

First Presbyterian Church

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

February 8, 2015

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

“Trumpet Tune”

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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 327 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
By your loving mercy,
help us to live in your light and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Glory to God (Hymnal 583)

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:20-31 (OT, p. 668)

Psalter: Psalm 147:1-11 (OT, p. 582)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“How Great Thou Art”

arr. Hellman

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

Second Lesson: Mark 1:29-39 (NT, p. 35)

Sermon for the Lord’s Day

Dr. Smith

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 829 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed (Hymnal p. 35)

Offering

Offertory

“Air”

Handel

* Doxology (Hymnal 606)

* Prayer of Dedication and the Lord’s Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 546 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

“March”

Anonymous

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Isaac Sponaugle by his family.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Barbara Smith
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Director of Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Laura Schillinger
Usher	Marsha Parrish, Anne Deremer
Welcomers	Mick and Lee Wirth



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Isaiah 40:20-31

As a gift one chooses mulberry wood—wood that will not rot—then seeks out a skilled artisan to set up an image that will not topple. Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Psalm 147

Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;

but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.