First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2014 10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn
Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Let Us Break Bread"

arr. Wood

Call to Worship

John 15:16

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord,

to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

* Hymn 503 "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation" *Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

- * Call to Confession
- * Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess our sin and the sin of this world.

Christ is among us as our peace,

Yet we are a people divided against ourselves

as we cling to the values of a broken world.

We pursue profit and pleasures that pollute land, sea, and air.

We harbor fears and jealousies that set neighbor against neighbor.

We abuse your good gifts of freedom and imagination,

of intellect and reason,

spreading lies, creating confusion, and perpetuating violence.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal us and forgive us.

Set us free to serve you in your world,

As agents of your love and reconciliation in Jesus Christ.

- * Assurance of Pardon
- * Passing of the Peace
- * Gloria Patri (Hymnal 581)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7 (OT, p. 634)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Do, Lord, Remember Me" Spiritual; arr. Moses Hogan

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:33-46 (NT, p. 24)

Sermon: "Getting the Boot from the Vineyard"

Rev. Carter

arr. Childs

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn 394 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
- * Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

Minute for Peacemaking

Offering

Offertory "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table (Hymnal, p. 9)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.

^{*} Silent Confession

^{*} Prayer after Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 317 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "In Christ There Is No East or West" arr. Wood

The flowers this morning have been given by Jim and Linda Frangos to the glory of God and honoring their parents.

The anthem this morning was donated by Dick and Marie Cochrane.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

William G. Carter Pastor Director of Educational Ministries Tina Ide Director of Music Susan Kelly Kay Ten Eyck Organist Frank Garnecki Liturgist Joyful Noise leaders Frank Garnecki, Briar Woodley Ushers Laura Schillinger, Anne Deremer Welcomer Ann Chamberlin



"For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting." (Isaiah 5:7)

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^{*} All who are able shall stand.

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Matthew 21:33-46

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him,

"He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.