

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018

10:00 a.m.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45)

Concerns of the Church

Prelude

“Softly and Tenderly”

arr. Wood

Introit

“Love Grows Here”

Don Besig

Call to Worship

Celtic Rune of Hospitality

We saw a stranger yesterday.

***We put food in the eating place, drink in the drinking place,  
music in the listening place.***

In the sacred name of the triune God, he blessed us and our house,  
our cattle and our dear ones.

***As the lark says in her song: often, often, often goes the Christ  
in the stranger's guise.***

\* Hymn 504

"We Come as Guests Invited"

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***Saving God,***

***we confess our faith is too small, our fear is too great.***

***When we are overwhelmed, we think you do not care for us.***

***When life is uncertain and risky,***

***we doubt we can trust you with our whole hearts.***

***Forgive us and calm our fears, we pray.***

***Teach us to trust in your power to save***

***and guide us in every circumstance.***

***Grant us your peace,***

***which is clearly beyond our understanding,***

***through Jesus Christ our Savior.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Response 587

"Alleluia!"

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Romans 15:7-12 (NT, p. 163)

Psalter: Psalm 146 (responsive reading, OT, p. 581)

A Time with Children

Special Music

Bell Choir

Second Lesson: Matthew 10:40-42 (NT, p. 11)

Sermon: "Welcoming Jesus"

Rev. Carter

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 301

"Let Us Build a House"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

“The Gift of Love”

Hal H. Hopson

\* Doxology (609)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.***

***Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit, one.***

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

- \* Hymn 774 "There is Now a New Creation"
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Congregational Amen (601)
- \* Postlude "I Love to Tell the Story" arr. Powell

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\* 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 parents, Erwin and Dorothy Eckstein; and
- \* by Sandra and Steuart Bailey in loving memory of Jo Conklin.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	David Naehar
Special Music	Shirl's Girls, Bell Choir
Greeter	John Conklin
Ushers	Bill Farrell, Vi Dygert



*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

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WHOEVER WELCOMES YOU  
WELCOMES ME,



AND WHOEVER WELCOMES ME  
WELCOMES THE ONE  
WHO SENT ME."

MATTHEW 10:40, NRSV