

First Presbyterian Church World Communion Sunday Morrison, Illinois
October 1, 2023 18th Sunday after Pentecost 10:15AM

Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!



PRELUDE

THE GATHERING WELCOME

Pastor: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

INTROIT *We Are All One In Mission* No. 435 Vs. 1, 3

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Corinthians 12:27-31)

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 117)

Pastor: Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples!

All: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

***HYMN** *Called As Partners In Christ’s Service* No. 343

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

We confess to the Triune God that we are subject to forget who Jesus was and who Jesus is. We carry on about our own lives, busy with our daily toils. We easily find ourselves living for our own self, losing direction of our true purpose. We forget that love is to be at the center of our life, that we are to keep hold of our relationship with God, and that God’s love is to pour out of us in all that we do. Forgive us for our selfish and empty wanderings. May we embrace the teachings of Christ and may we live with Christ in our daily life, together. We pray this in Jesus’ name.....
.....*Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

Christ is always present. When we find love, we can find Christ. When we love one another, Christ works through us. Let us love one another, always! Let us praise our risen Lord! Amen

***HYMN** *Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)* No. 579

TIME WITH THE GROWING CHURCH & DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLES
(Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer (p. 16))

GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:23-32

MEDITATION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Hymn *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* No. 514

Scripture Reading Mark 14:12-25

Distribution of the Elements

Pastoral Prayer

OFFERING OF TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

***HYMN** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)* No. 592

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION** (Unison)

Lord, you have called us together as one people, assembling as the body of Christ. We give you great thanks for our lives, our gifts and talents, and all you have bestowed upon us. Help us understand how important our actions are as we strive to do your will. Help our lives belong to Christ and so the will of the Triune God may be done through us. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN** *In Christ There Is No East or West* No. 439

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE**

PASSING OF THE PEACE (*greeting: “Peace be with you,” response: “and also with you”*)

The Bible verses are read from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV).



Depart This House That We Might Witness Together!

Remember in prayer: Individuals and families fighting COVID-19 infection; residents and staff of Resthove, Homestead (formerly Windsor Manor) and Pleasant View; medical workers, essential employees, school teachers & staff; Bev & Larry Bealer, Dan Brandon, Janet Johnson, Kellie Kohl, Ken Mills, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Margie Selburg, Cookee Shawver, Jean Temple, Rachael Tucker, Ray Tucker, Michael Vegter, Jr.

Love one another!

Livestream Worship Services

Each Sunday at 10:15am from the church's Facebook group page: www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresmorrison. And after the service on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@firstpresbyterianchurchofm3749>

Bible Study We will meet Tuesdays at 9:30am at Pleasant View. Rick Barr will lead the weeks that Pastor Mike is unavailable.

Drive-Up Meal The next meal will be on October 12. We will be serving chili and begin at **5:00PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 4:00pm.

Birthdays

10/02: Jakob Palmer
10/03: George Selburg
10/05: Koletn Sage
10/07: Michael Vegter

STAFF

Pastor. Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg
Office Manager. Stacie Baker
Organist. Scott Vandermyde
Custodian. Courtney Bruckner

SESSION ELDERS:

Lynn Knox	Tim Reynolds	Carol Wolf
Lexie Laughlin	Ron Shank	Deb Zigler
Angela Reamer	Scott Vandermyde	Stacie Baker, Clerk

When the earth is ravaged
and the animals are dying,
a new tribe of people
shall come unto the earth
from many colors, classes, creeds,
and who by their actions and deeds
shall make the earth green again.

They will be known as
the Warriors of the Rainbow.

—*Old Native American Prophecy*



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