



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Our hope in this season of COVID-19 is that all who worship virtually feel welcome and a sense of God's love through Jesus Christ.*

*In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.*

*We express gratitude that through God's grace and Christ's giving of himself on the cross we are forgiven and restored to God and one another.*

*On behalf of the congregation, the Pastor expresses the corporate prayers of the congregation. These prayers are for world, local and personal concerns.*

## FOR WORSHIP

*In this morning's Gospel reading, the Pharisees attempt to entrap Jesus with a challenging question about the law and paying tax to the Roman emperor. Jesus in turn challenges their malice by exposing their hypocrisy and teaching "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."*

## PRELUDE

*Adagio in E Major*  
Janice Robison, Organist

Frank Bridge

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Robert E. Martin

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*L: Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord all the earth! Share the news of God's work every day! Declare God's glory among the nations. We stand in God's presence with our prayers and songs of praise.*

## HYMN

*Blessed Jesus, at your Word*

LIEBSTER JESU

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we say that you are the Lord but then we live our lives as though you have no power. We too easily bow before the powers and authorities of this world. We lack the imagination to envision a world governed by your love. Deliver us, O God, from our limited perception. Capture the imaginations of our hearts and the work of our hands. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF PARDON

*L: Friends, believe the good news.*  
**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Helen King

## ANTHEM

*Here I Am, Lord*  
AFPC Small Vocal Ensemble, with  
Eliza Taylor, Flute

Dan Schutte/arr. Craig Courtney

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### SCRIPTURE Psalm 99

Matthew 22: 15-22

*L. This is the Word of the Lord!*

**P: Thanks be to God!**

## HOMILY

*A Peculiar Treasure*

Rev. Robert E. Martin

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Martin

## HYMN

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "Creation"*  
Janice Robison, Organist

Charles Callahan