
Order of Service

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

Welcome to worship service at the First Presbyterian Church in Palestine, IL. Whether you are here in person, or watching us online, we are honored that you have chosen to worship with us!

****INDICATES TO PLEASE STAND IF ABLE TO DO SO.**

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

As our prelude is played, let us quiet our soul with meditation and prayer.

Call to Worship

Arise, my love, my fair one and come away.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

For now the winter is past; the flowers appear on the earth.

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above

The time of singing has come; the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

Join with all nature in manifold witness

Arise, my love, my fair one and come away.

To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Let us worship God!

****Opening Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Blue Hymnal # 263 Verses 1 & 2

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Invocation

Children's Moment

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up. We are quick to confess our faith, but slow to live it. We sing praise to your name, but we pass by orphans and widows on the other side of the street. Change us, O God. By your grace, transform us. Root out the selfishness that hardens our hearts, and replace it with compassion and generosity. Empower us by your Spirit that we might be doers of your word and not hearers only. All this we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me! Thanks be to God!

****Gloria Patri**

*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.*

THE WORD

Scripture

This is the Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Reverend Mick Laflin

“Christ’s Greatest Gift to us is Himself.”

John 6:48-58; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Call for the Offering

“From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required.” (Luke 12:48)

Let us present our tithes and offerings to God.



September giving- Peace & Global Witness

How to Give: you can go directly to our website and use our online giving platform to set up a one-time or recurring gift; you can mail your offering directly to the church (POB 132, Palestine, IL 62451), or you can drop your tithes and offerings at the church office, Mon – Thurs, 10 am – 2 pm.

Presentation of Offerings and Song of Dedication

****Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology) (#606)**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion

Let Us Break Bread Together

Blue Hymnal # 513 verses 1-3

Hymn

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;) Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees.)

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees;) Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees.)

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;) Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees.)

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Breaking and Pouring

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Communion Prayer

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen (Adapted from the Book of Occasional Services, 217-226)

Partake of the Bread as it is Received

Hold the Cup to Partake Together

The cup of salvation...

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, the one who taught us to pray saying,
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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

SENDING

****Hymn of Sending** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* **Blue Hymnal #263 Verses 3 & 4**

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true life of all; We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; All praise we would render; O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Benediction

Postlude

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PRAYER REQUEST

Newly Added or Updated

Pastor Akers doing well after surgery

Our Continuing Care Concerns

Knoblett Family – Andrew is home

Kim Alumbaugh

Chad Coleman – Colon Surgery, starting Chemo

Dave Holubek – Car Accident/Broken Back & Neck

Darin Repp – Surgery July 18

Kristen Shaw Eagleson – Surgery Recovery

Dave Hasty

Louise Calloway – Congestive Heart Failure

Rita Garrard – Breast Cancer

Jocelyne Ramsey & Family – Brain Tumor

Auggie Martin – Pulmonary Edema

Aaron Earle -pray for guidance

Nancy Conrad – Released to Cardiac Rehab

Bill Klein – Prostate Cancer

Margo Riker - Leukemia

Doris & Bill Powell – Doris battling lung cancer

People of Maui

People of Ukraine

People of Israel

Jamie Schell (Sandy Ellis's cousin) – Aggressive breast cancer

Please keep the PNC in your prayers for discernment and patience.

Remember those in our church family who are in assisted living or care homes

Timber Creek Village

Mary Laughead; Dave & Judy Winger
1302 W Highland Avenue, Robinson, IL 62454

BridgePointe Health Campus

Cheryl Mefford
1900 College Ave, Vincennes, IN 47591

Villas of Holly Brook Newton

Sharon Biggs
101 S Gregory Dr, Room 37, Newton, IL 62448

Sisters of Providence

Guileen Manual
1 Providence Pl, St Mary-Of-The-Woods, IN 47876

Arbor Rose of Robinson

Marilyn Henderson
500 S Reed Street, Robinson, IL 62454

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING DATES

- Sessions Meeting September 17

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

- Communion Sunday, September 1
- Charlie & Diane's 67th wedding anniversary

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Food pantry needs volunteers! Monday 1-3 and Wednesday 5-6. They could use any able-bodied workers!

LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

- The Upper Room –September & October
- 2023 Annual Report

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