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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

Worship 9:30am **Sunday, November 8th**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Dr. Moyi Liu, Piano
WELCOME AND CHURCH NOTICES Stewart Porter

Hearing Assistance is available! Please ask a sound technician.

HEARING LOOP INSTALLED
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

PRELUDE

UNISON responses are in **CAPITAL BOLD** text
*indicates to please stand, in body or in spirit

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (inspired by *Psalm 90*) Terry Olthoff, Liturgist

Leader: We lift up our hearts to the Lord,
PEOPLE: KNOWING OUR CREATOR MEETS US IN THIS TIME OF WORSHIP.
Leader: We lift up our souls to the Lord,
PEOPLE: TRUSTING OUR REDEEMER TO MEET US WITH FORGIVENESS AND RENEWAL.
Leader: We lift up our lives to the Lord!
PEOPLE: RELYING ON OUR SUSTAINER TO BUILD US UP FOR LIVES OF LOVE AND SERVICE.
Leader: Let us worship together this day!



***OPENING HYMN** *All Creatures of our God and King* No. 455 (vs. 1 & 5)

V.1 All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

V.5 And everyone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part. O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and cast on God your care!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Pastor Ann Utke

LOVING GOD, YOU ARE GENEROUS IN THE MANY WAYS YOU HAVE GIFTED US. WE HAVE SO MANY BLESSINGS TO BE GRATEFUL FOR. YET WE ARE OFTEN MOTIVATED BY FEAR, RATHER THAN OUR TRUST IN YOU. WE HOLD ONTO WHAT WE HAVE; AFRAID WE WILL NEVER HAVE ENOUGH. WE BECOME FOCUSED ON PROTECTION RATHER THAN YOUR CALL TO WELCOME AND LOVE OTHERS. WE SEE OUR BLESSINGS AS OUR OWN, RATHER THAN SEEING YOUR CARE IN EACH GIFT. FORGIVE US, GOD OF GRACE. FORGIVE US AND RESTORE US TO YOUR VISION FOR THE WORLD WE PRAY . . . . (SILENT PRAYER)



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News! Although we have sinned, in Jesus Christ we are graciously forgiven. Be at peace. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Terry Olthoff, Liturgist

Loving God, come to us in these words of scripture and proclamation and speak to us of your way in the world and in our lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18* p. 250

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.



CHOIR ANTHEM
Lord Of All Being
Don Malin

SCRIPTURE READING *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25* p. 267-268

SERMON Pastor Ann Utke

SUNG RESPONSE *Behold the Goodness of Our Lord* No. 241 (vs. 1-3)

V.1 Behold the goodness of our Lord, how blest it is to be
A company of God's beloved, in holy unity.

V.2 Like previous oil upon the head, a healing for our strife,
It flows throughout our common bond, refreshing all of life.

V.3 As dew on Zion's mountaintop brings freshness to its door,
Our Lord commands this in our midst and brings life evermore.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

Remember in your prayers the staff and leaders of the First, Casa Grande (PCUSA) Prayer Shawls; and American Lutheran Church (ELCA).



**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.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from *A Declaration of Faith*)



**IN THE LIFE, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS, GOD HAS ALREADY DEMONSTRATED HIS JUDGING AND SAVING WORK.
KNOWING THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT OF GOD IN CHRIST,
WE URGE ALL PEOPLE TO BE RECONCILED TO GOD,
NOT EXEMPTING OURSELVES FROM THE WARNINGS.
CONSTRAINED BY GOD'S LOVE IN CHRIST,
WE HAVE GOOD HOPE FOR ALL PEOPLE, NOT EXEMPTING
THE MOST UNLIKELY FROM THE PROMISE OF DIVINE GRACE.
WE ARE SURE THAT GOD'S FUTURE FOR EVERY PERSON
WILL BE BOTH MERCIFUL AND JUST. AMEN.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!* No. 341 (vs. 1-3)

V.1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

**Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**



V.2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **[Refrain]**

V.3 Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
[Refrain]

***BENEDICTION** ***POSTLUDE**