

THE SERVICE of Worship

October 18, 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

Adagio for Cor Anglais and Strings
Edwin Walker, Organist

W. A. Mozart
Arr. E. Power Biggs

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Written by Nancy C. Townley

Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, queens, God is the Lord of all life.

In God we live and move and have our being.

God requires our faithfulness and our service.

**We reach out to others with the same kind of love
with which God has touched our lives.**

Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

Let us praise God who walks daily by our side. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE | "Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!"

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Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme, empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide, as we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

Written by Rev. Thom Shuman

**Great Lover of Justice, hear our prayers: called to treat all people equally,
we take sides and pick favorites; chosen to be your children,
we arrogantly assume others are not so honored;
challenged to be examples of faith,
we reveal our worst natures to our families and friends.**

Forgive us, Giver of Rest.

**Enable us to stop putting you to the test, so we can open our
hypocritical hearts to your healing touch of compassion and hope.**

**As Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has given all for us,
may we give ourselves to you - confidently, completely, faithfully. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Hear the good news: the one who created goodness and beauty is also
the one who shows no partiality, but offers grace and peace to all.

**God has heard our prayers and done the very thing we asked - forgiven us,
healed us, restored us. Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Rosy and Pastor David

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALTER

Psalm 96:1-9

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON

Rev. Rosy Robson

HYMN OF CHRIST'S RETURN | "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21-9.26

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.

His cross and resurrection become personal crisis

and present hope for humanity when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.

**In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all,
moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.**

**The new life takes shape in a community in which people know
that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are.**

**The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words,
his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger,
and his willingness to suffer death.**

**The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all
in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics.**

**But they have to fight against pretensions
and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare.**

**Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather
than human schemes will finally prevail.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *and* THE LORD'S PRAYER | *Glory to God Pg. 35*

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Intermezzo in E Major, Op. 116, No. 6
Terry Metzger, Guest Pianist

Johannes Brahms

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Church Sonata in D Major
Edwin Walker, Organist

W. A. Mozart