

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Aug 6th 2017

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.

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

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Susan Mattinson

Organist: Carol Wehrstedt Music Director: Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

***Entry of the Bible**

Call to Worship

Hymn: "Come, know my joy, the Maker says" #788

Opening Prayer:

Powerful God, we know that nothing is impossible for you. Our lives are covered in your fingerprints, for you are always at work. Your abundant love and grace sustain us through the many challenges and celebrations of this life. And yet we can feel empty: believing that we will never have enough; believing that what we have is unworthy. We can feel afraid to share: fearful of losing our feeble grip on security; fearful of touching and knowing the pain of others. We can ache from the weight of responsibility: knowing our abundance, yet aching from the gnawing awareness that we have much to share. We come clinging to our meager lunches; bless them, and us. Break them, and us. Share them, and us. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Children's Hymn** "Tell me the stories of Jesus" #348

Sing last verse after Children's Time

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #500v.1

"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!"

"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.

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 145:14-21

Matthew 14:13-21

OT – Pg. 685

OT – Pg. 581

NT – Pg. 16

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: "Surprise Banquet"

***Hymn:** "Break now the bread of life" #507

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Response #484 v.2

"The church is wherever God's people are helping, caring for neighbours in sickness and need. The church is wherever God's people are sharing the words of the Bible in gift and in deed."

***Prayer of Dedication:**

Loving Father, you powerfully fill the voids in our lives. You reveal your compassionate grace by the simple act of always being present. You unselfishly feed us when we are hungry and quietly walk with us when we feel alone. Combine this offering with others, so that all of your children can be filled with the power of your redeeming spirit. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debts...debtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn:** "May the mind of Christ my Saviour" #644

Blessing

"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."

Postlude