

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
June 26, 2016
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome to worship this morning.

- First Presbyterian Church welcomes families with young children. Staffed nursery care is available during worship. Audio from the worship service can be heard in the library (adjacent to the sanctuary) and social hall.
- If you are visiting because of medical treatment at Mayo Clinic we offer our prayers for healing.
- Our activities and programs are open to all, member and friend alike.
- We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship in the atrium before and after the worship service.

** As a courtesy to others, please silence cell phones. **

Gathering

Prelude

Trio
Emily Roth, organ scholar

Josef Rheinberger

*Our worship begins with the prelude. Let the power of the music speak to you of God's glory;
let its quietness tell you of God's peace; let its beauty lift your hearts in prayer.*

Greeting and Welcome

Please sign the Opportunity for Friendship Register and pass it to the person next to you.

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Phyllis Schmid

We call to mind your deeds, O Lord.

Your way, O God, is holy.

We remember the wonders of creation,

How you brought order out of chaos.

We recall your leading us to freedom,

How you led your people like a flock.

Let us worship God.

◆ **Hymn 407**

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

*Clothed with the mantle of baptism and protected by God's promise of forgiveness, let
us confess our sins to God and one another ...*

Silent Confession

Kyrie 555

O Lamb of God

LAND OF REST

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, help us to confess our sins. You give us a place in your creation to live in love with all that you have made. But so often, our thoughts and our actions show how sin has corrupted and ensnared the life we live. We stumble onto paths of harm and division, diverted from walking in the Spirit. Have mercy on us, O God. Rekindle our inborn desire to follow Christ, letting his passion lead us to our inheritance: your promised kingdom. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Life

*The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace;
patience, kindness, generosity;
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free!

Let us live in the word of the Lord and be made new! Amen.

- ◆ **Response 606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDRETH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

- ◆ **Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another!

The Word

Prayer for Illumination (please be seated)

Lisa Riggle

Lord, let me be a ves - sel through - which your love is
poured; — let it fill me, wash o - ver me, — cov - er me ev - er more.

Reading from Old Testament

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Anthem

The Earth Is the Lord's (Psalm 24)

Don McAfee

Laura Smith, soprano

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they who dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul into vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive blessings from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

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Time for All Our Young Worshippers

Hymn

sung to All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

Come, Lord Jesus, to this holy place, and bless the children here.
Guide them, mold them in your gentle ways, to know your love so dear.

Text by Judy Smithson.

Pass Prayer Cards to the aisle. An usher will collect them.

Children through third grade may go to room E206 for Kids' Zone or are welcome to stay with their parents in worship. Children above third grade should stay in worship.

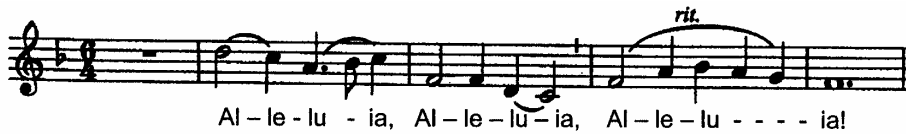
Reading from the Gospel

Luke 9:57-62

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Message

Plowing Ahead

Rev. Jay Rowland

*** A Moment for Reflection ***

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 306**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God, who loves us as a parent, searching for us when we are lost, embracing us in our hurt, always looking for any reason to throw a party.

We believe in the risen Christ, who gathers all the lost and forgotten into a new community and tells them and us we are all forgiven, blessed and loved.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who empowered the new community of followers to share bread, tell stories of God's love and turn the world upside down.

We are a faith-filled, Spirit-empowered, God-blessed community.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (using 'debts' and 'debtors')

Offertory

At the offertory

Consecration (Text: see hymn 697)
Laura Smith, soprano

Beck, Courtney

◆ **Offertory Response 708 (stanza 1) We Give Thee but Thine Own**

SCHUMANN

We give Thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Accept this offering of our lives and our treasure, O God. With your blessing these gifts shall through this church bear witness to your will and your Kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 821**

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Benediction Response 748**

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

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Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in F Major
Emily Roth, guest organist

J. S. Bach

Those who wish may be seated for the postlude. Our music is offered to the glory of God; if you want to express your appreciation, a spoken "Amen" or "Praise God" is appropriate.

Emily Roth, organ scholar, is one of the class of organ scholars benefiting from lessons underwritten by the J. Isabelle Dyck Scholarship program through the Rochester Area Foundation, facilitated by the Southeast Minnesota Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. She studies with Mr. Afdahl.

We welcome these new members who joined FPC June 12:
Ellis Bloomfield (PO Box 39 / Wanamingo 55983 - 507-824-2629)
Dawn Gonsalves (PO Box 39 / Wanamingo 55983 - 434-960-6010)
Margie Schaaf (2734 Spyglass Court NW / Rochester 55901 - 507-206-0725)

Update on Capital Campaign

Over the past year we have made many improvements in the multipurpose room, the social hall, and the music room. We're now working on the kitchen. We were able to start these projects with the help of a few early pledges and a grant and a loan from our Capital Reserve Fund. Now it's time to repay the loan and to finish paying for them.

Recently you received a pledge card and a brochure with more information. Since then we've had 100 responses pledging \$221,926. With additional non-pledged income, we are at \$261,558 toward our \$320,000 goal. If you've turned in a pledge or a donation, thank you very much. If you haven't, we encourage you to give serious consideration to doing it soon. Your participation is important to the project. Thank you!

About Our Church

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor	Kathleen M. Kruger, Music Assistant
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is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

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Calendar for the week of June 26 – July 3 (and beyond)

TODAY – June 26

From now through Labor Day Sunday we will have one service of worship at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday.

We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship today.

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God in memory of Karen Petitt by her family.

A **nursery** for infants through 2-year-olds is staffed throughout the morning. We also offer a quiet space for nursing mothers. An usher will be happy to direct you if you don't know where the nursery is located.

Coffee and donuts are available in the atrium both before (beginning at 8:45) and after the service.

MONDAY – June 27

Grief Support Group will meet at 11 a.m. in the lounge. If you are interested in participating but haven't registered, please contact Rev. Rowland prior to attending (282-1618).

WEDNESDAY – June 29

Presbyterian Women will host its annual **Medical Missions Coffee** from 1-3 p.m. at the home of Terry Narr (1911 Oak Knoll Lane NW). At 1:45 Marylynn Aalderks will talk about her recent experiences in Guatemala.

Bible Study led by Al Depman at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge. Everyone is invited! We don't serve supper during the summer, but we do guarantee an invigorating discussion for all who come.

SUNDAY – July 3

Worship and communion at 9:30 a.m.

One of our parish nurses will be in the library after the service to take your **blood pressure** and answer questions you may have about your health.

MONDAY – July 4

Church Office will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

The **Grief Support Group** will not meet.

Youth will meet at 6 p.m. for a Fun Night.

TUESDAY – July 5

Deacons do NOT meet in July or August. Their next meeting will be September 6.

Most committees do NOT meet in July, but if you aren't sure about your committee, check with your lead elder.

WEDNESDAY – July 6

Charter House worship and communion at 1 p.m.

Madrigal Singers will rehearse at 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – July 10

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Summer Walk-in Choir will sing. Come at 9 a.m. to rehearse. All singers are welcome! Please join us and bring friends or family members who do not usually sing with us. The Choir will also sing August 14.

SUNDAY – July 17

Worship and picnic at Silver Lake Park at 10:30 a.m. Note change of location and time from usual Sundays. No service will be held in our sanctuary July 17. After worship we will have a cookout with the main meal, beverages, and paper products provided. Please bring a salad, chips, or dessert to share. No childcare will be provided during the worship service or picnic. In case of rain, we will meet in our social hall.

For Your Information

Bdecan backpack project. From June 1–26, the Bdecan VBS team will be collecting backpacks, underwear, socks, T-shirts, pants, combs, shampoo, washcloths and soap for children who live on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation and are heading into foster care unexpectedly. Clothing is needed for children toddler through age 10. We don't need tooth brushes or tooth paste. You don't have to purchase everything on the list. Whatever you can provide will be a big help! If you don't like to shop, but would be willing to make a donation, please make a check to First Presbyterian Church and put "Backpack Project" in the memo line.

Yard games wanted for July 17 church picnic. If you own any popular yard games such as *Ladder Ball* and *Corn Hole (bean bag toss)*, *Bocce Ball*, *horseshoes*, etc., and are willing to bring it to the church picnic at Silver Lake on July 17, please contact Rev. Rowland/the church office (282-1618) so we can coordinate getting a few of each for this event.

Among the Church Family

Congratulations to Margaret Harris who will celebrate her 106th birthday July 1.

Congratulations to Douglas and Joyce Nelson who will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary July 1.

Congratulations to Alan and Martha Sessler who will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary July 4.

Congratulations to Joseph and Caitlin (Harper) Kapurch who were married June 18 in our sanctuary.

We extend our condolences to Ruth Walts and Adrienne Walts on the death of Ruth's husband and Adrienne's father, James Walts, June 22. The memorial service was here yesterday.

