

First Presbyterian Church
Service for the Lord's Day
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2019

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45)

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Madrigal"

Gaubert

Call to Worship

Sisters and brothers,

God has gathered us today with welcoming arms.

And we have come, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

rejoicing in the unity of Christ to sing, pray and listen

for God's voice and to ponder where it may lead us.

For God, who has spoken,

still speaks to those who seek to follow.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn 321 "The Church's One Foundation"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Holy God, You made our world and you called it good.

You intended it to be a place of goodness

for all your creatures to thrive.

Somewhere along the way we interfered

with the good you intended for us.

We mean well, Lord, but we know that our sight is distorted

and the good we intend can often be used for dual purposes.

In your wisdom and faithfulness,

you sent Christ to bring out the best in us.

Even so, we admit that sometimes confusion overtakes us.

We allow small worries to be blown out of proportion.

***Even though we try to be faithful, sometimes we allow bitterness,
envy and even anger to distort belief.***

***We pray that you will lend an understanding ear
and guide us on your right path.***

Please confront us with the truth about ourselves.

***Then please forgive us, encourage us and help us to transform,
until our lives are an illustration of your peace and grace.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response 447

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PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:23-29 (OT, p. 726)

Psalter: Psalm 82 (OT, p. 542)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Thank You, God, For Loving Me"

Ralph Long

Second Lesson: Luke 12:49-56 (NT. 75)

Sermon: "You Don't Need a Weatherman . . ."

Ms. Loughney

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 370 "This is My Father's World"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Moment for Worship Through Service Weekend (September 21-22)

Offering

Offertory

"Sicilienne"

Von Paradis

* Doxology (609)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 846 "Fight the Good Fight"

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response

* Postlude "Allegro" Handel

*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 are given by Bonnie Plantholt to the Glory of God in loving memory of her parents and brother, and in honor of her family.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher	Lorrie Loughney
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Flutist	Catherine Huhn
Liturgist	David Naehar
Ushers	Jeanne DeVirgilis, Gwynne Gilbert
Greeter	Janet Dobson



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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*I came to bring
fire to the earth...*

LUKE 12:49, NRSV