

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

May 29, 2016

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Battle Hymn of the Republic" arr. Smith / Hustad

Call to Worship

Sing a new song to the Lord.

**Let all the earth declare God's glory,
God's marvelous work among the peoples.**

Great is our God, and greatly to be praised.

**Honor and reverence belong to God;
beauty and strength are God's sanctuary.**

* Hymn 331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

**God of the prophets,
we confess that we have failed to heed your word.
You stand as our all-powerful God,
yet we are lured away by other powers.
You offer to help, heal, and guide us,
yet we want to rely on our own efforts.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Set us free from the idols of our culture.
Reveal to us your presence and path
so that we may know and follow you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 390 "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!"

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! (repeat)
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PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Kings 18:20-39 (OT, p. 325)

Psalter: Psalm 96 (OT, p. 550)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Halle, Halle, Halle"

Haugen

Gospel Lesson: Luke 7:1-10 (NT, p. 65)

Sermon: "Don't Trouble Yourself"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 308 "O God in Whom All Life Begins"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal, p. 35)

Offering

Offertory "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Smith / Hustad

* Doxology (Hymn 606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 8 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen
- * Postlude

“March”

Penfield

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Dana Miller to the glory of God, in honor of her sister, Kristin, and niece, Kendall, as they celebrate their birthdays.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Pianist	Beverly Bright
Liturgist	Judy Cutler
Ushers	Anne Deremer, Bill Farrell
Welcomer	Vi Dygert

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*“I tell you, not even in Israel
have I found such faith.”*

1 Kings 18:20-39

So Ahab sent to all the Israelites, and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel.

Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, "How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." The people did not answer him a word. Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets number four hundred fifty. Let two bulls be given to us; let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it; I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god and I will call on the name of the LORD; the god who answers by fire is indeed God." All the people answered, "Well spoken!" Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many; then call on the name of your god, but put no fire to it." So they took the bull that was given them, prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, crying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice, and no answer. They limped about the altar that they had made. At noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry aloud! Surely he is a god; either he is meditating, or he has wandered away, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." Then they cried aloud and, as was their custom, they cut themselves with swords and lances until the blood gushed out over them. As midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice, no answer, and no response. Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come closer to me"; and all the people came closer to him. First he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been thrown down; Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of

Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, "Israel shall be your name"; with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. Then he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two measures of seed. Next he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood. He said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood." Then he said, "Do it a second time"; and they did it a second time. Again he said, "Do it a third time"; and they did it a third time, so that the water ran all around the altar, and filled the trench also with water. At the time of the offering of the oblation, the prophet Elijah came near and said, "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your bidding. Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back." Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust, and even licked up the water that was in the trench. When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The LORD indeed is God; the LORD indeed is God."

Psalm 96

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

Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, "The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

before the LORD; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

Luke 7:1-10

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.