

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2014

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music (9:50)
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

"How Great Thou Art"

Call to Worship

Clap your hands, all you peoples,

shout to God with songs of joy!

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 401

"Here in This Place"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

- * Call to Confession
- * Prayer of Confession

Holy One, Holy Three,

you call all who dwell on earth to follow you,

singing songs of praise.

We confess that your song has been silenced within us.

We are unwilling to sing new songs -

or to embrace those whose songs are different from our own.

We sing as we live –

as if pleasing ourselves were more important than pleasing you. Forgive us.

Cleanse our hearts of all that stifles your voice within us.

Join our songs with your whole Church,

so that in all we sing, speak, or do, we may act to your glory.

- * Silent Confession
- * Assurance of Pardon
- * Passing of the Peace
- * Gloria Patri (G2G 581)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (NT, p. 166)

Psalter: Psalm 112 (G2G 755)

A Time with Children

Anthem

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:13-16 (NT, p. 4)

Sermon: "Letting the Light Shine" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn 757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"
- * Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (G2G p. 35)

Dedication of Hymnal (see insert)

Offering

Offertory "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

- * Doxology (G2G 606)
- * Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 641 "When in Our Music God Is Glorified"
- * Charge and Donodiction
- * Postlude "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

All who are able shall stand. G2G "Glory to God" hymnal

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

- in honor of the Bell Choir, past and present, by Diane and Jack Scheuer, and
- in memory of former pastor, Rev. Robert Hoag, and in gratitude to the family for their kindness.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor
Directory of Educational Ministries
Director of Music
Organist
Liturgist
Usher
Welcomers
William Carter
Tina Ide
Susan Kelly
Kay Ten Eyck
Tina Ide
Lee Wirth, Deb Traettino, Karen White,
Ginny O'Brien
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1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Hymnal Dedicatory Liturgies

Litany (from Psalms 96 and 98)

O sing to the LORD a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

Let the fields be jubilant, let the rivers clap their hands, let the forests and the mountains sing for joy.

Make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing.

With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn, shout for joy before the LORD who reigns.

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Prayer of Dedication:

To you, O God, we offer our thanks and praise. We know that your creative power is the source of every good gift.

Today, we take delight in the special gift of these hymnals.

Sing: "Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices." (G2G 643)

Thank you for members of this congregation whose vision, energy, and resources have helped to make this new hymnal available for our use.

Thank you for all those who worked to create this song collection for your church: composers, poets, and artists; editors, publishers, and committee members.

Thank you for the guidance of your Spirit in the many decisions required through long years of dedicated service.

Sing: "Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices."

Thank you for the gift of music that stirs our hearts,

instructs our minds,

strengthens our spirits,

and sets our bodies in motion.

Thank you for *old* songs that keep us connected with saints from our past,

and for *new* songs that create a legacy for future generations.

Thank you for songs from *our* culture that express our heritage in familiar melodies

and rhythms,

and for songs from *other* cultures that open us to the variety of ways in which your people offer praise around the world.

Sing: "Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices."

We thank you for the gifts of music and song through which creation has offered you praise and thanksgiving, confession and lament, prayers and petitions.

May this new hymnal inspire our own songs in times of joy and sorrow.

Enable us to sing in one voice as your gathered people, and to join in harmony with all who worship you.

By your grace, may the words and melodies shape our faith for years to come,

and in ways that forever give glory to you, the Triune God. Amen.

Charge:

"Go now, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves,

making melody in your hearts to the Lord, giving thanks to God the Father) for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Eph. 5:19)