

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
7th Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2016

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music 399
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

“Canon in D”

Pachelbel

Call to Worship

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let the peoples praise you, O God.

Let all the peoples praise you.

* Hymn 643

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

we confess we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be your obedient people.

We have not done your will, we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love.

We have not loved our neighbors,

and refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Easter Response (240)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Special Music

“I Will Give Thanks and Sing”

Jothen

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: John 17:20-26 (NT, p. 111)

Epistle Lesson: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 (NT, p. 260)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

arr. William L. Dawson

Psalter: Psalm 67 (OT, p. 529)

Sermon: “Bless Your Heart”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 327

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

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

Litany for Mother’s Day and the Lord's Prayer

Moment for the Pentecost Offering

Offering

Offertory

“Andante”

Mendelssohn

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 547

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Amen

* Postlude

“Chaconne”

Campra

* All who are able shall stand.

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Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

John 17:20-26

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your

name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Psalms 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah

that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.