

**BROWN COUNTY PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP
ORDER OF WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY**

October 1, 2017

Celebrating Community

Greeting & Announcements

If you are visiting with us today, we are especially glad you are here! Please fill out one of the visitor cards and place it in the offering plate. Also, please feel free to join us following the service for coffee and conversation.

Recognition of Birthdays & Anniversaries

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

As you prepare your hearts for worship, welcome the presence of the Lord in this place.

Praising God

*Call to Worship (cf. Psalm 81)

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

People: "In distress you called, and I rescued you," says the Lord.

Leader: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt," God declares. "Open your mouth wide and I will fill it."

People: With finest wheat God fills us, and with honey from the rock he satisfies us.

Leader: Let us praise our God!

*Hymn of Praise #56

"Sing Out with Joy to God"

We will sing this hymn to the tune Ellacombe, #805

Receiving Pardon from God

*Invitation to Confession (cf. Philippians 2:6-8)

Though He is God, Jesus nonetheless humbled himself and took on the form of a servant. He was obedient to God's will, even to the point of death on a cross. Confident that God forgives us through his selfless act, let us confess our sins and be reminded of God's mercy...

*Prayer of Confession

The People of God

Lord, we know that your way is the way of forgiveness, / but we still don't like admitting that we need it. / We would rather talk the talk or righteousness / than walk the walk of faithfulness. / We don't intend to challenge your authority / but our disobedience does that every day. / Forgive the sins that we know about and try to hide. / Forgive the sins that we are too ashamed to recognize. / Remind us again that you are like a loving father to us / slow to anger and abounding in steady love for us. / In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray...

During the silence, please make your personal confession to God.

*Assurance of Pardon (cf. Philippians 2:9-11)

Because of Jesus' obedience, God highly exalted him and gave him a name worthy to be praised. May every knee bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord and that there is forgiveness in him!
AMEN.

Hearing God's Word

The Children's Message

Pastor Scott

Following the children's message, all children are invited to attend Sunday School. They may join our teachers at the entrance to Fellowship Hall.

First Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

The people of Israel grumble against God, and He provides water for them in the wilderness.

Second Lesson

Matthew 21:23-32

Jesus tells a parable about two sons to challenge the religious leaders.

Sermon

"Yes or No?"

Responding in Faith

*Hymn of Response

#288

"Spirit of the Living God"

*Affirmation of Faith

The People of God

Today we will recite together the Apostles Creed, found on p. 35 of the hymnal

*Gloria Patri #581
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Pastor Scott

Moment of Reflection

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him, all creatures here below! Praise Him above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table Pastor Scott

Hymn of Preparation #521
"In Remembrance of Me"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup The People of God

Prayer after Communion

Praying for the Church and World

Sharing of Concerns & Celebrations Pastor Scott

Pastoral Prayer

The 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Departing to Serve

* Closing Hymn #835
"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

*Pastoral Charge and Blessing

Postlude

It is our custom to remain seated and enjoy the postlude.

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Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship



Rev. Dr. Scott Seay, Pastor
Dr. Jihyun Kim, Pianist
Mark DeZwaan, Organist

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