

October 13, 2019

10:40 A.M.

Eighteenth 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 worshiping near you.)

## **Gathering Around the Word**

Opening Voluntary arr. Dale Wood "Hymn Prelude on Candler"

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

Call to Worship (Responsive)

May the God of joy be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, open your hearts to the One who does wonders for you.

We offer our hearts to God, who plants gardens of peace within us.

Children of God, sing praises to the One who leads us to this place.

We join all creation in singing our thanks God, our Creator.

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hvmn 401

Gather Us In

"Here in This Place"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God beyond borders, we know that on our way to worship, we may not have noticed the exiles in our neighborhoods. We admit how easy it is for us to wander down the streets of temptation, pausing at the corner of easy choices. We fall silent in the presence of those who speak words of anger and hate. We tolerate a culture that suspects all who are different from us. Have mercy on us, O God, for surely you take the side of justice. Amen.

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Congregational Response Hymn 701 Sanctuary Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

## **Proclaiming the Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry Sydney H. Nicholson "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Sanctuary Choir

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown. Jesu, Thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love Thou art visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy grace receive; suddenly return, and never more Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as thy Hosts above; pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be. Let us see Thy great salvation, perfectly restored in Thee. Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Children's Moment

Pastor Edie

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

Jeremiah 29:1-7 Pew Bible: Page 731

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

Psalm 66:1-12

Pew Bible Page 528 Cantor: John Fields



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Second Reading

Luke 17:11-19 Pew Bible: Page 80

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Edie A. Gause

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