

Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Page 541 Cantor: Rusty Crownover

John Hughes
Arr. Hal H. Hopson

Refrain

God has said, "O Is-ra-el, re-mem-ber,
I am with you — ev - er - more.

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Second Reading Mark 5:1-20
Pew Bible: Page 39

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

Sermon The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 796 *Land Of Rest*
 “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

***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.

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Offertory Theodore Beck
"Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness"

*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

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 769 *For Everyone Born*
 “For Everyone Born”

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Choral Response Hal H. Hopson
"Whatsoever You Do"

Whatsoever you do in word or deed,
do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God by Him.

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

*Closing Voluntary Hans Leo Hassler
“O Living Bread from Heaven”

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Begged to Leave by Hannah Garrity



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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

September 1, 2019

10:40 A.M.

The Unraveling Of The Mind

**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 Healey Willan
"Thee We Adore, O Blessed Savior"

Entrance of Baptismal Water, The Christ Light
and the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive) Seth Goeldner
Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself,
For God loves us just as we are.
Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself,
**For all of us is welcome here—scars and fears,
depression and doubt, hope and joy, light and
laughter.**
Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself.
**For God longs to be with us, so let us worship
the God of love.**

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 645

Mit Freuden Zart

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Gracious God, we admit that there are things we
sweep under the rug—shame, self-doubt, mental health
struggles, and our own insecurities. We know that is
not what you want for us, for Jesus loved the healthy
and the sick parts of everyone. With Jesus, there was
no stigma, fear, or bias. God of creation, help us to
love and live in the same way. Forgive us when we
hate ourselves or distance ourselves from others,
simply for being human. You long for better, and we
long for you. Gratefully we pray...**

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response Hymn 761 (v.1) *Beecher*

**Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God's chosen end.**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry

Dale Wood

"In This Moment of Remembrance"
Sanctuary Choir

In this moment of remembrance,
the sacrament is spread;
Here we celebrate Christ's presence
through the wine and broken bread.

At this table of communion,
in the light shed from above,
we are sheltered in His mercy
and surrounded by His love.

There is healing and forgiveness,
there is strength as we partake;
Here we know the Savior's promise
that He never will forsake.

"Take and do this in remembrance,"
are the words that Christ our Savior said;
and we join now in His presence
through the wine and broken bread.
"Take and do this in remembrance of me."

Children's Moment

The Rev. David A. Slyter

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

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Pew Bible: Page 698

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