

Job is the story of an upright man

who has suffered great loss—family, wealth, health.
Why? Why does a good person suffer?

Dismissing answers given by his wife and so-called friends, Job demands that God appear and respond to his question, bringing an end to his agony. Our text is part of God's response, a response in which Job is powerfully reminded of the distance between human and divine understanding. It is an answer that, while not an answer, is foundational to any search for knowledge.

Those of us who teach in a theological school know how important it is that students ask questions as profound and as pressing as the one asked by Job. We encourage them to do so. We also know the limits of such knowledge, that "now we see in a mirror, dimly" (1 Corinthians 13:12).

May our searching and questions always honour that difference.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 18, 2015

Students and Colleges 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

"Be Still and Know that
I am God" (Ps. 46: 10)
Please take the time before the
service as an opportunity to
quietly prepare your heart
and mind for worship.

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Susan Mattinson

Organist - Carol Wehrstedt Music Director- Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

* Entry of the Bible

Introit

Call to Worship

* Hymn: "O Christ, our Lord, we meet here as your people" #756

Opening Prayer:

Father, we are truly blessed in so many ways. Everything is created by you and belongs to you. What we have is granted to us for short time, so that our lives may be enriched. But we can become almost too comfortable. It becomes difficult for us to give up our control and ownership over our lives. Forgive us for focusing more on what we can get than on who we are becoming. Forgive us for forgetting that we need you. You call us, not to a life of ease, but to love, be selfless, and sacrifice for your sake. Help us to trust you in even our most uncomfortable moments. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: "Come to the water"

* Children's Hymn: "Lead me, Jesus; I will follow" #646
(repeat song after Children's Time)

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation

Lord, listen to your children praying;
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love; send us power, send us grace!

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 53: 4-12

Psalms 91: 9-16

Mark 10: 32-45

P. 683 & 684 O.T.

P. 548 O.T.

P. 46 & 47 N.T.

Gloria Patri:

594

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: "Called to be Uncomfortable"

Special Music: "Touch of the Master's Hand" by Cyril Johnson

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response - #661 - We give thee but thine own (vs. 2)

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
And gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

Prayer of Dedication

God of Grace and Mercy, you call us to be servants in your Son's holy name. While popular culture often diminishes self-sacrifice, we know that being a servant leader is a worthwhile calling. Help us to freely give to others in your name. Accept this offering as a profound gesture of our desire to serve you today and always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: "I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art" #678

Blessing

Response:

726

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share
our joy with all, working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Prayer Concerns:

Marie Huffman (Roseview)

Bernice Johnston

Al & Marilyn Miller's daughter-in-law,
Jennifer

Meta Evans' daughter, Carol

Jane Po

Janet Renton

Rose Ducharme (Marg Stein's mother)



After service TODAY

**Please stay for the
More than Muffin sale**

TODAY is the last day to
subscribe to the These Days.
Please see Ruth George.

There will be a youth group meeting at St. Andrew's **TODAY** from 6:30 until 8:30 pm. All youth grades five and up are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Sarah Campbell (sarahmcampbell@hotmail.com) or Will Newton (newton9455@hotmail.com).

Flipper Flanagan's Flat Footed Four will be at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Friday, October 23rd from 7-9 pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at J.B. Evans, St. Andrew's Church or Fireweed.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian one year anniversary Sanctuary restoration celebration worship service is on Sunday, October 25th @ 7 pm. Everyone is invited.

MISSION STUDY: The first of an eight part series on Women Around the World will begin on October 20 at 1:30 in the John Currie Room. We will look at the special ways in which our church is working to support and encourage women around the world.

Thank you to the Karen congregation for cleaning all the windows inside and outside of the Church.

The Worship Committee would like to thank everyone who helped to beautify the Sanctuary for our Thanksgiving Service.

Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Bobbie Casella

Fellowship Time: Fred & Donna Johnson

Elevator Operator: Russ Brown

Offering Counting: Val Calder & Isobel Telford

Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor

Visiting/Phoning: Ruth George

Next week's volunteers: Oct. 25th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Richard Noy

Fellowship Time: Evelyn Kinsman and Vikki & Ian Kinsman

Elevator Operator: Doug Brown

Offering Counting: Alice & Laird Morrison and Linda Rydholm

Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor

Visiting/Phoning: Ruth George



Upcoming Events at First

Tues., Oct. 20th - Mission Study resumes - 1:30 pm

Wed., Oct. 21st - Board of Managers - 6:30 pm

Thurs., Oct. 22nd - Bible Study - 10 am
- Choir Practice - 7 pm

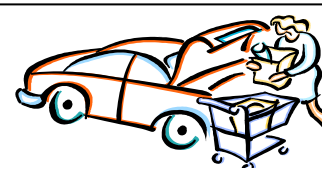
Fri., Oct. 23rd - Crafts & Conversation cancelled

Sat., Oct. 24th - Tea and Bazaar - 2 - 4 pm

Mon., Oct. 26th - Cards afternoon - 1 pm

Needed - Your new or gently used items for the Silent Auction. You still have time to offer up a special talent, services, gift too. Please have all items to the Church by Friday night(6 to 8). If you need items picked up please call Deborah Broll at 577-2781 before Friday. Let's see if we can top last year's Auction!!!!

Fall collection of used glasses/sunglasses till mid November. Please bring in your used glasses and help someone in need see! A collection box is set up in the foyer. Thanks Deborah Broll



Reminder:

Please bring in food bank donations for next Sunday