

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2014

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Prelude" Franck

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! Ps. 106:1-3

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare God's praise?

**Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.**

* Hymn 63 "The Lord is God"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you are the Lord our God,
who brought us out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery.**

**And yet our trust in you is fragile,
easily crushed by our bent toward indifference.**

**Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause -
an answer to prayer not instantly given,
a request for peace not immediately felt.**

**Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making—
the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost,
the god of illusion, pursued in any form.**

Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us, through Christ, our Lord.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Gloria Patri (581)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14 (OT, p. 78)

Psalter: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 (Hymnal 60)

A Time with Children

Anthem "All Night, All Day" arr. Hart Morris

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

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14 (NT, p. 24)

Sermon: "But I Thought I Was Invited!" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "Adagio"

Mendelssohn

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 354 "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"
Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

* Charge and Benediction

* Response

* Postlude _____ “Chaconne”

Campra

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God in memory of our mother, Marion Abraham, by Barbara Mellander and Carole Grodack.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Pastor | Rev. William G. Carter |
| Director of Educational Ministries | Tina Ide |
| Organist | Kay Ten Eyck |
| Liturgist | Wayne Griffiths |
| <i>Joyful Noise</i> leaders | Elaine Lavelle, Tina Ide |
| Ushers | Laura Schillinger, Ann Deremer |
| Welcomer | Mark Kusma |



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Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!< The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and

do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."