

# Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church  
August 13, 2023, 10:30 a.m.  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 14

**Prelude:** A Hymn of Praise

*-Jean Pasquet, 1972*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Moment for Mission**

*Becky Richter*

**\*Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

**Call to Worship** (*The lyrics to hymn 411, "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"*)

One: Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;

All: **show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.**

One: Arise, your light has come!  
Fling wide the prison door

All: **proclaim the captive's liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.**

One: Arise, your light has come!  
All you in sorrow born,

All: **bind up the brokenhearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.**

One: Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!

All: **Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's power will make us strong.**

**Prayer of the Day** (*unison*)

Holy God,  
you speak to us in a voice unexpected  
and come to us in ways we do not recognize.  
Never leaving us to our own devices or defenses,  
you are the ever-present, all-powerful God.  
Call us out in faith again and again,  
until we learn to walk with you  
in steadfast love and faithfulness,  
and in peace.

In the name of him who comes to us upon the waters,  
Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**Litany for Mission:** (*The Lyrics to hymn 433, "There's a Spirit in the Air"*)

One: There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
**All: Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world!**

One: Lose your shyness, find your tongue,  
tell the world what God has done:  
**All: God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!**

One: When believers break the bread,  
when a hungry child is fed,  
**All: praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.**

One: Still the Spirit gives us light,  
seeing wrong and setting right:  
**All: God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!**

One: When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
**All: praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.**

One: May the Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
**All: God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!**

One: There's a Spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere:  
**All: Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** "All Hail the Power Jesus' Name" *No. 142*

**\*Invitation to Confession**

God makes no distinctions among us—  
the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous.  
Indeed, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord  
will be saved.  
Confessing our sins,  
we depend on God's generosity and grace.

**\*Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**Gracious God,  
you call us to step out in faith,  
trusting in you for all things.  
We respond to your command but then  
sink in doubt and fear.  
We hide from the challenges of  
bold discipleship.  
We are not able to fulfill your  
commandments, for our purposes are never  
in full accord with yours.**

**Forgive us, we pray,  
when we confess with our lips  
but do not believe in our hearts.  
Help us to practice our faith  
in all circumstances,  
and lift us out of sin into  
the arms of your mercy.  
We pray in the name of your Son,  
Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

**\*Kyrie Eleison** (*unison*)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all,  
restores all, through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
No one who believes in him will be put to shame,  
for everyone who calls on the name  
of the Lord shall be saved.  
Believe in God, Friends!  
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**\*Gloria Patri** (*unison*) *No. 579*

**Glorify 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, amen.**

**Mission Hymn Reading:** (*The Lyrics to hymn 432, "Song of Hope"*) *Suzanne Salinas*

Dios de la Esperanza, danos gozo y paz! Al mundo en crisis, habla tu verdad. Dios de la justicia, mándanos tu luz, Luz y esperanza en la oscuridad.	Oremos por la paz, Cantemos de tu amor. Luchemos por la paz, Fieles a Ti, Señor
May the God of hope go with us every day, Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, Bringing light and hope to every land and race.	Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all, Working for a world that's new, Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

**Vocal Anthem:** "For the Beauty of the Earth" *Folliot Sandford Pierpoint, 1864 / Conrad Kocher. 1838*  
Solo by Kimberly Schneider

**Prayer of Illumination**

Gracious God,  
your word is very near,  
on our lips and in our hearts.  
As this Word is read and proclaimed,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
make it become in us the word of faith.  
Then send us in joy  
to bring this word to others  
who also need the good news of salvation.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Second Scripture Reading:** Matthew 14:22-33

P. P 162-163 in the New Testament

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

**Second Scripture Reading:** *(continued)*

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

**Sermon:** Stepping Out in Faith

Rev. Jim DeMent

Matthew 14:29: He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

**Congregational Hymn:** “Take My Life” *(verses 1-4 only)*

No. 391

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:** God of Our Life

-Charles Henry Purday, 1860

**\*Doxology** *(unison)*

No. 592

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

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** *(unison)*

Generous God,  
we thank you for your call and claim upon our lives.  
Because there is so much more we can become,  
and so much more we can do,  
we pray that our faith will increase;  
that our practice of generosity will be enlarged;  
and that our joy in believing  
will encourage others  
as we share with them the good news of Jesus Christ;  
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith (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 at 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.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn:** “Arise, Your Light Has Come”

No. 411

**\*Charge**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response** *(unison)*

-Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880/William G Tomer, 1880

**God be with you until we meet again;  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you 'till we meet again**

**'Till we meet, 'till we meet  
'Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
'Till we meet, till we meet  
God be with you 'till we meet again.**

**Postlude:** Ricarcare

-Girolamo Dirmta, 1546-1625



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Verse 1

Verse 3

Verse 2

Verse 4

**All Hail the Power Jesus' Name**

All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe,  
On His terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all!

**Take My Life**

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in endless praise,  
Let them flow in endless praise.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee,  
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as Thou shalt choose,  
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

**Arise Your Light Has Come**

Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's power will make us strong.



**Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests**

Gloria Aouelle	Bette Austin	Beverly Bright	Joey Farrell
Nathan Galvan (Son of Leila Galvan)	Ernestine Kidder	Maria Pezeski (Mother of Leila Galvan)	Timmy Richter (Son of Ruth Ann Barnard)
Bain Rogers (Son of Ginny & Wilson Rogers)	Mikey Ruddock	Carol Wisdom (Daughter of Lea Lenz)	

For caregiving concerns—please contact:  
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**FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service**

**Monday August 14**  
6:00 PM Session Meeting

**Wednesday, August 16**  
6:00 PM End of Summer Hot Dog Social

**Friday, August 18**  
10:00 AM One Great Hour of Caring

**Sunday, August 20**  
9:30 AM Nellie Hudson Adult Sunday School Class  
*Being Reformed Faith Seeking Understanding: Christian Hope*

9:30 AM Kingdom Kids— Sunday School for children ages 5-12

10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service.

**FPC Victoria Servant Leadership Session Members**

Jim DeMent, Moderator  
Class of 2023

John Horadam, Building & Grounds  
Lynn McAuley, Ass't Clerk, Caregiving & Fellowship  
Bonnie Wilkinson, Clerk of Session, Membership  
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Patrick Patterson, Building & Grounds, Finance  
Becky Richter, Christian Education, Mission & Outreach  
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Leila Galvan, Christian Education  
Camille Miller, Worship

**Other**

Dawn Neel, Treasurer  
Melissa Samudio, Presbyterian Day School  
Jim Stokes, Assistant Treasurer

**Pastor's Notes**

Appearing on our Bulletin cover is "The Storm on the Sea of Galilee," painted in 1633 by Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669). Rembrandt's depiction of this event is recorded in three of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and John), and it is a joy to behold!

Although the ship is painted more from Rembrandt's imagination than from any authentic depiction of sailing boats on the Sea of Galilee in the first century, the painter has nevertheless captured the drama, the intensity, indeed the terror of the storm that overtook the disciples. Rembrandt has also picked the moment in time when Jesus and Peter have just returned to the boat.

There are fourteen men in the boat. Perhaps the helmsman on the tiller is not a disciple, but Christ is clearly seated in front of him. You have to look carefully, but Peter (also identified with a halo) is sitting in front of Christ. One disciple (directly behind Paul) adds a touch of realism while vomiting over the edge of the boat. The figure to his right (the viewer's left)-- the one who is looking directly at the viewer-- is said to be a self-portrait of the artist. In the clear skies in the upper left of the painting, we can see a portent that the storm will quickly subside.

This masterpiece hung in the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston until 1990 when it was stolen by persons unknown. It remains missing until this day.

**Clergy, Music, and Administration**

Rev. Jim DeMent, Interim Pastor  
Robert Wyatt, Organist/Choirmaster  
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