

A few years ago, I came across a poem

by Denise Levertov, inspired by the painting *Kitchen Maid with the Supper at Emmaus* by Diego Velázquez. Her poem describes the supper at Emmaus from the viewpoint of a young kitchen servant. The disciples sit, eating with Jesus, but do not recognize that this "stranger" is their friend and Saviour, crucified and now risen from the grave.

But the Moorish servant girl senses the truth. She recognizes the voice she has heard before, addressing the multitudes – the hands she has seen, healing the sick – the face, looking at her across a crowd. She sees the light around him and is sure.

How moving I found both the poem and painting!
How would you feel as the servant girl, seeing what others had not seen? Perhaps the lesson to us all is that Christ is among us always and will be revealed to us in his time, perhaps even first to those who seem to be the most unworthy!

Thanks be to God!

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Artwork: *Kitchen Maid with the Supper at Emmaus* by Diego Velázquez, c. 1617-1618



*The Supper
at Emmaus*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 4, 2014

Communion Service / 3rd Sunday of Easter

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: "This is the day" #78

Opening Prayer:

Lord of heaven and earth, by Easter's light we see that you love everything you have made. Nothing is despised. Nothing is beyond redemption. By Easter's light, we see you are making us, ordinary as we are, into citizens of your kingdom. Even as we offer you our praises, we confess that we sometimes stray during our walk with you. Forgive us for wandering down paths that lead us to disregard your power and goodness. At times, we ignore your grace and focus only on what we can envision, missing the signs of your power and love. Our faith can be shaken by the many things we do not understand and we find ourselves living by fear not hope. Help us to believe that you are in all things and that you are creating good that we cannot always see. Help us to trust that, in you, nothing is wasted. All is redeemed. For we pray through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Choir Anthem: *In Remembrance of Me*

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!



Prayer Concerns:

Marie Huffman (Roseview)
and her granddaughter, Bronwyn

Douglas Anderson

Each year we have acknowledged the success of individuals who are graduating from education institutions i.e. elementary or secondary school, college or university. Please let Laura in the office know of anyone who is graduating as soon as possible.

Summer Newsletter Deadline

Please have submissions in to the office by May 21st
Drop them off in the mail slot or Email them to
first@tbaytel.net. Thank you.



Pres-B-Camp 2014 is coming! Pres-B-Camp is a week-long overnight camp for those entering grade 3 to grade 8 in September. This year's camp will be held July 18th-24th. If you, your children, or anyone you know are interested registration forms are now available in the church office. We are also looking for volunteers for junior and senior counsellors (especially men), cooks, a lifeguard, a nurse, and people to transport supplies to and from the camp. Volunteer applications are also available. This year there will also be a weekend retreat for teens later on in the summer. **Information on the retreat will soon be available.** If anyone has any questions please contact Will (newton9455@hotmail.com) or Sarah (sarahmcampbell@hotmail.com).

We are in need of 3 persons to operate the elevator on Sunday mornings (once every 8 weeks for 1/2 hour before service and 1/2 hour after service). This is an equal opportunity job and women are most welcome to apply. Training provided (about 15 minutes). Please contact Jim Sutton, Richard Noy or Doug Brown or leave name & number with Laura in the office.



Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Bobbie Casella
Fellowship Time: Lynae Grace and Myrna Grace
Elevator Operator: Cameron Noy
Offering Counting: Joyce Nystrom and Brenda Snowdon-Seabrook
Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor
Visiting: Debra Broll

Next week's volunteers: May 11th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Richard Noy
Fellowship Time: Gale & Don Munn and Marlene Mottys
Elevator Operator: Cameron Noy
Offering Counting: Terry & Margaret Stein
Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor
Visiting: Debra Broll

Upcoming Events at First

Tues., May 6th - More than Mission - 1 pm
Thurs., May 8th - Bible Study - 10 am
- Choir Practice - 7 pm
Fri., May 9th - Crafts & Conversation - 1 pm
Mon., May 12th - Cards afternoon - 1 pm
Wed., May 14th - Session Meeting - 7 pm

There will be a youth group meeting at 1st Pres. on May 11th from 6:30 until 8:30. All youth grades five and up are welcome. For questions please contact Will (newton9455@hotmail.com).

More than Mission wants to thank the congregation for their support of mission work by preparing, selling and/or buying baked goods at the most recent bake sale. Together we raised \$169.50.



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

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 53: 1-6 P. 683 & 684 O.T.
Psalm 116: 12-19 P. 564 & 565 O.T.
Luke 24: 13-35 P. 90 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.

Sermon: "In the Breaking of the Bread"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

*** Offertory Response**

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For the laughter, for the tear, for the love that meets us here, for the lessons of our youth – honour, gratitude and truth – for the great gift of your Son, for your work in us begun: Saviour, we thank you, Spirit, we thank you, Great God our Maker, we thank you.

Prayer of Dedication

Lord Jesus Christ, in whose resurrection is fullness of life, we offer to you our gifts, not seeking greater gain, but desiring to enrich life around and beyond us, knowing that we cannot out-give your capacity to bless. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

* Hymn: "O God, in whom we live and move" #488

Affirmation of Faith:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Remembering the Meal with Jesus

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And the Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks

and praise to the Lord God.

Holy One, Holy Three—Spirit, Son, and Father, you unfolded time and space and created us to love and be loved, to live on this earth, and tend to it for your glory. With grateful hearts,

We offer our praise and thanks.

Holy One, Holy Three—Author, Word, and Breath, you chose your covenant people and you revealed yourself as holy, incomparable, and elusive—as liberator, judge, and compassionate forgiving love. With grateful hearts,

We offer our praise and thanks.

Grace-full God, whose saving power enlarges us and our capacity for love, setting us free to live in your wonder, hear us as we join our voices with angels and archangels, the saints around your throne, and all creation to sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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Holy One, Holy Three—Lover, Beloved, and Energy of Love, you became human in Jesus, whose love goes beyond our limits, reaching out to good and bad alike and calling us to practice peace, mercy, and kindness, to forgive as we have been forgiven; and to love even our enemies. With grateful hearts,

We offer our praise and thanks.

Holy One, Holy Three—Giver, Given, and Gifting, as we share this bread and cup, we remember how Jesus died for us, bore our sins in his body on the tree, defeated the powers of this age, and lives among us here and now, breaking our dividing walls and giving us good news. With grateful hearts,

We offer our praise and thanks.

Holy Spirit, power and presence of Holy Three, Holy One, make this bread and cup our communion with the body and blood of Christ. With grateful hearts,

We offer our praise and thanks.

Sharing the Meal

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: *"Come to us, beloved Stranger"*

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Blessing

Response:

**Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow.
He has washed and made me white as snow.
I'm redeemed from all my sin and shame.
Now and forever, praise his holy name.
Praise his holy name. Praise his holy name.
To God be the glory now and forever.
Praise his holy name!**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission purpose is to put our faith into action through mission education, community outreach, and personal and financial support both at home and abroad.