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A reading from the Book of James
Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Edie A. Gause
PASS THE WORD AROUND

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 526 *Lindstead*
"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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

Offertory Felix Mendelssohn
"Sonata VI: Andante"

*Doxology Hymn 606 *Old Hundredth*
**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 (Unison)
**Let us be slow in our yearning to hang on to our
blessings, and quick to share them with the hungry,
the lonely, the forgotten, and the hurting of our world,
that our gifts might become a kind of first fruits for
those whose lives are so empty. Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER
(Please see insert)

Communion Hymn 533 *Bread of Peace*
"In the Singing"

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Hymn 340 *Finlandia*
"This Is My Song"

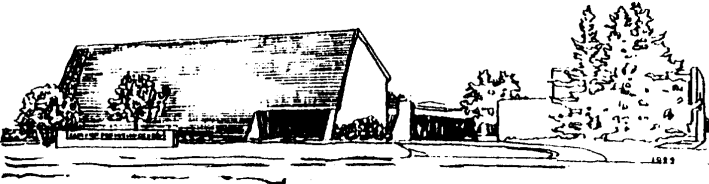
*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction (Responsive)
Arise, and let us go forth as God's people.
**Look! God sends us forth with songs of love on our
lips.**
Arise, and let us go forth to serve beside Jesus.
**Look! He stands, waiting for us to help tear down
the barriers of injustice.**
Arise, and let us go forth to join the generous Spirit.
**Look! We will be doers as well as givers with our
gifts.**

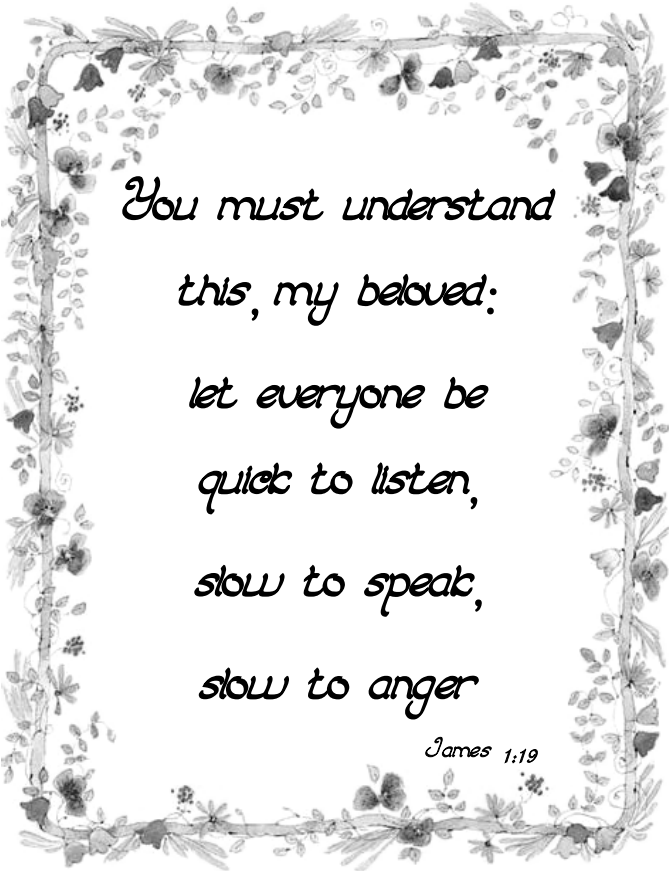
*Closing Choral Response Carl Schalk
"O Lord God, You Have Called Your Servants"
Sanctuary Choir

**O Lord God, you have called your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage,
not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is
leading us, and your love supporting us; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Closing Voluntary Felix Mendelssohn
"Sonata II: Allegro Maestoso"



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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

September 2, 2018

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 Felix Mendelssohn
"Sonata III: Andante Tranquillo"

Chimes The Entrance of the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Here, our Beloved speaks to us; the voice of our Beloved sounds in our hearts:

calling us to generous acts, to share the gifts we have been given.

Now, our Beloved speaks to us; the voice of our Beloved sounds in our land:

calling us to generous acts, to open our hearts to all in need.

In every place, in every moment, our Beloved speaks to us; the voice of our Beloved sounds in all creation:

calling us to generous acts, to stand with God's the least, the lost, the little, the last.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy One of leaders and little children, we hear your words every day, but rarely live them out. Our anger roars like a flooded creek, but our forgiveness drips like a rusty faucet. Our impetuous tongues rush to judgment, while our words of hope sound like a sluggish soundtrack. We listen with impatient ears to the cries of the poor.

Father of Lights, may your mercy fall on us like a summer shower on parched grass; may your hope overflow our hearts; may your Beloved Child, Jesus Christ, speak to us and call us to life. Amen.

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsive)

Listen and understand - the voice of the Beloved speaks to us, implanting the word of hope, the word of grace, and the word of forgiveness into our hearts.

We listen and understand. Every gift comes from God, especially the gifts of mercy and love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Congregational Response 525 (v.3) *Let Us Break Bread*

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)

Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)

**When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

May the words we read and sing be to us words that inform our hearts and deepen our faith. May we not shrink from what we hear, but find courage in You to travel forth with new understandings. Be with us Holy Spirit, that as we ponder, we draw closer to our Triune God. This we pray, Amen.

Music Ministry

David M. Cherwien

"Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen"

Sanctuary Choir

(Congregation, please join on verse 1 and 4)

**Rise, O church, like Christ arisen,
from this meal of love and grace;
may we through such love envision
whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia; God, the wonder of our days.**

**Rise, transformed, and choose to follow
after Christ, though wounded, whole;
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed
to release and to console.
Alleluia; Christ, our present, past, and goal.**

**Rise, remember well the future
God has called us to receive;
present by God's loving nurture,
Spirited then let us live.
Alleluia; Spirit, grace by whom we live.**

**Service be our sure vocation;
courage be our daily breath;
mercy be our destination
from this day and unto death.
Alleluia! Rise, O church, a living faith!**

Children's Time

Pastor Edie

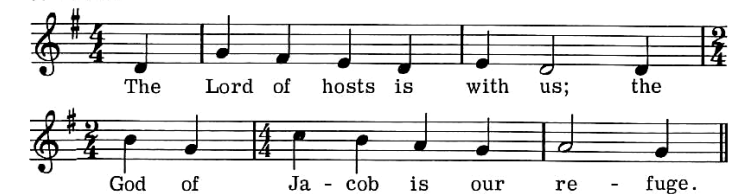
Kids' Worship

*Kids up through 5th grade may go to Children's
Worship. All others stay in the sanctuary.*

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Hal H. Hopson

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