

# THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 11, 2011

11:00am

### TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE PRELUDE

Joanna Bailey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS    MINUTE FOR OUTREACH

+CALL TO WORSHIP

*L- God moves and we are moved.*

**P- The Spirit wraps us in bunting of comfort or prickly challenge.**

*L- We find ourselves together once again,*

**P- Seeking a word, listening for a hint or clue, an insight or an “aha!”**

*L- Living for God’s blessing, doing our best to die to sin.*

+HYMN OF PRAISE 262 God of the Ages

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Now Lord, meet us in this sacred moment and forgive us for the wrongs we have done. You have made us mortal, and nobody anywhere knows our imperfections and failings better than you. Later we will ask that you, “Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,” and we will hope that you will do that far better than we, and-- in addition-- forgive us for the times we are unable or unwilling to forgive even once, let alone twice, let alone, “seventy times seven.”**

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*L- We believe that God wants nothing so much as to take us in his arms again, to wipe away our tears once more, to tell us repeatedly that he loves us, and to put us back on our feet again: forgiven, healed and-- having experienced it-- prepared to live lives of compassion.*

+PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*The forgiven people of God may move about the sanctuary offering and receiving Christ’s peace.*

ANTHEM

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As we prepare to hear scripture and sermon, help make our preparation complete so that we can make the best use of our time here today and, that we can leave believing we have participated in something truly important, and that we have made a contribution to that. AMEN

THE LESSON FROM THE GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

THE SERMON The Hardest Thing We've Never Done?

Rev. Don Smith

+HYMN 347 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

## THE SERVICE OF GIVING

Signing the Friendship Register

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

## +DOXOLOGY

## JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*What is on our minds and hearts this morning?*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*This prayer is informed by our Joys and Concerns, but not exclusively.*

+HYMN 436 We Are Your People

+THE CHARGE from Peterson's *The Message* The Bible in Contemporary Language

M- Chosen by God for this new life, of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense Forgive as quickly and completely as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:12-13

## +THE BENEDICTION

M- *The Lord bless you and keep you;*

*the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;*

*the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

P- AMEN!

## + THE POSTLUDE

*+ All who are able may stand.*