

*Welcome to this service of worship on the
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time.*

As Jesus Christ welcomes each one of us, we hope you sense the friendly welcome of this congregation of God's people (see back of bulletin).

[*]If you are comfortable doing so, it is appropriate to stand.
Bold type signifies congregational response.

WE GATHER IN JESUS' NAME

HYMN SING Lloyd Brooks, leader

#384 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Also see hand-out at front of church (verses to be announced)

WELCOME

LIGHTING A CANDLE FOR PEACE

We light a candle in our midst to stand as a beacon of hope, calling us and all the world from darkness to light, from violence to peace.

Lord make us instruments of your peace.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord does not faint or grow weary.

God gives power to the weary and strengthens the powerless.

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.

Praise the Lord! Let us worship God!

* HYMN #229 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

Everlasting God, creator of the ends of the earth, you are great in strength and mighty in power. Yet you care for the least of us. You heal the broken, welcome the outcast, and lift up the downtrodden. Renew our strength, we pray, that we may sing our praise and shout our thanks. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI Hymnal p. 579

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

MUSICAL SELECTION *Song and Variations after Van Eyck*
(see insert) Song and Variation I Willett

Alani Willett, recorder

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:29-39 Pew Bible NT p. 35

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Take a Break" Rev. Russell Feroe

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # 392 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

Note: Those who plan to make announcements are asked to be seated in the front of the church during the last verse of the hymn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer is found on the top of page 16 of the Hymnal, traditional version using "debts" and "debtors"

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Song and Variations after van Eyck* Willett
Variation II – IV and Reprise

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE *We give Thee But Thine Own*
for music see hymn 428

We give Thee but Thine own, what 'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Creator of heaven and earth, you bless the earth with rain and surround us with the warmth of your sun. Our lives are filled with the gifts of your grace. Receive these offerings that they may ease the sufferings of others and heal the wounds in our communities. In Jesus' name we pray and serve, Amen.

*HYMN #281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*BENEDICTION

Did you hear the good news?

The kingdom of God has drawn near!

Will you trust God enough to leave your former lives behind?

We put our faith in the Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn of Benediction Jones

Go with God. Go with God, as you leave this place go with God. God will direct your way. God will light every day. As you leave this place go with God.

POSTLUDE *March in D* Bach/Blake

SERVICE

- Flowers:** The flowers are given today in loving memory of Bob Robertson and Patti O'Neal Robertson from Pauline and family.
- Liturgist:** R. Sherwood (Sherry) Marchant
- Greeters:** Norman & Ruth Van Anden
- Ushers:** Joan Grant, Tom McNeill, George Rawitscher, Pauline Robertson.



Members, friends, and visitors are invited to join us as our guests for coffee and fellowship in Hodge Hall immediately following worship. **Enoch & Margo Darko** are hosting today.

This is a welcoming Church, embracing sisters and brothers without regard to age, race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, family status, economic situation or theological viewpoint. We want our visitors to feel a part of the family. "Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA)."

There is a variety of materials near the entrance to acquaint you with the Church. We encourage you to sign the guest book in the entry and to use the yellow card in the pews to register your attendance and enable us to add you to our newsletter mailing list. Please place yellow cards in the offering plates.

Membership: All of our services and activities are open to non-members. We invite people to commit themselves to membership as a witness to their faith in Christ, and the mission of Christ as lived out in the life of this congregation. We receive members by affirmation of faith, or by reaffirmation or transfer of membership. You may speak with the pastor or one of the elders about membership.

Offering Envelopes are available in the pews for the convenience of those who may have forgotten their assigned envelope or for those who wish to use an envelope for a cash gift. If you wish your contribution to be used for a specific cause, please indicate that on the envelope.

ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM AVAILABLE

Anyone who has difficulty in hearing and understanding the service is encouraged to use the assisted listening system. This is a wireless system so users can sit anywhere in the sanctuary. Receivers are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. Many of you have used a similar system at the Bushnell or Hartford Stage.



During the service we provide **Nursery Care** in the Buchanan Room for children **up to age 4**. An usher will direct you to the location. **Shannon Hopkins** is the nursery director and **Augusta Jara** is the assistant.

The Abiding Memorials Book is open to the abiding gift given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Katie Grimshaw**, born March 25, 1906, died September 26, 1982, by those listed.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

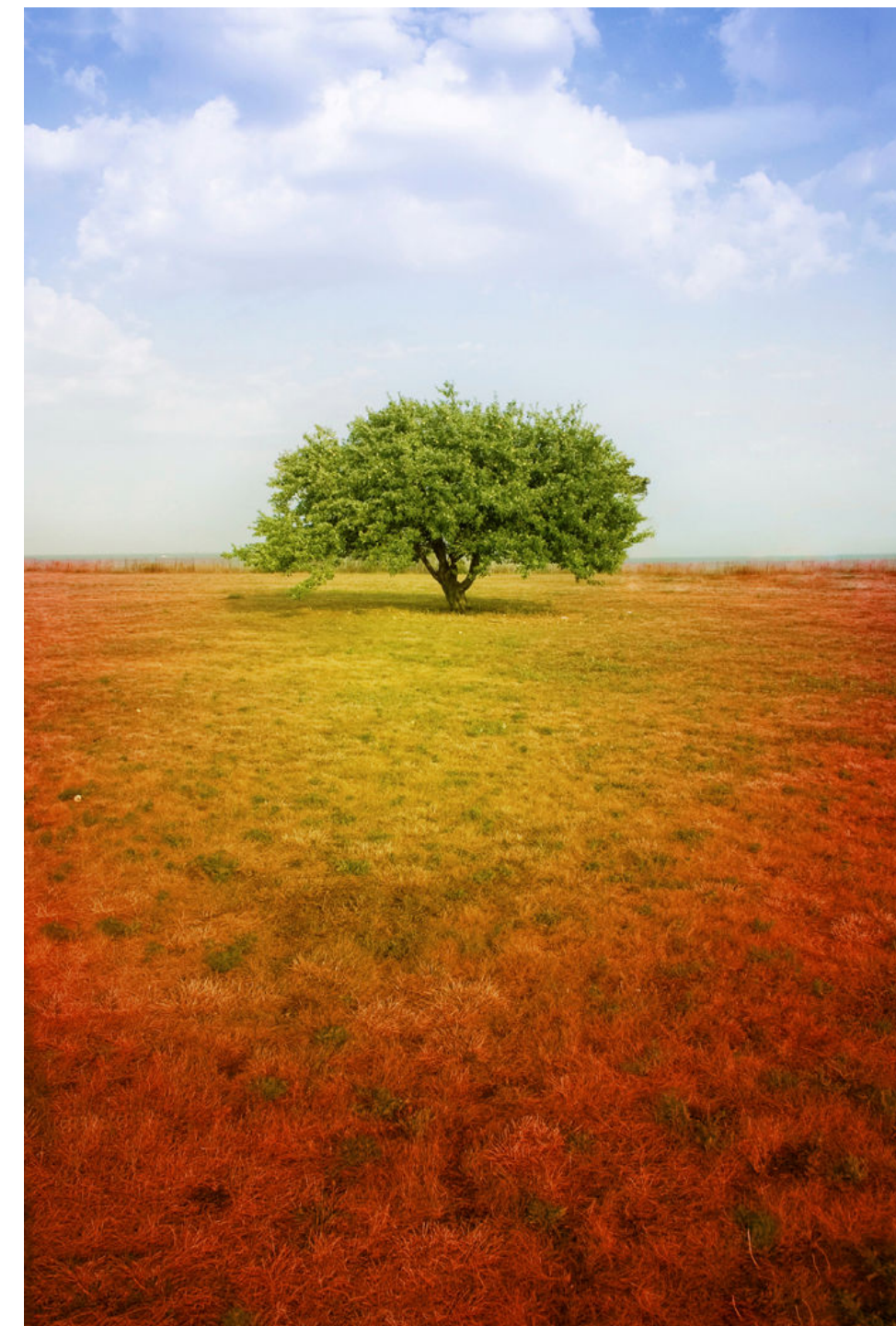
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136 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT
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Worship 10:30 am
Sunday, August 23, 2009