

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**World Communion Sunday**

**10:00**

**October 1, 2017**

**GATHERING**

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, Ritual of Friendship

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 25:4-9

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**

\*Hymn #281

*Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, You call us to one table, but we pursue our own course. You promise us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You promise us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You promise us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.** (Quiet Prayer and Reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God invites us through the wilderness to be at peace with each other and to be quenched by the living water Christ offers.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen**

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace and reconciliation of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*Gloria

**LISTENING**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

HYMN #446

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21: 23-24

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

HOMILY: *Striking Our Rock*

Rev. Kathryn J. Cameron

## RESPONDING

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

## OFFERING

During this time in the service we are invited to dedicate ourselves. (No plates are passed, the basket on the table is provided for offerings for the work of the church).

\*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*Prayer of Dedication

## \*COMMUNION INVITATION:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYERS

\*DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP is by intinction. Please come to receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and place it in your mouth. The cup on the left holds wine, the cup on the right holds grape juice. Crackers are gluten free.

## SENDING

\* HYMN#555 *Now Thank We All Our God*

\* Charge and Benediction

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

***BOLD TYPE is for congregational responses.***

The Session has called a congregational meeting following worship on October 15 for the purpose of electing elders for the class of 2020. Nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the meeting.

## Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Hendersonville, North Carolina



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*The Lord said to Moses:*

*"I will be standing there in front of you on the rock  
at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water  
will come out of it, so that the people may drink."*

Exodus 17:6