

THE SERVICE of Worship

August 29, 2021
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.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Andantino”
Edwin Walker, Organist

César Franck
(1822-1890)

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Adapted from Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

God is active in our world and in our lives,
we gather in awe of our God.
Christ calls us into the way of love and justice,
we gather to follow Jesus our Savior.
The Spirit moves us in compassion and kindness,
we gather as one people of God.
Come, join your hearts in worship,
and ponder the awesomeness of God.

*HYMN OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE | “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

Adapted from Rev. Beth Merrill Neel

**Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit,
so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ.
We confess that we fear what is different.
We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive
those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote.
We confess that we have not lived out your call
to share in abundant life and unconditional love.
We believe that you have the power to turn us around
to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that.
We ask you to give us the courage to change.
We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination,
and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Hear the Good News:

we are forgiven!

We are set free to go out into the world
and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

*GLORIA PATRI | *Sung*

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**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.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor David and Pastor Rosy

ANTHEM

“Sing Me To Heaven”

Daniel Gawthrop

FPC Chamber Ensemble | Ralph Stannard, Director
Prose by Jane Griner

*In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss.
Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute.
In response to aching silence memory summons half-heard voices.
And my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.
If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.
If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.
If you would mourn me and bring me to God, sing me a requiem.
Sing me to heaven. Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure.
Touch in me grief and comfort, love and passion, pain and pleasure.
Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem. Love me, comfort me,
bring me to God. Sing me a love song. Sing me to heaven!*

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 15

Who may abide in God's presence? Those who do what is right.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 1:17-27

Every good gift comes from God; pure religion is to care for others.

SERMON

Rev. Rosy Robson

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | “Go to the World”

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*APOSTLES' CREED | *Unison*

Traditional Version

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER | *Unison*

**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.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Ubi Caritas et Amor, Deus ibi Est”
Where charity and love are, God is there.
FPC Chamber Ensemble | Ralph Stannard, Director

Ola Gjeilo

*DOXOLOGY | “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore.**

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*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Sortie in D Major”
Edwin Walker, Organist

César Franck
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