

**First Presbyterian Church  
Jazz Communion Service**

September 4, 2016

10:00 a.m.

*In reverence to God and respecting the musical prayers offered today,  
please enter the sanctuary in silence and joy.*

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Music "Better Get Hit In Your Soul" Charles Mingus

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship from Psalm 99

Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

**Let the floods clap their hands! Let the hills sing together for joy!**

For the Lord is coming to judge the earth.

**God will judge the world with righteousness and the people with equity.**

\* Hymn 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"  
*The band will play a brief interlude after verses 1 and 2.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Litany of Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

*(silent confession, to the music of "Goodbye Pork Pie Hat," a blues by Charles Mingus)*

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

People: **We confess the hostility that turns nation against nation  
and neighbor against neighbor.**

Cantor: Almighty God, forgive us; Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us.

People: **We confess our hunger for things that do not belong to us.**

Cantor: Holy Spirit, forgive us;

People: **We confess the greed that exploits human labor  
and plunders the earth;**

Cantor: Forgive your flock this day; and help us walk your Way;  
and make us righteous; this, O God we pray.

People: **We confess our slavery to habits and compulsions that  
degrade the image of God within us;**

Cantor: Almighty God, forgive us; Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us.

People: **We confess our indifference to all who have no place to call  
home.**

Cantor: Holy Spirit, forgive us;

People: **We confess the arrogance of presuming we are always right,  
and our tendency to trust ourselves rather than God.**

Cantor: Forgive your flock this day; and help us walk your Way;  
and make us righteous; this, O God we pray.

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Musical Response "Haitian Fight Song" Charles Mingus

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 2 (OT, p. 499)

A Time with Children

Special Music "Fables of Faubus" Charles Mingus

Second Lesson: Amos 5:14-15, 21-24 (OT, p. 854)

Sermon: "The Jazz of Justice" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 770 "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"  
*The band will play a brief interlude between the verses.*

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Jelly Roll" Charles Mingus

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

## The Words of Institution and Communion of the People

*All are invited to eat the bread and drink the cup as they are served.*

Communion Music     "Self Portrait in Three Colors"     Charles Mingus  
                              "Duke Ellington's Sound of Love"     Charles Mingus

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 756                     "O God of Every Nation"  
                                      *The band will play a brief interlude between the verses.*

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude Music             "Boogie Stop Shuffle"             Charles Mingus  
                                      "So Long, Eric"                   Charles Mingus

*If you must leave before the music is finished,  
please leave silently in respect for those who are remaining.*

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\* All who are able shall stand.

**Welcome to our annual Jazz Communion.** This is the 25th consecutive year that we have undertaken this adventure in worship and syncopation. Today we feature the compositions of Charles Mingus (1922-1979), a virtuoso bassist. Having fallen in love with jazz after hearing Duke Ellington's band, Mingus created colorful music that was tailored for his individual band members. He drew on the energy of the Pentecostal church of his childhood to make music that offered social commentary on the racism and injustice that he experienced throughout his life. Thank you for coming today. Please join us for the reception immediately following downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Al Hamme, saxophone   Mike Carbone, saxophone     Tony Marino, bass  
                              Jeff Stockham, trumpet/valve trombone     Tyler Dempsey, drums  
Frank Jones, cantor     Rev. Virginia Miner, liturgist     Rev. Bill Carter, piano

**The flowers** this morning have been given by Judy Cutler to the glory of God and in honor of family and friends.



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## **Psalm 2**

Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and his anointed, saying,

“Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us.”

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD has them in derision.

Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

“I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear, with trembling

kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are all who take refuge in him.

## ***Amos 5:14-15, 21-24***

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that

the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.