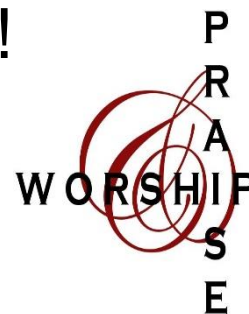




WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

First Presbyterian Church
Yuma, Colorado

We are glad you are here!!
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September 8, 2024

Gathering Music

Welcome and Life in Fellowship

- Peacemaking Offering Highlights

Opening Scripture

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Call to Worship & Prayer of the Day

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.

All: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Hear us, O God, as we share ourselves, our prayers and our hopes with you. Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence as we worship you today. Amen.

*"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

#96

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

When you see * before something in the service, please rise in body or spirit.

Kurt Kaiser, who wrote our sending song, "Pass It On," grew up in Chicago and was recognized as a piano virtuoso. At the end of the 1960s, he teamed up with Ralph Carmichael to write a musical for youth, called *Tell It Like It Is*. The musical was not just to entertain, but to reach young people for Christ. Kaiser recalls, "My job was to write a 'Just As I Am' for young people." One night he was sitting in his den at home and a little fire burned in the fireplace. He looked into the fire and the thought came to him... "It only takes a spark to get a fire going." After watching 100,000 people at the Cotton Bowl singing his song while lighting candles off one another, Kaiser thought, "Isn't it amazing what can happen if you take your hands off the ability God has given you?"

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others...

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

One: Trust in the Lord's blessings of answered prayer and healing. Please stand as you are able and share this with those around you by saying: "The peace of Christ be with you."

All: And also with you.

Time for God's Kids

Dave Hoch

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Eternal God, whose Spirit comes to us in moments of both strength and weakness, come now into our midst that we might be able to hear your Word in fullness and in truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 125

God's word for God's people.

Thanks be to God!

***"The Power of Your Love"**

#467

Lord, I come to you; let my heart be changed, renewed,
flowing from the grace that I've found in you.
And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
will be stripped away by the power of your love.

(Refrain)

Hold me close, let your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle,
and I will soar with you; your Spirit leads me on
in the power of your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes; let me see you face to face,
the knowledge of your love as you live in me.
Lord, renew my mind, as your will unfolds in my life,
in living every day by the power of your love. *(refrain)*

*“Open Our Eyes”

#491

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.

* **Giving to God and Others** (*Offerings may be placed in the plates by each exit.*)

One: We have more to offer than we recognize or realize. God has given us abundant gifts.

All: Let us faithfully respond to our generous God, by presenting our tithes and offerings.

*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.*

Doxology #34**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

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 sins as we
forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Taking the Light of Christ into the World***Charge & Blessing*****Sending Song****“Pass It On”**

#557

(vs 1 & 3)

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
that’s how it is with God’s love, once you’ve experienced it:
you spread God’s love to everyone, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I’ve found
On God you can depend, it matters not where you’re bound;
I’ll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know;
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

* Fellowship and Greeting

Join us for a **Thank You Reception for Carol Heltenberg**, in appreciation for all she has done to serve First Presbyterian. (Sponsored by the Deacons)

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Glory to God Alone!

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Michael Fitzsimmons

Worship Leader: Kenny Rogers

Greeter: Susan Bute

Candle Lighter: Emma Porter

Organist / Pianist: Leslie Woody and LuAnne Hoch

Sound & IT: Bill & Colette McCracken

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