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A reading from the Book of 1 Samuel
Thanks be to God

Sermon The Rev. Edie A. Gause
GOD AT WORK: UNEXPECTED, UNUSUAL, UPENDING

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 744 Festal Song
“Arise, You Light Has Come “

Report from the General Assembly

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 Dale Wood
“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

*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)
From cracked and flattened wallets, as well as purses stuffed with notes, Kleenex, and lozenges; from piggy banks and tips earned in eateries; from fixed incomes and great portfolios, we gather up our gifts and offer them to you, Steadfast Love, that you might use them to calm the fears of others, bringing them peace and hope. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Hymn 726 *Kelvingrove*
Choir sings verse 1 then congregation joins
“Will You Come and Follow Me”

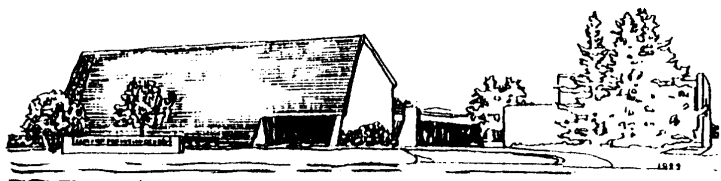
*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Choral Response Hal H. Hopson
“We Go in Joy”
Sanctuary Choir

**We go in joy. Alleluia!
We go knowing whom we serve;
for by serving our fellow men, we serve God.
Alleluia!**

*Closing Voluntary Gilbert M. Martin
“Postlude on Azmon ”



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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

June 24, 2018 10:40 A.M.

Fifth 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 in their pew.)**

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary arr. Wilbur Held
“Prelude on *Land of Rest*”

Chimes The Entrance of the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Though others may forget us,
God remembers us in every moment.
Though we may seem worthless to some,
we are precious in God’s eyes.
Though we may feel hollow,
God pours grace into us.
Though we think our pockets are empty,
God gives us more than we ever imagined.

Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

You gather us from our apathy as well as from our activities, Gentle Spirit, so that as we journey with others, we would put nothing in the way which would cause them to trip; we would find every moment the acceptable time to call out the powerful. In this place

and in these moments, as in every time and situation we find ourselves, you gather us to learn from you, Thank –you, Christ Jesus. Amen.

*Hymn 307 *Cwm Rhondda*
“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We are at our wits’ end, O God, as we try to live each day. We could confront the angry voices around us with peace and grace, but our courage melts away. We could see you at work in those who care for the vulnerable, but we let our fears of those who we don’t understand wash our faith away. We see your grace drawing close to us and cry out, ‘no further!’ Because of such lives, it is tempting to blame you, Holy One, and think you are asleep at your post. But you are the God who tells the storms of temptation to ‘shush!’ You are the God whose love is not just now and then, but offered to us in every moment. You are the God who, in Jesus Christ, comes to us in order to comfort us, to encourage us, and to cradle us in your peace. Amen.

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsive)

While we may believe God does not always have the time for us, there is not a moment that God is not listening, not forgiving, and not restoring us to grace-filled lives.

This is indeed the acceptable time, to recognize, to accept, and to live out the reality that we are saved by our God. Thanks be to God for the gift of new life.

*Congregational Response (#840 v.4 &Refrain) Ville Du Havre
Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.
It is well it is well with my soul; with my soul;
It is well; it is well with my soul.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Guide us, guide us, Great Jehovah, into your way for us, and for each one of us. Thank you for your presence among us, and with us, in every change, every challenge, and every triumph, great or small. And thank you for your word, stories of your faithfulness, and what it looks like for us to be faithful to you. Amen.

Music Ministry Gordon Young
“I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life”
Sanctuary Choir

**How can we know the way?
How can we know the way of life?
How can we know? And Jesus said:**

***“I am the way, the truth, and the life,”
thus saith the Lord.
“No man cometh unto the Father but by me.”***

**I am the way!
I am the truth! I am the life!**


New Testament Reading Pew Bible
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A reading from the Book of Mark 4:35-41
Thanks be to God.

Children’s Moment Pastor Edie

Psalms 133 Pew Bible Page 575 Cantor: Dianna Dixon

REFRAIN Arthur H. Messiter
Arr. Hal H. Hopson



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.

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