

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2013

9:00 and 10:55 a.m.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Allegro from Suite Gothique" Boellmann

Call to Worship from Psalm 67

Let the peoples praise you, O God.

**Let all the peoples praise you!**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**For you judge the peoples with equity**

**and guide the nations upon earth.**

\* Hymn 470 (PH) "O Day of Radiant Gladness"  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession *followed by silent 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.**

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Easter Response "Jubilate Deo" Praetorious

**Jubilate Deo, Jubilate Deo! Alleluia!**

Reception of New Members (10:55)

Teacher Recognition

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: John 14:23-29 (NT, p. 109)

A Time with Children

Anthem (9:00) "Halleluia, Amen" Handel; arr. Robinson

(10:55) "We Would Serve the Lord" Pederson

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 (NT, p. 259)

Sermon: "No Churches in the New City" Rev. Carter

*Sermon series: Easter Imagination*

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 453 (PH) "O Holy City, Seen of John"

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

Offering

Offertory "The Lord's Prayer" Malotte

Duet: Kay Ten Eyck – organ and Beverly Bright - piano

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving (PH, p. 13)

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 507 (PH) "I Come with Joy"
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Postlude

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

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

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	William G. Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Steve Selige
Usher	Wendy Wescott, Bill Farrell (9:00)
	Carole LaCoe, Shirley McLaughlin (10:55)
Welcomers	Jack and Barbara Pittman (9:00)
	Janet Dobson (10:55)

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### ***John 14:23-29***

Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

”I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

### ***Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5***

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.