FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Of Westminster

The Service of Worship
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 24, 2019 – 11:00 am

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Pass It On" – *arr. Hayes*
(During the prelude we invite you to center yourself for worship)

Call to Worship:
Leader: We come, as those who seek to trust in God.
People: We commit ourselves to do as Jesus would do for those around us.
Leader: We come, delighting in all the wonders God provides for us.
People: We should not worry but open ourselves to God's heart.
Leader: We come, waiting patiently for God to speak.
People: We will be still, listening for God's words of hope, of peace.

Prayer for the Day: (*in unison*)
You are our heart's desire, who chooses grace over grudges, who provides rather than withholding, who creates community with us rather than standing isolated from us.

You are our Brother and Servant, who delights in those who resist you, who cradles the fists of hatred in your scarred hands, who does good to those who do evil.

You are the Breath of wonder, who blows death's dust off our shoulders, who fills our empty souls with resurrection life, who whispers words of peace into hearts full of anger.

God in Community, Holy in One, You are the One for whom we wait patiently, even as we pray, 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 sinned 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.

Hymn: #368 "I've Got Peace Like a River"   *(Words are on the screens.)*

Confession of Sin:
   Call to Confession
   Prayer of Confession: (*in unison*)

   In this season of light, Revealing God, we find ourselves wandering the shadows of the world. In this time when we focus on Jesus' ministry of healing, we hold tight to all those emotions – hatred, fear, worry – which continue to damage us. In these days when we are invited to listen to Jesus' teachings, we confess it is easier to hear the seductive words of sin.

   Forgive us, Resurrecting God, for trusting in promises which are short-lived, rather than in your Word which endures forever. You have sent Jesus before us so that, as we follow him, we might travel from that far country of fear and doubt to that better country of resurrection life.

   Silent Personal Confession
   Assurance of Pardon
   Response: #579 "Glory Be to the Father"
   The Peace:
      L: May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
      P: And also with you.

            (Now please share The Peace with those around you.)

Anthem: "See the Lilies" – *by Brad Nix*   *Flautist Emily Cugle*

Children's Moment   *(Following the Children's Moment, children ages 4-7 (preschool-1ˢᵗ grade) are invited to Children's Worship. They will return after the sermon.)*

The Sacrament of Baptism: *Keith and Carrie Euker present their children, Sadie Noelle Euker and Bear William Euker*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 37:1-11   *(NRSV)*
                              Luke 6:27-38   *(NRSV)*

      L: This is the word of the Lord.
      P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "A GPS for Your Life"

Hymn: #387 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"   *(Words are on the screens.)*

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed   *(page 14, <u>The Hymnal</u>)*

Concerns, Prayers of the People *(Prayer Cards can be found in the pew.)*
                    Prayer Family – Jenni, Bob, Maggie and Kacy Reath –

The Offering:
   Invitation to Offering
   Presentation of Offerings
      Offertory: "Celebrate the Joy" – *Martin*
   Prayer of Dedication
   Doxology: #592 *(on the screens)*

Hymn: #370 "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"   *(Words are on the screens.)*

Benediction

Response: "Go Forth" *(on the screens)*

Postlude: "Minuet in G" – *Handel / Scott*

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Please note: at places marked by **⊤** *all who are able are asked to stand.*

As Our Service of Worship Ends, Our Ministry of Service Begins!