

Welcome to 10:55 ALIVE!

April 21, 2013

GATHERED FOR GOD

Gathering Songs: Sing 29, Sing 160

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Come, O people, and sing to God!

For the Lord calls his people together for praise.

* Hymn 37 (Sing) "For the Music of Creation"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession *followed by silent 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.

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Easter Response "Jubilate Deo"

Praetorious

Jubilate Deo, Jubilate Deo! Alleluia!

LISTENING FOR GOD

Prayer for Understanding

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

Psalter: Psalm 23 (Sing 181)

A Time with Children

Musical Moment "Call to Remembrance"

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

Sermon: "A Well-Populated Heaven"

Rev. Bill Carter

Sermon Series: Easter Imagination

RESPONDING TO GOD

* Hymn 182 (Sing) "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Presentation of Crosby Francis Sekol

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

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* The Act of Baptizing

* Welcome (Unison)

***With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church; for we
are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you,
to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know
and follow Christ.***

Prayers of Silence, Prayers in Voices, and the Lord's Prayer

Offering Ourselves
Special Music "This Little Light of Mine" arr. Johnson

* 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!**

* Prayer of Thanks

GO WITH GOD'S BLESSING

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

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| Pastor | Rev. Bill Carter |
| Director of Educational Ministries | Tina Ide |
| Director of Music | Susan Kelly |
| Organist | Kay Ten Eyck |
| Liturgist | Dennis Haines |
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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."