

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...  
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

*Sunday, July 16, 2023  
10:00 am  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

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REFLECTION

*"In this first parable of Jesus, he chose the most common of experiences from the everyday lives of people: seeds, sowers, hard paths, rocky soil, thorny soil, good soil. These were as common as scenes as possible, but in the commonness, Jesus saw illustrations about God and his kingdom."*

Rev. Edward F. Markquart

\*OPENING SONG

*"O Come To The Altar"*

By: Elevation Worship

Are you hurting and broken within?  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?  
Jesus is calling

Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?  
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today, there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes, a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

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The Father's arms are open wide  
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Forgiveness was bought with  
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Oh, what a Savior  
Isn't He wonderful?  
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen

Bow down before Him  
For He is Lord of all  
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen

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The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
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Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you found

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Come thou fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Calls for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Hither by Thy help I come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

Above all else I adore Your name  
Above all else tune my heart to sing Your praise

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The highest praise, the loudest praise  
To the name above every name

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

*"Is He Worthy"*

By Chris Tomlin

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)  
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? (We do)  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)  
Is a new creation coming? (It is)  
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave  
He was David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Of all blessing and honor and glory  
Is He worthy of this?  
He is

Does the Father truly love us? (Amen)  
Does the Spirit move among us? (Amen)  
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He does)  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave  
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

From every people and tribe  
Every nation and tongue  
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God  
To reign with the Son

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Of all blessing and honor and glory  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Is He worthy of this?  
He is!  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
He is!  
He is!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 8:5-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Page, 147, NT  
Page, 13, NT

SERMON

*"The Extravagant Sower"*

Rev. William Schram

\*SONG/MUSIC

*"Revelation Song"*

By: Jennie Lee Riddle

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Holy, holy is He  
Sing a new song to Him who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings  
You are my everything and I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be  
To You the only wise King

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings  
You are my everything and I will adore You

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water  
Such a marvelous mystery

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JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

\*CLOSING SONG

*"Shout To The North"*

By: Delirious?

Men of faith rise up and sing  
Of the great and glorious King  
You are strong when you feel weak  
In your brokenness complete

Shout to the North and the South  
Sing to the East and the West  
Jesus is savior to all  
Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up women of the truth  
Stand and sing to broken hearts  
Who can know the healing power  
Of our awesome King of love

Shout to the North and the South  
Sing to the East and the West  
Jesus is savior to all  
Lord of heaven and earth

We've been through fire, we've been through rain  
We've been refined by the power of his name  
We've fallen deeper in love with you  
You've burned the truth on our lips

Shout to the North and the South  
Sing to the East and the West  
Jesus is savior to all  
Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up church with broken wings  
Fill this place with songs again  
Of our God who reigns on high  
By His grace again we'll fly

Shout to the North and the South  
Sing to the East and the West  
Jesus is Savior to all  
Lord of heaven and earth

\*BENEDICTION

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\* Please rise in body or spirit

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✠ We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!

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