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Sunday, August 1, 2021  
10:30 AM Service

Second Presbyterian Church live streams our 10:30 am worship service. Cameras are located throughout the sanctuary. If you do not wish to be on camera, please see an usher who will help you find a seat outside of camera range. Previously recorded live streams may be found on our Youtube channel.

**Notice of Mask Requirement**

Masks are optional for those who are vaccinated.

**\*Indicates congregation standing, if you are able.**

**Prelude** Kevin Chunko  
Iste Confessor Domini (Le Tombeau de Titelouze, op. 38, No. 12)  
Marcel Dupré

**Welcome and Life Together** Rev. Trey Haddon

**Choral Introit** Chapel Choir Interns

**\*Call to Worship** Kathy Frank

Here, in this place, we come to hear the good news.

**We know our God is here, now and always.**

Here, with this people, we will not fear in living the good news.

**We will walk with Jesus, as he comes with hope.**

Here, in these moments, we will not be scared to tell the good news.

**We will be open to all the Holy Spirit is doing in our midst.**

**\*Call to Confession** Jamie Bishop

**\*Prayer of Confession:**

**God of all, we say that we are good listeners, but we close our ears to the vulnerable around us. We say that we live as your people, but too often, put ourselves ahead of others.**

**God of compassion, send us out to be a friend to the lonely; to be generous to the poor in spirit; to be caring to those hurting. Have mercy on us and equip us to serve alongside our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

In Christ we died to our old selves  
behold we are new creations!

**Therefore we proclaim Jesus Christ  
as our Lord, and the life of Jesus is in us.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Passing of the Peace** Elder David Kaeb

**Song of the Day** Chapel Choir Interns  
Because He Lives

**First Scripture Reading** Deacon Mike McKnight  
James 1:17-27

**Word in Song**

God of Mercy, God of Grace  
Gerry F. Davidson

**Second Scripture Reading**

Mark 7:31-37

**Message**

Miracle of Possibilities

**Affirmation of Faith****Sacrament of Holy Communion****Sending Response**

We Are All One in Mission

**Benediction****Postlude**

Salvation To Us Has Come  
Richard Proulx

Chapel Choir Interns

Rev. Trey Haddon

Ryder Marquardt

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Kevin Chunko

**James 1:17-27**

<sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

<sup>26</sup> Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

**Mark 7:31-37**

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

<sup>33</sup> After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. <sup>34</sup> He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). <sup>35</sup> At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

<sup>36</sup> Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. <sup>37</sup> People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

*Song***God of Mercy, God of Grace**

God of mercy, God of grace,  
Show the brightness of thy face;  
Shine upon us, Savior, shine,  
Fill thy Church with light divine;  
And thy saving health extend,  
Unto earth's remotest end.

Let thy people praise thee, Lord,  
Be by all that live adored;  
Let the nations shout and sing  
Glory to their Savior King;  
Let all be below, above,  
One in joy, and light, and love.