

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2012

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music: "Take, O Take Me As I Am" (Sing 215)

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "I Love You, Lord" arr. Wagner

Call to Worship

We offer our praise in the congregation.

Those who see God, praise God's name!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Creator.

For all creation belongs to God. Alleluia!

* Hymn 34 (Sing) "Let All Creation Bless the Lord"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us change what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

- * Silent Confession
- * Assurance of Pardon
- * Passing of the Peace
- * Celtic Alleluia (Sing 148)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Jesus, we praise you as Lord. All of the earth gives you glory,
For your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth!**

A Moment for Teacher Recognition

Response (Sing 215)

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: John 15:1-8 (NT, p. 109)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Speak, O Lord" Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21 (NT, p. 241)

Response (Sing 215)

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Sermon: "Love, and Other Attachments"

Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: This is the Life - the Easter Life!

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 376 (PH) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (PH, p. 14)

Offering

Offertory

"Thy Word"

arr. John Carter

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Sing 250) and the Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.

* Prayer after Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 215 (Sing)

“Take, O Take Me As I Am”

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

“Majesty”

arr. Wagner

* All who are able shall stand.

PH Presbyterian Hymnal

Sing Sing! A New Creation

The flowers this morning have been given by Bonnie Plantholt to the glory of God and in memory of her brother, Alan Eckstein.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor

William G. Carter

Director of Educational Ministries

William Cosnett

Director of Music

Alan Baker

Organist

Kay Ten Eyck

Liturgist

Becky Roditski (9:00), Billy Roditski (11:15)

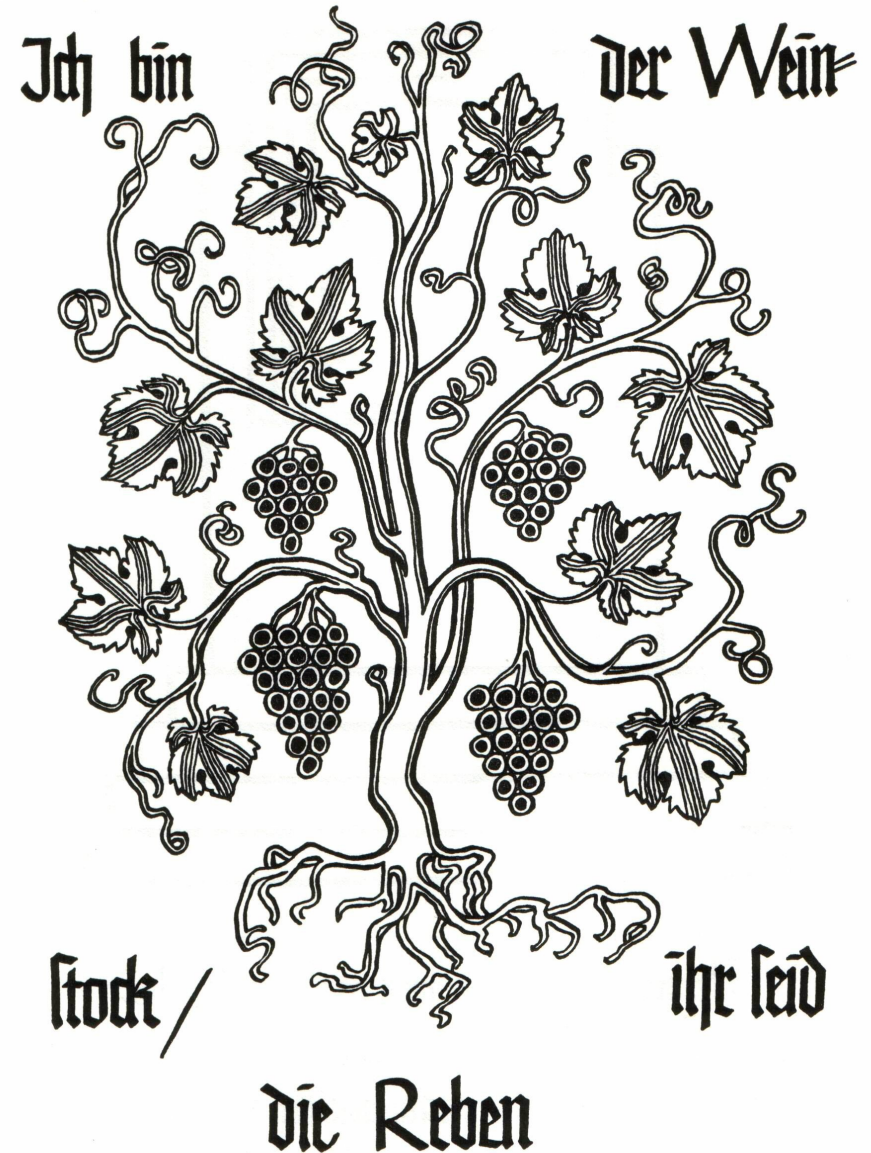
Ushers

Brian Schillinger, Chris Spangler (9:00)

Carole LaCoe, Shirley McLaughlin (11:15)



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.



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John 15:1-8

”I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.