

# First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 11, 2020 – 9:30 a.m. – In Person and Live Streaming  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

*Largo*

Mark Thewes

Greetings

Call to Worship-Psalm 106:1

Leader: Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**People: for his steadfast love endures forever. Let us worship God.**

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you do not call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction, and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant, that in seeking your truth, and obeying your will, we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn

*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above (Vs. 1, 3)*

No. 483

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Thanksgiving

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! (all 4 verses)*

No. 430

Kids Connection (pre-recorded)

Liz Norris & Geri Doll

First Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

Anthem

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

arr. Virgil Thompson

Second Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon

*“What Makes God Angry”*  
Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Affirmation of Faith - Excerpt from Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

*Hold Me Now*

Jennifer Knapp

Sarah Gutierrez, Alto; Steve Bixler, Guitar; Jesse Warkentin, Piano

Doxology

No. 592

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past (Vs. 1, 2, 5)*

No. 210

Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Choral Response

Postlude

*Allegro Vivo*

L. Raffy

**Worship Leaders**

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Liturgist

Jeff Van Sickle

Director of Music

Steve Bixler

Organist

Gary Huffman