

THE SERVICE of Worship

August 30, 2020
Ordinary Time
10:30 A.M.



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON
established 1870

Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Prelude on *DETROIT*”
Edwin Walker, Organ

Kenneth Kosche

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

God who gathers us together across miles and distance,

weave us into holy community as we sing, pray, and give thanks.

God who enlivens the stories of scripture,

bring the words of our ancestors to life and help us hear them anew.

God who ministered through Paul and Onesimus,

encourage us today and make us partners in Christ's service.

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS | “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

Glory to God 444

1. “Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
2. How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

God of unity, we confess that it seems that we will never be united.

We mourn the divisions that seem too deep to overcome;

**we lament that the differences in our families, churches,
and society will seemingly always keep us apart.**

**In these moments of polarization, remind us of our call
to be the one body of Christ in the world.**

Teach us how to find common ground and to appreciate difference as a gift.

Give us new energy for reaching across boundaries.

Help us commit not to sameness but to life together. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

We were not made to go through life alone. In Christ,
we have a friend, an encourager, and a partner in all things.

In Jesus Christ, we are loved and forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Rosy and Pastor Jessie

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS Philemon 1: 1-21 *and* Romans 12: 9-21

SERMON

Rev. Rosy Robson

HYMN OF RECONCILIATION | “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Glory to God 761

1. Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.
2. Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.
3. Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other’s burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.
4. So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person’s sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

From *The Declaration of Faith*

**We believe God sends us to risk our own peace and comfort
in compassion for our neighbors.
We are to give to them and receive from them,
accepting everyone we meet as a person;
to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind;
to help and accept help in ways that affirm dignity and responsibility.
We must not limit our compassion to those we judge deserving,
for we ourselves do not deserve the compassion of God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER | *Glory to God Pg. 35*

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“If My People Will Pray”
Colleen Klein Oates, Soprano

Jimmy Owens

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Prelude on *RESTORATION*”
Edwin Walker, Organ

Kenneth Kosche