

I am drawn with great delight

to the gospel stories that present the "insiders" as being oblivious and incapable of living out God's ways, while the "outsiders," usually the despised "other," are portrayed as being the ones who get things right and respond appropriately.

In today's gospel story, we behold that even among the outsiders, in this case the lepers, it is the one who was even more of an outsider who gives thanks to Jesus and praises God.

Stories like this alert us to what lessons the "outsiders" have for us in living the Christian faith.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 13, 2013

Harvest Sunday

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.

Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison

Organ Prelude – Hymn and Quiet Reflection

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Susan Mattinson

Organist - Carol Wehrstedt Music Director- Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Introit

* Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

* Hymn: *"Joyful, joyful we adore you"* #410

Opening Prayer:

Giving, forgiving, and healing God: we gather in the light and beauty of your creation to worship and adore you. For your glory is endless; your power incomparable; your love wider than the entire universe; and your mercy greater than the heights of heaven. We also confess that in a world where many do not have enough, we have taken more than we need. In a world where many live in fear, we take peace for granted. In a world where many have lost hope, we are too often indifferent to despair. Forgive us, merciful God, and transform our lives. In Jesus name, we pray; Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

Choir Anthem: *"We Sing of Thanksgiving"*

* Hymn: *"For the fruits of all creation"* #802
(Children come to the front during the last verse)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see: open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Bible Readings:

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

P. 180 & 181 O.T.

Psalms 100

P. 552 O.T.

Luke 17: 11-19

P. 80 N.T.

Gloria Patri:

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

* Hymn: *"For the healing of the nations"*

#736

Sermon: *"First Fruits of Gratitude"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response

830

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above, you heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication

Loving God: we thank you that you both provide for us and allow us to be channels for your provision to flow to others. Bless our offerings and bless our acts service, so that we can better serve you and represent Christ to the world. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: *"I'm gonna live so God can use me"*

#648

Blessing

Response: *Go now in peace* (Besig/Price)

**Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

Prayer Concerns:

Marie Huffman (Roseview)
and her granddaughter, Bronwyn

Douglas Anderson

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



Congratulations go out to
Terry & Margaret Stein
on the occasion of their
50th wedding anniversary
yesterday (October 12th)



Don Murray, our Church treasurer, would like to scale down his work due to personal commitments. We would like to have a volunteer in training. Don is willing to train the incumbent. If you are willing, please contact Don, the Church minister Susan or the Church Secretary Laura

Soup Maker volunteers needed once/twice a year at Shelter House. Contact Maureen Verdone @ 577-5058. Recipes provided

October Dessert Tea (Oct. 19th 1:30-3:30 pm) info:

Re: Silent Auction

As in the past, we ask you to see if you have any 'treasures' in your house that we could use. Or perhaps you would consider donating a gift card from a local restaurant/store, or to a function. The last date to bring in your donations is TODAY. Thanks for your anticipated co-operation.

Sandra Allan and Deborah Broll



The Church is thankful to Cameron and Richard Noy for 2 handicap signs. One is on Grey Street posted on the light pole by the church main entrance. The other is placed in the parking lot.

The parking lot handicap sign is for 2 spaces and is somewhat portable. If anyone has a preference as to another spot they think would more appropriate please talk to your elder, a member of the board of management or Laura in the office.



Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Lynae Grace
Fellowship Time: Leila Pettigrew & Ruth George
Elevator Operator: Laird Morrison
Offering Counting: Joyce Nystrom & Brenda Snowdon Seabrook
Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor
Visiting: Ruth George

Next week's volunteers: Oct. 20th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Patricia Creed
Fellowship Time: Terry & Margaret Stein
Elevator Operator: Terry Stein
Offering Counting: Mickey Kennedy, Sandy Allan, Leila Pettigrew
Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor
Visiting: Ruth George

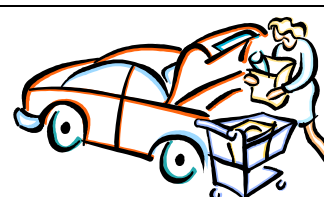
We would like to have one more offering counting team. This is for 3 or 4 times per year. Training will be provided. Please contact Laura in the Church's office or Don Murray or Jim Sutton

Upcoming Events at First

Tues., Oct. 15th	- Mission Study	- 1:15 pm
Wed., Oct. 16th	- Board of Managers	- 6:30 pm
Thurs., Oct. 17th	- Bible Study	- 10 am
	- Choir Practice	- 7 pm
Sat., Oct. 19th	- Fall Dessert Tea & Bazaar	1:30-3:30

CHECK IT OUT

Pawnay Htoo, Sameral Htoo and her sons have opened the Salween Restaurant at 530 Tenth Avenue - serving Thai, Burmese and Sushi dishes. Enjoy!



Thank you so much to everyone who donates to the Food Bank.