

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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Please join in speaking/singing **bolded** text

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**PREPARING OUR HEARTS**

**\*Opening Words**  
**Based on Psalm 16**

You are our security, O Lord, we find refuge in You.  
**Everything that is good comes from You Lord!**  
You give me guidance and make my heart glad,  
**You lead me on the path of life.**  
In Your presence there is fullness of joy,  
**In Your kingdom there is fulfillment forever! Amen!**

**\*Opening Hymn #465 (GG)**

**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

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**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!**

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

**Prayer of Confession**

O God, who is faithful and just,  
we have failed to help those who have little while we have much.  
We are boastful and haughty, and fail to appreciate the gifts you have given.  
Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous way.  
Forgive us, merciful God, and lead us to a humble path, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Hymn #661 (GG)**

**“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”**

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Why should I feel discouraged, Why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely, And long for heav'n and home;  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is he;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me.  
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;  
For his eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me.

“Let not your heart be troubled,” His tender word I hear,  
And resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
Though by the path he leadeth, But one step I may see;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me.  
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;  
For his eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, Whenever clouds arise;  
When songs give place to sighing, When hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to him, From care he sets me free;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me.  
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;  
For his eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me.

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

**Children's Message**

**Prayer Response #701 (GG)**

**“Sanctuary”**

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Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.  
(repeat)

**Scripture Lesson**

I Samuel 1:4-20

**Message**

“Grieving with Hope”

Rev. Leanne B. Thompson

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**Hymn of Affirmation #100 (GG)**

**“Canticle of the Turning”**

Words by Rory Coony, Music Irish Tune arranged by Rory Coony

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**My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!**

**Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!**

**From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!**

**Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!**

**Prayers of the People and the 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.**

**Offering Prayer**

**WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

**Closing Hymn**

**“God Will Take Care of You”**

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**Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;  
Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.  
God will take care of you, through ev'ry day, o'er all the way;  
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.**

**Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;  
When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you.  
God will take care of you, through ev'ry day, o'er all the way;  
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.**

**No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;  
Lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you.  
God will take care of you, through ev'ry day, o'er all the way;  
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.**

**Charge & Benediction**

**“The Blessing”**

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**The Lord bless you and keep you,  
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.  
(repeat)**

**Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.**

**The Lord bless you and keep you.  
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.**

**POSTLUDE**