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**WE PRAY FOR . . .**

*Myrtle Dunnegan, Lula Johnston, Jean Chandler, Carole Wensel, Doll Jones, Linda Harms (Nan's daughter), Carl Robison (Iva's son), Tom Stout, Lucille Rommelman, James Morrow, Valerie Reimer, our homebound and shut-ins, our soldiers, our country and its leaders, elders, deacons and our pastor and his family.*

*Myrtle Dunnegan is now at Life Care Center. The address is 875 Dunsford Ct., Room #302, Sullivan, MO 63080, if you would like to send a card.*

**First Presbyterian Church**

Sullivan, Missouri



**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**11:00 a.m.**

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## Our Mission: Reaching Out with God's Light and Love

**Today's worship Theme (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time):** *To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Today, that same gospel of mercy comes to us through our worship.*

### ***We welcome you to worship today!***

[ \* Congregation invited to stand, as able ]



Thank you for turning off or silencing your cell-phone!

- LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available at the worship entrance
- **PH** = Presbyterian Hymnal (large blue) / **SF** = Sing the Faith – (small blue)

## \_\_\_ PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP / GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE \_\_\_

### **Prelude**

*[The light of Christ enters our worship with the lighting of our candles]*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Introit**

### **Call To Worship:**

L: We come here today because God is worthy of our praise and adoration.

**C: We worship today because we are grateful for all God has done for us.**

L: We come here to sing, pray, confess, listen and give.

**C: We come here to share our faith with each other.**

L: Let us worship God wholeheartedly expecting nothing in return.

**C: Let us rejoice in what God will do in us because God is gracious.**

### \* **The Doxology** ..... (PH hymnal) No. 592

C: *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*

### \* **Prayer of Dedication**

L: All that is belongs to you, O God, and we offer you nothing you do not already possess. May we, with these gifts, offer to you that which you really desire: our own selves to be used with these gifts in your service. Amen.

### \* **Hymn** ..... "The Summons" (SF hymnal) No. 2130

### \* **Charge and Blessing**

P: We have been embraced by God's all-encompassing arms of love. As we prepare to leave this place, may we go with our arms outstretched, eager to embrace the people around us. May we go, prepared to share Christ's life-giving love with all we encounter. Amen.

### \* **Go Forth Hymn** ..... "Love the Lord Your God" (SF hymnal) No. 2168

### \* **Salutation:**

L: And all God's people said,

**C: Amen!**

*We follow the light of Christ out into the world!*

- Postlude

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD AND GRACE

\* **Affirmation of Faith – Apostles Creed** [*Ecumenical version; PH, p.14*]

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 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.

**Prayers of the People / Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

[*After each petition:*] P: ...Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our Prayer.**

**Lord's Prayer:** [*Traditional version; PH p.16*]

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Offering Invitation**

L: As we await and trust God's blessings, let us give to God our offerings as part of our ministry of service and caring.

**Offerings / Offertory**

**Prayer of Invocation**

L: Let us pray. Lord, the world longs for your care. **C: Use our lives to touch the world with your love. Guide us by your Spirit to live as 'neighbors' to those around us, treating them with compassion as you have treated us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\* **Hymn**.....“*God of Grace and God of Glory*”, (PH) No. 420

**Call to Confession**

P: Let us come to God with repentant hearts as we seek newness of life.

**Prayer of Confession**

**C: Gracious God, we have not loved you, as you love us. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. When we see a need, so often we prefer to remain uninvolved or to walk by the other side. We have missed the mark in reflecting your love in our dealings with one another. Have mercy on us. Help us to do your will and to reflect the spirit of Christ. Amen.**

(*silence*)

**Assurance of Forgiveness:**

P: God desires to mend broken lives and to bring us newness of life. Through God's Holy Spirit we have access to God's restoring power. By Christ's authority, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

\* **Glory Be to the Father [Hymn]** ..... (PH hymnal) No. 577

\* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

[*The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*]




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**GOD'S WORD TO US**

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**Prayer of Illumination**

L: O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light unto our path. Give us open and welcoming hearts to receive your truth in faith and love. Amen.

**First Reading**

[*Deuteronomy 30:9-14*] pg. 320

(*A reading from the book of Deuteronomy, the 30<sup>th</sup> chapter. Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors—a covenant through which God gives life and asks for obedience.*)<sup>9</sup>And the LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil.

For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors,<sup>10</sup>when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may

hear it and observe it?" <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe. *Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. C: Thanks be to God.*

Hymn..... "What Does the Lord Require" (PH) No. 405

\* **The Holy Gospel, according to Luke**

[Luke 10:27-35] pg. 1613

(*In response to a fundamental question, Jesus tells a surprising parable about what it means to live out God's greatest commandment.*)<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"<sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?"<sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."<sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"<sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.

<sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.<sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

<sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.<sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.<sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

<sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"<sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

*The Gospel of the Lord, C: Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon:** "What Kind of 'Neighbor' Am?!" ..... Pastor Peter Rupprecht