

# THE SERVICE of Worship

October 4, 2020  
World Communion Sunday  
10:30 A.M.



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH of  
RICHARDSON  
established 1870

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

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Aria from Goldberg Variations*  
Alison Read, Harp

J. S. Bach

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Written by Mindi Welton-Mitchell

We are created in the image of God.

**We are commanded to love God and one another.**

We are required to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

**We are called to follow Jesus.**

In this time of worship,

**may we remember God's intention for us, Christ's call upon us,  
and the Spirit's movement in us. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE TRIUNE GOD | "God the Sculptor of the Mountains"

*Glory to God 5*

God the sculptor of the mountains, God the miller of the sand,  
God the jeweler of the heavens, God the potter of the land:  
you are womb of all creation; we are formless; shape us now.

God the nuisance of the Pharaoh, God the cleaver of the sea,  
God the pillar in the darkness, God the beacon of the free:  
you are fount of all deliverance; we are aimless; lead us now.

God the dresser of the vineyard, God the planter of the wheat,  
God the reaper of the harvest, God the source of all we eat:  
you are host at every table; we are hungry; feed us now.

God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth,  
God the table-turning prophet, God the resurrected truth:  
you are present very moment; we are searching; meet us now.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

Written by Sudie Niesen Thompson

**God of the Covenant, long ago you gave us the law to guide us in the ways of righteousness. When we wandered, you called prophets to beckon us toward faithfulness. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son to heal our brokenness and draw us close to you. But, time and again, we reject your gift of grace. We bow before the false gods of our world and forget your command to serve the least of these. We fill our days with self-serving agendas or trivial tasks and neglect to nurture our relationship with you. Forgive us, Lord. Come to us again, we pray, and set us on right paths. Root out habits that separate us from you and sow within us seeds of mercy and love so that we might produce the fruits of your kingdom. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Friends, we can rejoice in the Lord! With an everlasting covenant sealed by love and mercy, God has clothed us with salvation and covered us with righteousness.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Rosy and Pastor David

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 19

SECOND READING

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

SERMON

Rev. Rosy Robson

A HYMN CELEBRATING TIME | “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*Glory to God 687*

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

APOSTLES' CREED | *Unison*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and  
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the  
dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of  
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“It is Well”  
Alison Read, Harp

Phillip Bliss and Horatio Spafford  
Arr. Alison Read

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION

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

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Au Monastère”  
Alison Read, Harp

Alphonse Hasselmans