



First Presbyterian Church of Defiance

September 24, 2023 ~ Ordinary Time

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***Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Defiance.
As you enter this holy space, please enter with reverence,
respecting those who are preparing for worship.***

GATHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Ned Clark as music leader this morning!

Pizza & Program is Wednesday evening! Supper begins at 5:30 pm. Program follows led by Rich Reid and Pastor Leo Pech. Youth and WeKirk will meet.

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Great and gracious God, you created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. You created all humankind in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving all our days. Amen.

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Day by day, dear Lord, three things I pray:

People: To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly-

Leader: Day by day by day, help me to live in the light of your glory.

***HYMN ~ 664**

MORNING HAS BROKEN

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence in confession of our sins.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We, have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

SILENT CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Please share signs of peace with one another.

***HYMN ~ 582 GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME** **HEAR**

WeKIRK WORD

NOAH

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 20:11-18

NOOMA VIDEO & DISCUSSION

"TODAY"

Led by Pam Reid

RESPOND

HYMN ~ 683

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING NOTE

Thank you for your gifts to the church. We continue to receive our offering at the doors to the chapel.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Take our hearts, our hands, our gifts, Holy God. Mold us, shape us, send us so that we might be your body in the world you so love. Amen.

SCATTER TO SERVE

***HYMN ~ 726 WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME (The Summons)**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION ~ say together**

God be with you until we meet again. We go in peace to serve our Lord, giving thanks to God all the way along! Amen.

Postlude

****Please rise in body or in spirit***

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~ Lynn Peters, Alton Myers, Sheron Lee, Wilma Sponsler, Scott Solether, Jack Hess, Dave Roth (Youkers), Karen Solether, Dick (Wilma Sponsler), Bill Kerr (Norm Wasson), Nancy Black, Floyd Culver, Karen Barber, Karl Leckrone, Raegan Wonderly, Vern Kindinger, Alan Heinrichs (Wasson cousin).