

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
6th Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Call to Worship *Isaiah 55:1-2, 13; Matthew 5:6*

Let everyone who thirsts come and drink deeply!

Here all who hunger may satisfy themselves freely.

Why should we spend our money for that which is not bread?

Why do we labor for that which cannot satisfy?

Here you may feast on the goodness of the Lord.

Now those who hunger and thirst for righteousness shall be filled.

It shall be to the Lord a memorial,

And for us an everlasting sign that we shall not be cut off.

Amen!

* Hymn 619 "Praise, My Soul the God of Heaven"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

God above all and within all, you desire a harmony of heart and mind, of humanity and creation that flows as steadily as a mountain stream. Yet how often we block the flow. We prefer to notice differences, point out flaws, look for contradictions. The inner connections with all creation, the shared breath of the universe, get lost in a sea of distinctions. We let divisive words pass without challenge and let skin color and dress and language push us apart.

Healing God, weave us together. Break down the walls that divide us and let your unity flow within us. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 591 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: I Samuel 16:1-13 (OT, p. 259)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Cool Cats"

by Kathleen Wissinger

Second Lesson: II Corinthians 5:6-15 (NT, p. 181)

Sermon: "Believing Is Not Seeing"

Dr. Eelman

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 529 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Offering

Offertory

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal, p. 8)

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 817 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Benediction Response
- * 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 Bonnie Plantholt to the glory of God and in loving memory of her brother, Alan Eckstein.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher	Rev. Dr. Brent Eelman
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Director of Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
Liturgist	Diane Scheuer
Greeter	Janet Dobson
Ushers	Bill Farrell, Gwynne Gilbert
Communion Servers	Frank Garnecki, captain; Sue Flynn, Ryan Flynn, Tabbi Miller-Scandle, Phil Muntzel



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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