

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2014

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45)
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 139:7-10

O Lord, where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
**even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

* Hymn 409 "God is Here" (verses 1-3)
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, your creatures cry - creation groans -
but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise.
We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility:
we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy.
It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference.
Life-giving God, wash us clean.
Restore our imaginations and our hearts.
Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins
until we love with abandon
and our hands reach out in blessing,
for the creation waits with eager longing**

for the revealing of the children of God.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response (409, verse 4)

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
We who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: John 1:43-51

Psalter: Psalm 139 (Hymnal 28)

A Time with Children

Special Music

Our young children are invited to attend "Joyful Noise" in room 103.

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 28:10-19 (OT, p. 25)

Sermon: "Portal to Another Dimension"

Summer series: God is Faithful to a Dysfunctional Family

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 714 "God of the Fertile Fields"
Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

* Charge and Benediction
* Postlude

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Musician	Teresa Welby
<i>Joyful Noise</i> leaders	Andy Kepler, Grace Farrell
Ushers	Donna Kepler, Vi Dygert



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Psalm 139

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

O that you would kill the wicked, O God, and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—

those who speak of you maliciously, and lift themselves up against you for evil!

Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Genesis 28:10-19

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.