

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2014

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn: 250
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

“Procession”

arr. Albert Zabel

Call to Worship

1 Peter 1:23

Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

Alleluia!

By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

Alleluia!

By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

* Hymn 246

“Christ Is Alive!”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

our world is filled with corruption:

power disguises itself as truth;

convenience masquerades as goodness;

selfish pleasure imitates love.

We confess to you, O God,

that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience,

that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection

and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.

Acts 2:40

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Easter Response 587

“Alleluia!”

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Genesis 3:1-20 (OT, p. 2)

A Time with Children

Special Music

“O Worship the King”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Our young children are invited to attend “Joyful Noise” in room 103.

Second Lesson: Psalm 14 (OT, p. 495)

Sermon: “What a Mess!”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 415

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

* Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 2

Did God create people so wicked and perverse?

No.

**God created them good and in his own image,
that is, in true righteousness and holiness,
so that they might truly know God their creator,
love him with all their heart,
and live with God in eternal happiness,
to praise and glorify him.**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (p.14)

Presentation of Bentley Anthony Traettino

Offering

Offertory

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

arr. Burkhardt

Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Hymnal, p. 8) 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 511 "Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" arr. Healey

* All who are able shall stand.

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

- by Bonnie Plantholt in loving memory of her brother, Alan Eckstein, and
- in honor and celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Diane and Ed Cole by a friend.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor

Director of Educational Ministries

Director of Music

Organist

Liturgist

Joyful Noise leaders

Ushers

Welcomers

William G. Carter

Tina Ide

Susan Kelly

Kay Ten Eyck

Jack Pittman

Jana Schillinger, Janet Dobson

Wayne Griffiths, Elaine Lavelle

Nancy and Paul Ford

The fool says
in his heart,
"There is
no God."

Psalm 14:1

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Genesis 3:1-20

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pangs in child-bearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

Psalms 14

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD?

There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.