

First Presbyterian Church

August 17, 2014, 10:00 a.m. ~ Morning Worship

Matt Schultz - Pastor

Jan Gruhn - Organist

Prelude: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" Arr., Clarke

Greetings and Opening Prayer

Please sign an attendance card and pass it down the row.

Call to Worship (based on Matt. 15:21-28) Liturgist: Pat Peacock

Leader: Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord

All: Outsiders and insiders, old-timers and new-comers, the young, old and the in-between

Leader: Come as you are, for this is God's house—a house of prayer for all people.

All: And God welcomes each one who comes.

✠ Hymn "God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him" #70

Time of Reconciliation

Leader: Most merciful God, we humbly admit that we need your help.

All: We confess that we have wandered from your way; we have done wrong, and we have failed to do what is right.

Leader: You alone can save us.

All: Have mercy on us

Leader: Wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit, that we may live as disciples of Christ.

All: This we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

Leader: Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation!

All: The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Thanks be to God.

✠ Response *Gloria Patri* #805

All: Glory 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.

Passing of the Peace

Special Music "Sometimes I Worry" Hannah Gruhn, Soloist
Carrie Gruhn, Accompanist

The Word

Word with Children –Blessing of the Backpacks

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 56:1-8 (Page 733-734)

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 15:22-28 (Page 971-972)

Sermon Pastor Schultz

The Response

✠ Hymn "Help Us Accept Each Other" #437

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" Arr., Manz

✠ Response **Doxology** #809
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, Ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Pastoral Prayer 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

✝ Hymn *“Bind Us Together”* #690

✝ **Benediction**

Postlude *“All Hail the Power”* Arr., Cherwien



“Here is the World.
Beautiful and Terrible
things ^{will} happen.

Don't
be
afraid.”

-Frederick
Buechner

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