

First Presbyterian Church
Service for the Lord's Day
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2019

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45) - Hymns of Baptism: 490, 489, 493 (to 611), 488
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

Call to Worship

Romans 6:4

We have been buried with Christ by baptism into death,
so that,
as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
so we too might walk in the newness of life.

This is the day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 485 "We Know That Christ Is Raised"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

O God of grace and wisdom,
our hearts have been discouraged
and we have not been united in love.
We have put our hope in things that perish
and lived as if we still belonged to the world.
Free us from our willing captivity to all that is unworthy of you, and save us from
every form of self-indulgence,
that we might live abundantly in the power of Christ,
whom you have raised from the dead.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 447

We are forgiven! We are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God!
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PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Luke 11:1-13 (NT, p. 72)

A Time with Children

Special Music

Second Lesson: Colossians 2:1-23 (NT, p. 201)

Sermon: "Belonging to Another"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 703 "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

* Affirmation of Faith: Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—
all things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was
pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

* Doxology 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Amen (601)

* Postlude

*All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

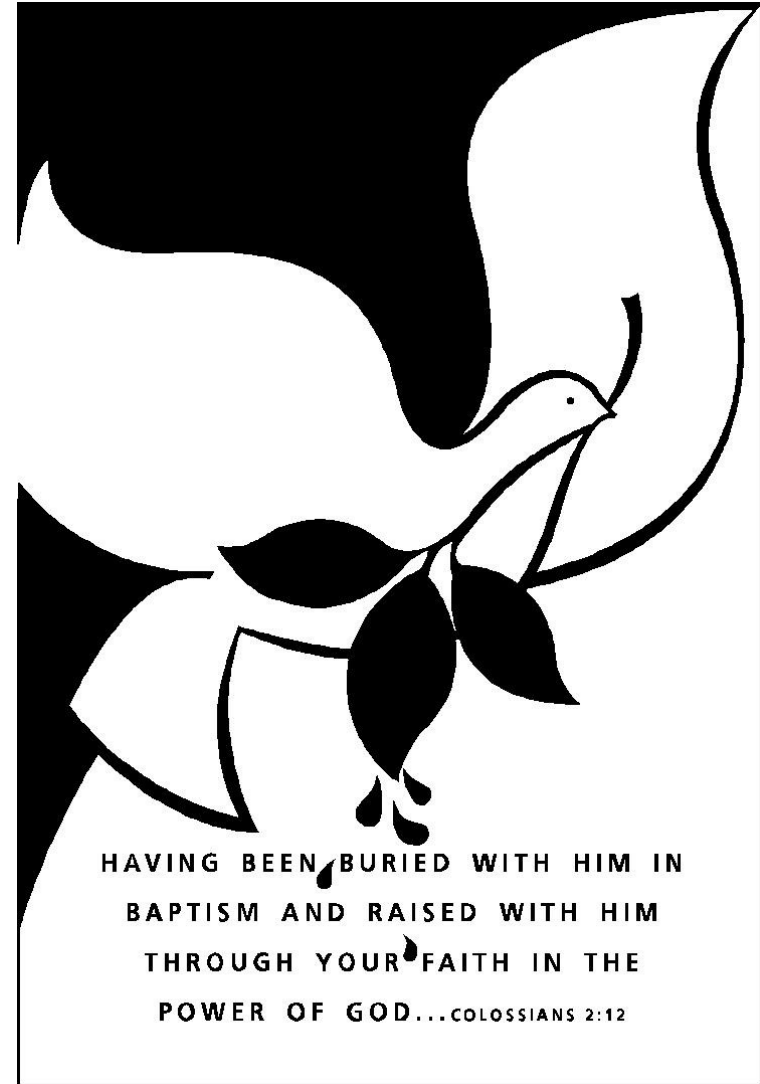
* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Meg Hatch to the glory of God in loving memory of her mother, Sue, and in honor of her brother, Ted.

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	Andy Kepler
Ushers	Bill Farrell, Donna Kepler
Greeter	Lee Wirth

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Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Colossians 2:1-23

For I want you to know how much I am struggling for you, and for those in Laodicea, and for all who have not seen me face to face. I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

I am saying this so that no one may deceive you with plausible arguments. For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ. As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God. If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the universe, why do you live as if you still belonged to the world? Why do you submit to regulations, "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch"? All these regulations refer to things that perish with use; they are simply human commands and teachings. These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-imposed piety, humility, and severe treatment of the body, but they are of no value in checking self-indulgence.