

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2015

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music (9:45)
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

“Prelude”

Albinoni

Call to Worship

The Lord redeems the life of his servants.

Thanks be to God.

No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

Praise the Lord!

* Hymn 12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess

our failure to be what you created us to be.

You alone know how often we have sinned

in wandering from your ways,

in wasting your gifts,

in forgetting your love.

By your loving mercy, forgive our sin,

and help us to live in your light and abide in your ways,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response: “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!” (591)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Ephesians 6:10–20 (NT, p. 195)

Second Lesson: John 6:56–69 (NT, p. 98)

A Time with Children

Special Music

“O Day of Peace”

Parry

Sermon Lesson: 1 Kings 8:20–30, 41–43 (OT, p. 312)

Sermon: “Getting a Hearing”

Dr. Martin

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 402 “How Lovely, Lord”

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

“Adagio”

Albinoni

* Doxology (Hymnal 606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 835 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

“Allegretto”

Albinoni

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning are given by Diane and Jack Scheuer to the Glory of God and in loving memory of their daughter, Ella E. Scheuer.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher	Dr. Jim Martin
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	John Conklin
Welcomer	Mollie Woehling
Ushers	Anne Deremer, Meg Hatch

Special Music

Sopranos	Shirley McLaughlin, Connie Weiss, Victoria Jeschke, Barbara Norton
Altos	Judy Cutler, Donna Porter, Meg Hatch, Pat Delaney
Tenors	Alan Baker, Dave Porter, Jim Justin, Ben Kontz
Basses	Colin Jeschke, Chris Norton, John Weiss



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O Lord,



... there is no God like you
in heaven above
or on earth below.

1 Kings 8:23

Ephesians 6:10–20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

John 6:56–69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will

live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

1 Kings 8:20–30, 41–43

Now the LORD has upheld the promise that he made; for I have risen in the place of my father David; I sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel. There I have provided a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD that he made with our ancestors when he brought them out of the land of Egypt."

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and

steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. "Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.