

First Presbyterian Church

September 25, 2011

Brawley, California

10:30am

"To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God." Psalm 25:1-2a

PRELUDE

Marilyn Pyle, Accompanist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jim Pazan

*CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 25:1-9

Carl Stills, Liturgist

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

People: **No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.**

Leader: Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths;

People: **guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.**

Leader: Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

People: **Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD.**

Leader: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

People: **He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #104

"O Worship The King"

*CONFESSIONS AND ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We find ourselves tossed to and fro, looking for answers while ignoring the truth. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*Please stand if you are comfortably able to do so.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. When we turn from our sin and trust in the mercy of God through Jesus Christ, we are assured of the good news of the gospel that together we proclaim:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri #813

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Hymn of Preparation #393

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Prayer for Illumination: (said in Unison)

O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7 (pg. 76)

New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 2:1-9 (pg. 1254)

Gospel Lesson: Mark 4:1-9 (pg. 1048)

Message "SOWING SEED EVERYWHERE" Pastor Jim Pazan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn of Response #606

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

Prayers of The People and The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of our Tithes and Offering

Offertory

*The Doxology #815

*Prayer of Dedications

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn #21

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*Passing of the Peace

Pastor:

May the peace of Christ be with you.

People:

And also with you.

*Benediction

Childcare is available during the service for families with young children.