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

August 24, 2014 10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45)
Concerns of the Church
Prelude "Glory Be to Jesus" Setting, Langlois

Call to Worship
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 664 "Morning Has Broken"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession
* Prayer of Confession
Forgiving God,
we confess that we are conformed to this world.
We conform to this world's frantic pace,
too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide.
We conform to this world's reckless waste,
exploiting what you entrust to our care.
We conform to this world's shallow values,
oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us.
We conform to this world's impatient attitudes,
preferring the latest instead of the lasting.
Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God.
We pray in Jesus' name.

* Silent Confession
* Assurance of Pardon
* Passing of the Peace
* Gloria Patri (581)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20 (NT, p. 18)
Psalter: Psalm 124 (Hymnal 330)

A Time with Children

Special Music
Our young children are invited to attend "Joyful Noise" in room 103.

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 1:8-2:10 (OT, p. 49)
Sermon: "Lying to Pharaoh, Truthful to God" Rev. Carter
Summer series: God is Faithful to a Dysfunctional Family

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 310 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (p.14)
Presentation of Lucy Anne Kozlowski

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering
Offertory "Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring" Cherwien
* Doxology (606)
* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 720 "Jesus Calls Us"
Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

* Charge and Benediction
* Postlude "Fugue in G Minor" JS Bach

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* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers *this morning have been given by Diane and Jack Scheuer in memory of their daughter, Ella.*

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Organist	Nancy Post
Musician	Shirl's Girls
Liturgist	Patti Delaney
Joyful Noise leaders	Melba Fialko, Bill Farrell
Ushers	Meg Hatch, Betty Keen
Welcomers	Mick and Lee Wirth

We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

She named him Moses,

"because," she said,

"I drew him out of the water."

Exodus 2:10

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Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”