

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2014

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn 53 “O God, Who Gives Us Life”
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

Call to Worship

Listen! God is calling us to love and serve him.

Speak to us, Lord, and give us courage to respond.

Listen! God is calling us to love and serve our neighbors.

Here I am, Lord. Send me!

* Hymn 410 “God Is Calling through the Whisper”
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Litany of Confession, *followed by silent confession*

Almighty God, you call us to serve a world in deep need,
but we say we are not prepared.

Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to feed your sheep,

but we declare we are not qualified.

Holy Spirit, you provide all the gifts that your church needs,

but we pretend we are incompetent.

You are the God who loves the whole world you have made,

but we resist the privilege of sharing your love for all people.

In each generation, you invite women and men to join in your mission,

but we continue to make the same tired excuses.

Have mercy on us, O God. Set us free from all our fears.

Equip us to be the servants you call us to be and become;

through Christ our Savior, the Servant of all. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Easter Response 587

“Alleluia!”

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: John 14:1-14 (NT, p. 108)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Jubilate Deo”

Lightfoot

Our young children are invited to attend “Joyful Noise” in room 103.

Second Lesson: Galatians 5:22-26 (NT, p. 191)

Sermon: “Under New Management”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 308 “O God in Whom All Life Begins”

* Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 64-65

Doesn't the teaching of grace make people indifferent and wicked?

No. It is impossible for those grafted into Christ through true faith not to produce fruits of gratitude.

It is through faith alone that we share in Christ and all his benefits; where then does that faith come from?

The Holy Spirit produces it in our hearts by the preaching of the holy gospel and confirms it by the use of the holy sacraments.

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Litany of Gifts

There are varieties of gifts,

but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,

but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit

to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation
Constitutional Questions
Ordination Prayer and the Laying on of Hands
Declaration of Ordination, Charge, and Welcome
As the officers are greeted, all are invited to sing "Here I Am, Lord," (Hymn 69).

Commissioning of Haiti Mission Trip
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering
Offertory
* Doxology (606)
* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 234 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"
Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

* Charge and Benediction
* Postlude

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Dana Miller to the glory of God and in honor of Kristen Miller Carter, her sister, in celebration of her birthday.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	The Rev. William Carter
Directory of Educational Ministries/Liturgist	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Guest Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Helen Cochran
<i>Joyful Noise</i> leaders	Jack Pittman, Tori Yankow
Ushers	Wayne Griffiths, Elaine Lavelle

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John 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Galatians 5:22-26

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.