

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2017

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45)
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

Call to Worship

Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,
whose love has conquered death.

Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,
who leads us into life.

* Hymn 403 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***God of mystery,
we imagine that we are capable judges
of power and wisdom and goodness.***

***We trust our own standards;
we separate and categorize;
we mark the performance of others.***

***We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things.
We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes.***

***Gracious God, hidden and manifest,
transform our withered imaginations
until we yield the judgments we trust
to a love we cannot control.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* 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!
World without end, without end. Amen!
World without end, without end. Amen!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:26-39 (NT, p. 158)

Psalter: Psalm 50 (Hymnal 13)

A Time with Children

Special Music

Gayle Klaber

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:31-34 (NT, p. 14)

Sermon: "Catholic"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 714 "God of the Fertile Fields"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

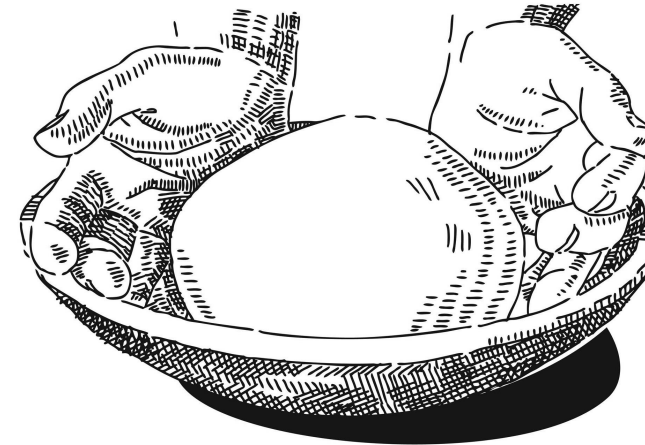
- * Hymn 310 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen (601)
- * Postlude

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Catherine Ryon to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, John L. Ryon.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Special Music	Gayle Klaber
Liturgist	Tabbi Miller-Scandle
Ushers	Jim McLaughlin
Welcomer	Nancy London



*“The Kingdom of Heaven
Is like yeast in bread . . .
It permeates every part
of the dough.”*

Matthew 13:33

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Romans 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13:31-34

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing.