

## SENDING

\*Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Hymnal #475

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response "Go to Forth to Serve the Lord"  
(sung to the tune of "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord")  
Go forth to serve the Lord rejoicing on your way.  
Reach out in love God's plan fulfilled til comes His glorious day.

\*Postlude

Serving Today

Greeter

Liturgist

Coffee Host

Welcome Table

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# Faith Presbyterian Church

A family of Christ, welcoming all, worshipping God,  
growing in the Spirit and joyously serving others.

Inclusive • Nurturing • Justice-Seeking



Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sam Codington

Please rise in body or spirit, where you see an asterisk. \*

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 27, 2023 9:30 AM

### GATHERING

Music for Meditation

Michele Scanlon, pianist

Welcome

Words for Preparation:

"Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."  
1 Peter 2:5.

\*Gathering Song "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Hymnal #39 vs 1. & Ref.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

There is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.

As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Call to Worship

Robert Goode

Leader: We gather to receive the embrace of God;

All: with all of who we are and what we carry, heartbreak and hope,  
weariness and love, uncertainty and faith.

Leader: We gather to practice the embrace of God;

All: learning to share in mutuality and inclusion, humility and forgiveness, intimacy and wholeness.

Leader: As we gather to re-learn the purpose of the church, let us give thanks to the One who gathers us!

\*Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" Hymnal #1

### Prayer of Adoration

### Call to Confession

Leader: Trusting in the grace and mercy of God, who gathers us into beloved community, let us join in a prayer of confession.

### Prayer of Confession

All: Loving God, through Jesus Christ you taught us, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Yet we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures, hoarding up possessions that moth and rust will destroy, clinging to power and privilege whenever we can. Set us free from greed and fear. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Teach us to trust you, and help us to wage peace with the strength of humility and tenderness. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Spirit of Life calls us out of fear and into new life: "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." May God free you from all that suppresses your appetite for God's Reign of Justice and Love. May Christ free you from the shame of the past. You are forgiven. You are made new. You are freed to live into God's desire of wholeness for all of Creation.

All: There is nothing that can separate us from God's love.

\*Response "Gloria Patri"

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

## PROCLAIMING

Solo "O God Beyond All Praising" Debbi Lenart, soprano

### Sermon on the Steps

### Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson (NRSV) Psalm 122

Leader: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Joy in the Household of God" Rev. Dr. Sam Codington

## RESPONDING

\*Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Hymnal #306

### Prayers of the People

#### Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

### Offertory

#### \*Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

All: Loving God, you have embraced us and destined us for love. Form our hearts to feel the groaning of the Earth and the longing of our neighbors in need. Move us with compassion. Give us a spirit of joyful service until the sun of righteousness rises with a new dawn. Amen.