

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2017

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

- Prelude Music "Chant of the Soil" Keith Jarrett
"Country" Keith Jarrett
- Words of Welcome
- Call to Worship from Psalm 27
The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
- * Hymn 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.
- * Call to Confession
- * Personal Confession "Everything That Lives Laments" Keith Jarrett
- * Prayer of Confession *from the writings of Reinhold Niebuhr*
Holy God,
we give you thanks for the pleasures of art and literature,
for the enrichment of personality
through every ministry of truth and beauty and goodness.
We confess that we are not worthy of the riches of life
for which the generations have labored
that we might enter into this heritage.
We confess the sorry confusion of our common life,
the greed which disfigures our collective life
and sets people against their neighbors.
We confess our indifference and callousness toward the poor,
and the pettiness which mars the relations between us.
May we with contrite hearts seek once more to purify our spirits, *through Jesus*
Christ our Lord.
- * Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Musical Response "The Cure" Keith Jarrett

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

- Prayer for Illumination
First Lesson: Revelation 21:9-14, 18-21 (NT, p. 259)
- A Time with Children
- Special Music "My Song" Keith Jarrett
- Second Lesson: Psalm 27 (OT, p. 503)
Sermon: "The Jazz of Beauty" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn 650 "O Beauty Ever Ancient"
* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)
- Offering
Offertory "'Long As You're Living Yours" Keith Jarrett
- The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Invitation to the Lord's Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer
The Words of Institution
Communion of the People
All are invited to eat the bread and drink the cup as they are served.
- Music during communion: "Innocence" Keith Jarrett

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 800 "Sometimes a Light Surprises"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude Music "Late Night Willie" Keith Jarrett
"So Tender" Keith Jarrett

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by R. Rinell and Mary Edna Vincent to the Glory of God, in honor of our wonderful family and in loving memory of loved ones.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Liturgist	Alan Baker
Welcomer	Janet Dobson
Ushers	Betty Keen, Mary Parry
Communion Servers	Chris Norton, Judy Cutler, Janet Stansbury, Bill Farrell, Bill Davis, John Weiss, Connie Weiss and Beverly Bright
Guest musicians	Mike Carbone, Tony Marino, Tyler Dempsey

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Jazz Communion Service

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Revelation 21:9-14, 18-21

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.' And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The wall is built of jasper, while the city is pure gold, clear as glass. The foundations of the wall of the city are adorned with every jewel; the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the fifth onyx, the sixth cornelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoptase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. And the twelve gates are twelve pearls, each of the gates is a single pearl, and the street of the city is pure gold, transparent as glass.

Psalms 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.

Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!