First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2013

9:00 and 10:55 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music (Sing 28) Concerns of the Church Prelude

Call to Worship

Luke 13:29-30

People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God.

Some are last who will be first, some are first who will be last. Let us worship God . . . (in a variety of languages)

- "In Christ There Is No East or West" * Hymn 440 (PH) 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 The peace of Christ be with you . . . (in a variety of languages)

* Response (Sing 74)

Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:6-19 (NT, p. 210)

A Time with Children

Presentation of Bibles (10:55)

Anthem "The Gift of the Spirit" (9:00) Armstrong/Carter

"One at the Feast" (10:55)

Courtney

Second Lesson: Luke 16:19-31 (NT, p. 79)

Sermon: "The Gaps Between Neighbors" Rev. Carter

Fall Series: Windows into God's Grace

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 386 (PH) "O for a World"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (PH, p. 14)

Offering and Dedication of Peacemaking Offering Offertory

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving (PH, p. 13) 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. During the serving of communion, we will sing "On Eagle's Wings" (Sing 185).

* Prayer after Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 435 (PH) "We All Are One in Mission"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude

* All who are able shall stand.

PH Presbyterian Hymnal

Sing Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

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

- in loving memory of Steve Owens by his wife Nancy.
- by Catty Ryon in memory of her loving husband, John L. Ryon Jr.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor William G. Carter
Director of Educational Ministries Tina Ide
Director of Music Susan Kelly
Organist Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist Wayne Griffiths
Welcomers Janet Stansbury, Nancy Hill



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1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.'

But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.""