

# First Presbyterian Church

September 4, 2011

Brawley, California

10:30am

*"Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth; burst into song, O mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones." Isaiah 49:13*

## PRELUDE

Bethany Villero, Accompanist

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jim Pazan

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 149:1-6

Marilyn Pyle, Liturgist

Leader: Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints.

**People: Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King.**

Leader: Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp.

**People: For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation.**

Leader: Let the saints rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.

**People: May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #13

"Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!"

## \*CONFESSIONS AND ASSURANCE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

We are the people of God, but Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus intercedes for us with the Father, who freely forgives us, through his infinite goodness and mercy. So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, you have called us to be a people who draw near to you by day and by night. Instead, we have wandered, seeking to find our own way. We allow ourselves to be deceived by sin, and find that our hearts have become hard. We have sinned against you and we have hurt one another. Forgive us, Father, for neglecting our relationship with you. Open our hearts to one another. Grant us your Spirit so that we may live in a moment-by-moment conversation with you. Shape us to be the people you intended us to be.**

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

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Scripture promises, "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." 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 #337

"Nothing but the Blood"

**Prayer for Illumination: (said in Unison)**

**Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

New Testament Lesson: Acts 13:44-51 (pg. 1156)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20 (pg. 1028)

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7 (pg. 767)

Message "THE RESTORATION OF GOD'S MISSION" Pastor Jim Pazan

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn of Response #581

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Prayers of The People, Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Presentation of our Tithes and Offering

Offertory

\*The Doxology #815

\*Prayer of Dedications

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*Closing Hymn #680

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

**\*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.