

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Communion – Peacemaking Sunday

October 1, 2017

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church and Minute for Peace and Global Witness Offering

Prelude “Aus tiefer not” Tune Martin Luther, arr. Max Drischner

Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 150

We have come together to praise God from whom all blessings flow.

***The firmament, the covering of earth and seas,
is the roof of our sanctuary.***

And so, we dwell in the house of God all the days of our lives
as one people.

***We will sing songs of praise
and give thanks for God's steadfast hope in us.***

Who today will bless God for God's surpassing greatness?

Let everything that breathes worship and praise God!

* Hymn 404 “What Is This Place” Tune from The Netherlands

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession (In unison) Unknown, Mexico

***Lord, if this day you have to correct us, put us right,
not out of anger, but with a mother and father's love.
So may we your children be kept free of falseness and foolishness.***

Prayer of Confession Joe Seremane, South Africa

(to be prayed individually, in silence)

You asked for my hands that you might use them for your purpose.
I gave them for a moment then withdrew them for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.

I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.
I closed them for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life that you might work through me.
I gave a small part that I might not get too involved.

Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you,
only when it is convenient for me to do so,
only in those places it is safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so.

(In unison, led by the liturgist)

***Father, forgive me, renew me,
send me out as a usable instrument
that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross.***

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 589 ***Alleluia ... Now the Lord is risen indeed!***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Matthew 18:1-5 (NT, p. 19)

A Time with Children

Anthem “Prayer for Man and His World” Buckner/Ringwald

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13 (NT, p. 197)

Sermon: “Tables R Us.” Rev. Kellam

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 532 “Sheaves of Wheat” Spain

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

A Minute for Stewardship Tabbi Miller-Scandle

Offering

Offertory “Erhalt Us, Herr”

Tune Martin Luther, arr. Mark Sedio

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

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.

* Prayer after Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" Jamaica

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Amen (601)

* Postlude "Ein Feste Burg" Text & Tune Martin Luther
arr. John Leavitt

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God

- in honor of the recent marriage of Laura and Peter Moore by the Schillinger family;
- in loving memory of Kathy Potts on her October 1 birthday by Susan Zenke; and
- in celebration of Tinka Zenke's 103rd birthday with love from her family.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher	Rev. Jeff Kellam
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Amanda Roberts
Welcomers	Lee and Mick Wirth
Ushers	Marsha Parrish
Communion Servers	Myrna Diven, captain; John Diven, Ginny O'Brien, Nancy Dennen, Nancy Post



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Matthew 18:1-5

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.