



## First Presbyterian Church El Campo, Texas

*First Presbyterian Church seeks to provide a spiritual home that proclaims God's presence and love to all people by creating a welcoming environment for Christian spiritual growth through worship, fellowship, and education and to joyfully celebrate God's love as disciples serving the community and the world.*

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 16, 2020

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church!*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### PRELUDE

*Chorale & Fuggetta on "NUN LOB, MEIN' SEEL'" Johann Christoph Bach*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Ps. 124:8, 118:24

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**All: Maker of heaven and earth.**

One: The is the day the Lord has made;

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: Let us worship God.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. (*Silent Confession*)**

As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: World without end. Amen. Amen.**

**THE HEARING OF THE WORD OF GOD**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:10-28

SERMON

*An Outsider's Story*

Rev. Dr. Bill Poe

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

MUSICAL OFFERING

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Tune: BRADBURY; arr. James Koerts

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

*Seek Ye First*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And his righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia!**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*, with lyrics by Dorothy Thrupp (1836) is always sung to the tune BRADBURY, named after its composer, William B. Bradbury. Appearing in at least 1,047 different church hymnals, it is his second-best-known hymn tune. Bradbury's best-known tune is *Jesus Loves Me* (1862), a children's song which has carried the Gospel message around the world.

**Ask and it shall be given unto you.  
Seek and ye shall find.  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE    *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*    Tune: HYFRYDOL; Welsh Melody