First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

Gathering Hymn 19

"God of Great and God of Small"

Words of Welcome

Prelude

"A Trumpet Fanfare"

Gilbert M Martin

Call to Worship

from Psalm 104

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Praise the Lord!

* Hymn 645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God,

you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity,

but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.

You call us to seek justice and peace,

but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.

You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

* Response (Hymn 439, v. 5)

Unto such as keep God's covenant and are steadfast in God's way; Unto those who still remember the commandments and obey.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Job 38:1-7 (OT, p. 484)

Psalter: Psalm 104 (Hymn 34, vv. 1, 2, 5)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Prayer for Healing"

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:35-45 (NT, p. 47)

Sermon: "Gimme, Gimme, Gimme"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

* Affirmation of Faith

Declaration of Faith, PCUS, 5.3

We testify that the Holy Spirit makes us able to respond in faith to the gospel

and leads us into the Christian community.

The Spirit brings us out of death into life, out of separation into fellowship.

The Spirit makes us aware of our sinfulness and need, moves us to abandon our old way of life, persuades us to trust in Christ and adopt his way.

In all these things we are responsible for our decisions.

But after we have trusted and repented

we recognize that the Spirit enabled us to hear and act.

It is not our faith but God's grace in Jesus Christ that justifies us and reconciles us to God.

Yet it is only by faith that we accept God's grace and live by it.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

^{*} Silent Confession

^{*} Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

A Minute for Generosity

Peter Moore

Offering

Offertory

"Perpetual Motion"

Carl M von Weber

* Doxology 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ, all people here below.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 733

"We All Are One in Mission"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"Rejoicing Always"

Colin Curtis

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

The flowers have been given by the Bailey family in honor and loving memory of their mother, Sandra Evans Bailey.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor

Rev. William Carter

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Jana Schillinger

Director of Music

Frank Jones
Jan Thyren

Organist Liturgist

Richard White

Ushers

Bill Farrell and Diana Pope-Albright

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"...to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been

^{*} All who are able shall stand.