

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 18, 2017

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45)

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Cantilène religieuse"

Dubois

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness!

Come into God's presence with singing.

Know the Lord is God. It is God that made us, and we are his.

We are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.

* Hymn 187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Triune God, Holy Three, Holy One,

we confess that we do not know how to look for you.

We do not sense your nearness,

and if there are angels among us, we are unaware.

We do not show the hospitality to strangers

that Abraham showed to you.

We do not trust that our hardships

can be transformed by your Spirit.

O Covenant-keeper, forgive us.

Let us laugh with joy

because your grace has made peace among us.

Prepare us to be sent with this good news

so that others will also receive your blessing;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response (Hymnal 582)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen!

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PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-15 (OT, p. 14)

Psalter: Psalm 100 (Hymnal 385)

A Time with Children

Special Music

"Divine Banquet"

Andriessen

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 9:35-10:15 (NT, p. 10)

Sermon: "How Much Should We Pack?"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 343 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"No. 1" from *Expressions for Organ*

Langlais

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 719 "Come, Labor On"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen (601)
- * Postlude "Little Prelude and Fugue in F" attributed to J. S. Bach

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Fran and Jim Justin to the Glory of God and in commemoration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Guest Organist	Raphael Micca
Liturgist	David Naehar
Ushers	Donna Kepler
Welcomer	Janet Dobson



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The
kingdom
of
heaven
has come
near.

Matthew 10:7

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Genesis 18:1-15

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

Matthew 9:35-10:15

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had

compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.