

First Presbyterian Church
Service for the Lord's Day
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2020

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord

who made heaven and earth.

I trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

Hymn 33

“Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”

1 Praise the Lord! God’s glories show, Alleluia! Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!
angels round the throne above, Alleluia! All who see and share God's love. Alleluia!

2 Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia! Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!
Age to age, God’s mercies trace, Alleluia! Praise God’s providence and grace! Alleluia!

3 Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia! In the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!
All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia! Singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

***our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.***

***Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.***

***Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.***

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: Romans 6:12-23

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present

yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations.

For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Psalter: Psalm 13

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I bear pain in my soul,

and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
and my enemy will say, 'I have prevailed';
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

But I trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the LORD,

because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Sermon: "Questions To Ask When Nobody is Watching"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 817 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" (to tune of 687)

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.
- 4 And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering

Offertory

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Refrain 851 Come bring your burdens to God, Come bring your burdens to God.
Come bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn 45

“Your Faithfulness, O Lord, is Sure”

- 1 Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure in all your words, your gracious deeds;
you gently lift all burdened souls and well provide for all our needs.
- 2 The eyes of all are fixed on you; by you their wants are all supplied;
your open hand is bountiful and every soul is satisfied.
- 3 Lord, you are just in all your ways, and kind in everything you do;
forever near you stand to hear and help all those who call on you.
- 4 My mouth shall speak your praise, O Lord; my soul shall bless your holy name;
let all things living join the song of praise, from age to age the same.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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