



Worship With Us

MATTHEW 22:15-22

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PETALUMA

OCTOBER 18, 2020

PRELUDE

Jane Shelly

WELCOME

Pastor John

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES (at FPC and in your homes) Grete, Mike

We light these candles to remind ourselves of God's presence, not only in this place, but in all places. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 116

What shall we return to the Lord
for all his bounty to us?

**We will offer to God a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.**

We will pay our vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people.

**In the courts of the house of the Lord,
we will praise our God!**

PRAYER AND SILENT LISTENING TO GOD

Gracious God, Your gifts surround us in all stages of our lives and in all circumstances of our lives. Help us to trust you for what we need. Help us to call on you for the strength we need for the tasks you call us to, so that we are faithful to the end. Help us to give with joy. We gather now to offer our worship to you. We bring our prayers and praises, our open ears and our willing hearts. In these few moments of silence, open our ears to hear you, and prepare our hearts for worship.

HYMN (9:45) *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; Illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; Illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; Illumine me, Spirit divine!

DISCOVERY TIME (9am)

Grete Hansen

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Grete Hansen, Mike Roberts

Let us confess our sins to God,
whose loving-kindness endures forever.

**Gracious God, we are grateful that you bless us with much;
in fact, all that we need. We confess that too often we hold on**

to all that we have and still want more. Forgive us for the times we waste your gifts, fail to love our neighbors, and forget your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silence, a time for personal confession.

People of God, hear the good news:
The God who challenges us
is also the God who encourages us.
The God who confronts us
is also the God who accepts us.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

SONG (9:45) *Holy Is Your Name*

Jane Shelly

My soul is filled with joy as I sing to God my Savior:
You have looked upon Your servant;
You have visited Your people.

*And Holy is Your name, through all generations!
Everlasting is Your mercy to the people You have chosen,
And Holy is Your name.*

I am lowly as a child, but I know from the day forward
That my name will be remembered,
for all will call me blessed. (*chorus*)

I proclaim the power of God; You do marvels for Your servants;
Though You scatter the proud hearted,
and destroy the might of princes. (*chorus*)

To the hungry You give food, send the rich away empty.
In Your mercy You are mindful
of the people You have chosen. (*chorus*)

In Your love You now fulfill what you promised to Your people.
I will praise You, Lord, my Savior,
everlasting is Your mercy. (*chorus*)

THE OFFERING

Pastor John

God has abundantly blessed us and called us
to be a community that honors one another,
to serve others with joy,
to share our love and material possessions.
It is therefore with gladness, as an act of worship,
that we present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

Generous God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first
given us—our selves, our time, and our financial resources—signs of
your gracious love. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for
the service of your kingdom. In Christ we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:15-22

Grete Hansen, Mike Robert

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

Pastor John

OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Prayers of thanksgiving and petition may be offered, followed by:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(or in your preferred version)*

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.

CHARGE

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG (9:45)

Go Now In Peace

Jane Shelly

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you, each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know he will guide you in all you do.

Worship Leaders: Pastor John Chase, Student & Family Ministries Director Grete Hansen (9:00am), Mike Roberts (9:45am), Music Director Jane Shelly, Accompanist Jenny Smith

Credits

Opening Prayer adapted from Worship Resources for Stewardship Sunday, from the Mennonite Church in Canada, January 20, 2008.

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