

Welcome to 10:55 ALIVE!

January 20, 2013

GATHERED FOR GOD

Gathering Songs: Sing 122, 43
Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Come, O people, and sing to God!

For the Lord takes delight in his people.

* Hymn 143 (PH) “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession *followed by silent confession*

***Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change.
Open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.***

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response (Sing 74)

***Surely it is God who saves me! I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And God will be my Savior.***

LISTENING FOR GOD

Prayer for Understanding

First Lesson: John 2:1-11 (NT, p. 93)

Psalter: Psalm 36:5-10

Refrain: ***Your love, Lord, reaches to heaven, your truth to the skies.***

A Time with Children

Musical Moment

“The Quiet Heart”

Ness Beck

Second Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-12 (OT, p. 692)

Sermon: “More Than Pretty Poetry”

Rev. Bill Carter

RESPONDING TO GOD

* Hymn 366 (PH) “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

* What We Believe and Want to Believe: Apostles’ Creed (PH, p. 14)

Prayers of Silence, Prayers in Voices, and the Lord's Prayer

Offering Ourselves

Special Music “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. Wood

* Response (Sing 215)

***Take, O take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me!***

* Prayer of Thanks

GO WITH GOD'S BLESSING

- * Hymn 376 (PH) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude "How Great Thou Art" arr. Wood

* All who are able shall stand.
PH Presbyterian Hymnal **Sing** Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

The flowers this morning have been given by Charlotte and Jack Spory to the glory of God and in honor of their 63rd Wedding Anniversary.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor	Rev. Bill Carter
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Jo Anne Shepherd
Ushers	Bill Farrell



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John 2:1-11 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Isaiah 62:1-12

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."