



*Worship for Sunday  
September 1, 2019  
10:30 a.m.*

*Our Mission:  
Growing in Spirit  
Living as Disciples  
Serving God's World*

## Preparation for Worship



*Communion by Virginia Wierenga*

Hospitality is the virtue which allows us to break through the narrowness of our own fears and to open our houses to the stranger, with the intuition that salvation comes to us in the form of a tired traveler.

Hospitality makes anxious disciples into powerful witnesses, makes suspicious owners into generous givers, and makes close-minded sectarians into interested recipients of new ideas and insights.

--Henri Nouwen,  
*Ministry and Spirituality*

Prelude

*Just As I Am*  
Rob Passow, Piano

Arr. Joe Raney (1956-)

## We Gather in God's Name

Welcome and Announcements

*Please sign the friendship register.*

† Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Song of Praise

*SMS (Shine)*

Praise Band

Call to Worship

One: God calls us to honesty

Many: ...Rather than honor.

One: God calls us to love the unknown

Many: ...Rather than the familiar.

One: We come to this community, to this table

Many: ...By the grace of Jesus Christ, who welcomes us.

One: Let us worship God.

† Hymn #774

*There is Now a New Creation*

† Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive us, for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength. We often pretend to be other than who we are, for we are afraid to be seen in our weakness. We often prefer to welcome guests of our own choosing, rather than welcome all the varied people you send into our lives. Heal us with your love, O God. Forgive us our arrogance and open us to your spirit, that we might welcome all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor and not our own. We pray in Jesus' name.

† Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God rejoices when we repent and return, offering us forgiveness and grace and the strength to sustain a new life. Rejoice, for you have been reconciled to God and to one another. With joy, seek the honor of hospitality and service to others.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**We Proclaim God's Word**

Children's Message

Scott Anckner

† Hymn #442

*Just as I Am, without One Plea*

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 13:1-6

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon

*We Choose Welcome*

Rev. Katie Murchison Ross

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Old Rugged Cross*  
Jim Lawson, Soloist

† Response #609 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

† Prayer of Dedication

Pat Ferrell

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayer

### **We Depart To Serve God**

† Parting Hymn #767 *Together We Serve*

† Benediction

Postlude

*Lord God of Hosts*  
Rob Passow, Organist

Thomas Morley (1557-1602)



*The Flowers in the Sanctuary are  
Dedicated by Janet and Dave Little*

*In Honor of Their 43rd Anniversary*

*Your greeters today were Jeanne and Jere Armstrong.  
Our thanks to the ushers, Fellowship, and  
others who serve on Sunday morning.*



***WE ARE VERY GLAD YOU CHOSE TO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!  
PLEASE SIGN OUR FRIENDSHIP REGISTER SO THAT WE CAN  
GREET YOU BY NAME AND CALL ON YOU IF YOU DESIRE.***

***ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED IN WORSHIP - ...Even if they fidget! Worship Bags are available outside the sanctuary with books, a children's bulletin, and crayons; and our Nursery is downstairs in Room 5 for infants through 3-year-olds.***

***CHILDREN'S WORSHIP*** - After the Children's Message during the service, children have their own worship experience downstairs, with *Play 'n' Worship* for preschoolers, and *Bridges to Worship* for K-3rd graders. Please pick up your children before Fellowship—K-3rd graders will be in Room 14, and younger children in Room 5.

***SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH*** - Classes for 5-year-olds through adults are offered at 9:15 a.m. from the 2nd Sunday in September through the 3rd Sunday in May, with a summer adult class in June. Youth groups meet during the school year and engage in mission work during the Summer. Please check the schedules on the bulletin boards in the main level hall.

***GRACE INSIGHTS*** - Learn more about our church, our mission, and our denomination, PC(USA), in classes that form throughout the year. If you are considering membership or you have interest in learning more, please speak to one of our pastors or Elder Valerie Wenderoth. You will find Grace a very welcoming place.

***PLEASE ASK ANYONE FOR HELP OR DIRECTIONS!***

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