

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2014

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45)

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Trumpet Tune in C Major" McCabe

Call to Worship

The God of heaven has made a home on earth;

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

The highest in all creation lives among the least;

Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now all who thirst and drink the water of life.

Come now all who hunger and be filled with good things.

Come now all who seek

and be inspired by the power of love.

* Hymn 393 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

**Have mercy on us, Lord! Our lives have been disrupted by evil
and by our own twisted desires and exploits.**

**We are dismayed at your presence,
anguished by the fallout of our own failures.**

**We cannot take back what we have said,
or undo what we have done,**

or atone for the agony we have caused.

**We are haunted by the past, plagued by the present,
and fearful of the future.**

We shrink away as strangers outside your circle of blessing.

Yet the faith you have planted in us reaches out for your favor,

**returns to your presence, and hungers for your mercy;
So set us free in your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Gloria Patri (581)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:13-19 (NT, p. 192)

Psalter: Psalm 128 (Hymnal 47)

A Time with Children

Special Music "Turn Your Radio On" by Albert E. Brumley
Our young children are invited to attend "Joyful Noise" in room 103.

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 45:1-15 (OT, p. 42)

Sermon: "The Hidden Ways of God"

Rev. Jeff Kellam

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 450 "Be Thou My Vision"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "Pastorale" Wagner

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Aria in F"

Handel

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Bonnie Plantholt in memory of her parents, Erwin and Dorothy Eckstein.

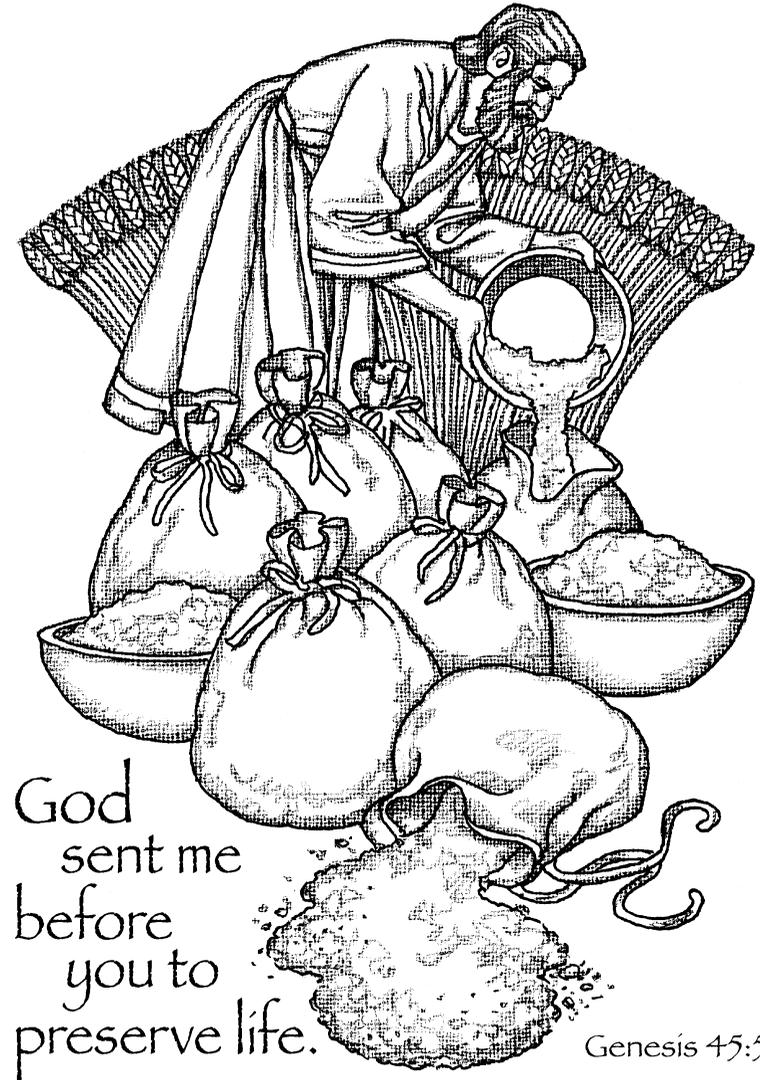
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher	Rev. Jeff Kellam
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Musicians	Men's Choir
Liturgist	Connie Weiss
<i>Joyful Noise</i> leaders	Barb Wadsworth, Tina Ide
Ushers	Meg Hatch, Betty Keen



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

We welcome the Rev. Jeff Kellam as our guest preacher. Jeff has been honorably retired from the Presbytery of Geneva after serving churches in Virginia, Vermont, and upstate New York. His early ministry was in radio and video in Richmond, VA, where he produced a nationally-syndicated rock music program ("Celebration Rock") and was a jazz DJ for over twenty years. Jeff's wife Joan is the retired church musician at Bill Carter's home church in Owego, NY, where this morning she is filling in as organist.



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