

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
4th Sunday in Easter

April 21, 2013

9:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn: PH 170

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. Beck

Call to Worship Revelation 7:10, 12

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!

***Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and
honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!***

* Hymn 477 (PH) "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.***

***We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.***

***We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;***

***We ignore the cries of the needy,
remain indifferent to your grace,***

***and abuse the earth you have made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.***

***Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of abundant life
given in Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Easter Response "Jubilate Deo" Praetorious

Jubilate Deo, Jubilate Deo! Alleluia!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: John 10:22-30 (NT, p. 104)

Psalter: Psalm 23 (PH 173)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Unity" arr. Carson

Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17 (NT, p. 249)

Sermon: "A Well-Populated Heaven"

Sermon Series: Easter Imagination

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 441 (PH) "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

* Doxology (PH 592)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 142 (PH) "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

* All who are able shall stand.
PH Presbyterian Hymnal
Sing Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

The flowers this morning have been given by Geraldine Conklin to the glory of God and in memory of her son, Dale.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Judy Cutler
Ushers	John Conklin, Vi Dygert



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***“Blessing and glory and
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honor and power and might
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forever and ever! Amen.”***

Revelation 7:12, NRSV

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."