

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
5th Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music (Hymnal 399)
Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Fanfare" Leighton

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

* Hymn 17 "Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,

your command to love one another across all differences

opens us to new horizons,

yet we often respond with fear and judgment

that hinders your goal for humanity.

Forgive our sins, we pray,

and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation.

We pray in Jesus' name.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Easter Response (240)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6 (NT, p. 259)

Gospel Lesson: John 13:31-35 (NT, p. 108)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Love Never Fails" J. Redford

Psalter: Psalm 148 (OT, p. 582)

Sermon: "The Hungry Doxology"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 679 "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Zufall

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 379 "We Shall Overcome"

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Amen (to Hymnal 399)

* Postlude "Toccata" Wagner

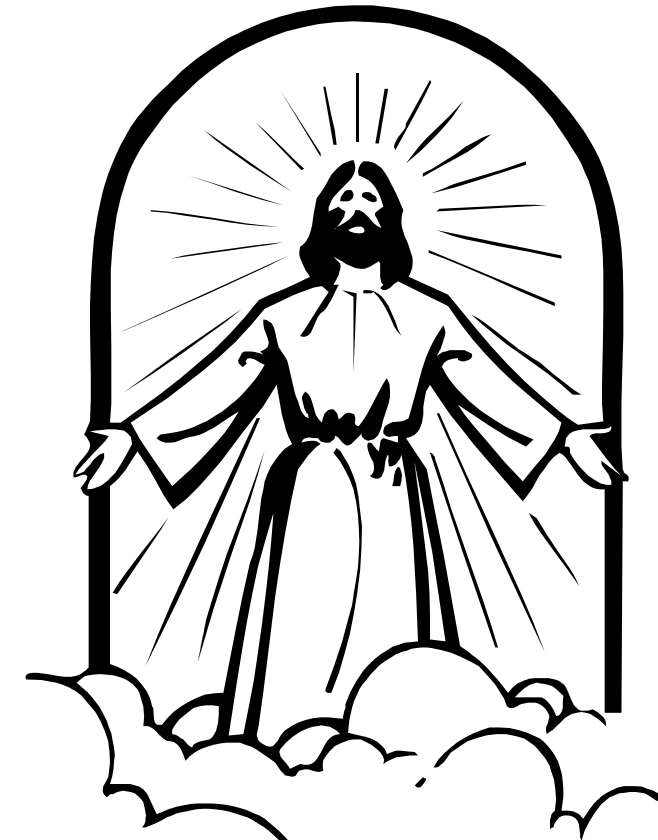
* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Barbara Mellander and Carole Grodack to the glory of God and in loving memory of Thomas and Marion Abraham, their parents.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Ryan Flynn
Ushers	Vi Dygert, Jack Pittman
Welcomers	Jeanne Comly, Linda Young

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Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Psalms 148

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!