Everybody's Church

First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

Sunday, June 11, 2023, 8:30am, Second Sunday after Pentecost

Vision Statement
As Everybody's Church we commit ourselves to serving Christ by cultivating mission, inclusion and community.

Inclusion Statement
As Everybody's Church we strive to be a faithful, open and inclusive community. We welcome the full participation of all people of any ability, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other life circumstance.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Julie Madden

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice in the Lord, O you God's beloved;
Many: Sing to God a new song!
One: For the word of the Lord is upright,
Many: And all God's work is done in faithfulness.
One: Our God loves righteousness and justice;
Many: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

†**HYMN** 19 "God of Great and God of Small"

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you are always drawing the circle of your love wider, but often we resist. You tell us that all people are your beloved, and we ask, "Why?" "Why them?" "Even them?" We are quick to judge others rather than being grateful that we, too, are included in the fold. We prioritize the privileged, the powerful and the people who look and act right, but you extend grace first to the sinner, the outcast and the marginalized. Forgive us, O God. Transform us, that we may show mercy as you show mercy.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†**OUR RESPONSE** 581 "Glory Be to the Father"

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.

†When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or in spirit.

Please join in reading those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

Call to Worship is based on Psalm 33.

Hymntune: GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: The Lord be with you!

Many: And also with you!

All: God beyond all knowing, you are shrouded in wonder and mystery and yet as close to us as our very breath. By your Spirit, illuminate our hearts and minds through your Word, that we may follow you more faithfully. Amen.

FIRST READING — Psalm 33:1-12

One: The word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God!

Please follow along with the reading on page 507 of the Old Testament in your Pew Bible.

SECOND READING — Matthew 14:22-33

One: The word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God!

Please follow along with the reading on page 16 of the New Testament in your Pew Bible.

SERMON — "Getting Out Of The Boat" — Rev. Ted Thode

MEDITATION — "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee" — Diemer

Members and guests, please sign the Fellowship Pads to let us know of your presence with us.

All that we have is a gift from God. In gratitude, we return a portion of those blessings to the work of God in the church.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Gluten-free elements available. Please see an usher if needed.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

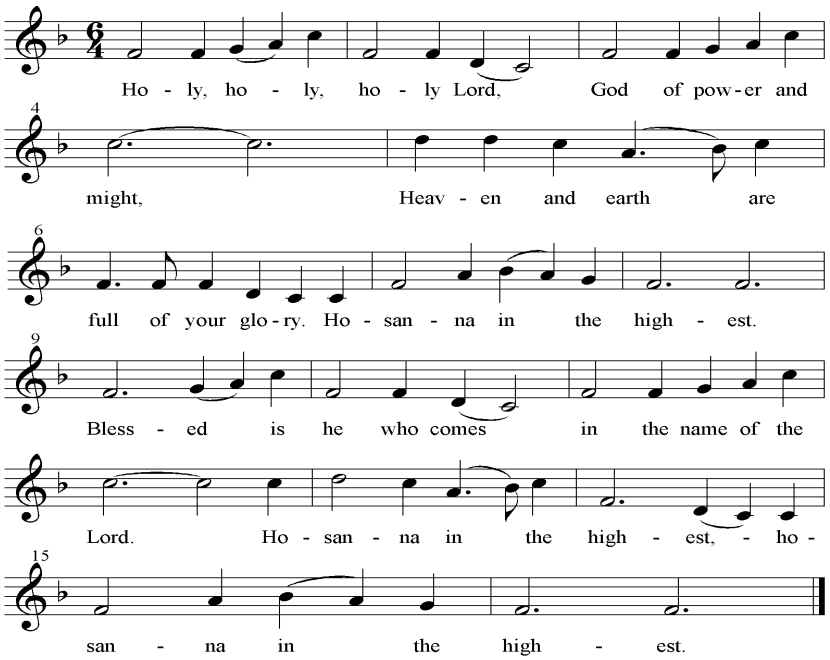
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Why do we give thanks and praise before this Table?

People: We give thanks for God's work of creation, liberation, and salvation.

Leader: ... who forever sing to the glory of Your name.



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A prayer of thanksgiving for the ministry of Jesus, offered by the pastor.

Leader: Why do we eat bread at this Table?
People: On the night before He died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks He broke it, gave it to His disciples, and said, "Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
Leader: Why do we drink from the cup at this Table?
People: The same night Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."
Leader: What do we remember at this Table?
People: We remember God's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us.
Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

A prayer calling on the Holy Spirit, followed by prayers of thanksgiving, intercession, and supplication.

All: 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.

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

†HYMN 298 vs. 1,2 & 5 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

Hymntune: ABBOT'S LEIGH

†BENEDICTION

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

Andrew Herbruck, Director of Music Ministries, is playing the service.

Our guest preacher this morning is Rev. Ted Thode. Ted is a Parish Associate here at Everybody's Church. Ted helps with leading worship and the youth. He and his wife, Erica, have three young daughters (Turner-5, Marin-3 and Alayne-2). Ted became a Parish Associate at FPC in January 2016. Ted graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2011. Ted runs a small e-commerce business when he's not volunteering at FPC. Ted and his family love being part of Everybody's Church and look forward to continuing to raise their kids in the church.

The flowers today are in loving memory of Richard Mueller and honoring his birthday and Flag Day on June 14, from his wife, Lenore, and his children, Doug, Cindy, Patti and Susan.

Visitors, thank you for joining us today, please use this QR code to register your attendance:

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