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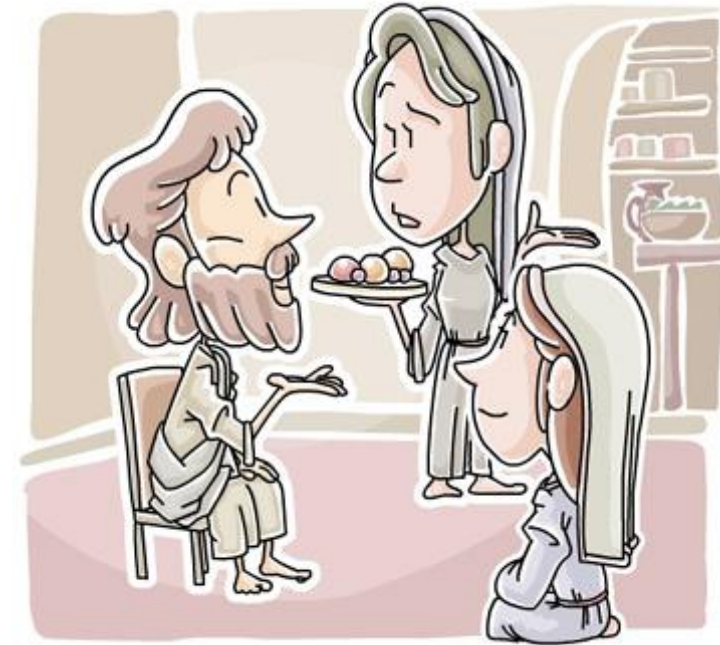
Next Sunday Cookie Servers ~ Royce & Suzanne Scott

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.

First Presbyterian Church

Sullivan, Missouri



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 18th, 2010

11:00 a.m.

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

Today's worship Theme (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time): *Again and again God urges the faithful to "listen!"—to heed the word from above and recognize God's gifts and opportunities. Such a word came to Abraham and Sarah as well as Mary and Martha—and now also to us.*

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 *"Praise Him! Praise Him!"*

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

Welcome and Announcements

Introit..... *"My God Is Real"*

Call To Worship:

- L: God has given us so much, and we are thankful.
- C: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it!**
- L: God has given us life and breath, food and health.
- C: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it!**
- L: God has granted us a place to live and a place to work.
- C: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it!**
- L: God has given us so much.

Prayer of Invocation

- L: Let us pray. O, Lord, we keep ourselves busy with many things. **C: Help us to listen to your teachings, to recognize the gifts and assets we have from you, and then to use these gifts and assets well, choosing the most important things that cannot be taken from us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

L: Thank you, Lord, for all you have given to us. You have given us food, and we are full. You have given us shelter, and we are warm. You have given us mobility, and we are here. Receive now the gifts we offer back to you. Use them to satisfy hunger, provide shelter, and offer mobility to those in need. Amen.

* **Hymn**..... *"Why Stand So Far Away, My God?" (SF hymnal) No. 2180*

*** Charge and Blessing**

P: May God go before us to show us the way, behind us to encourage us, above us to watch over us, below us to lift us up, and within us, so others might always see the light of Christ shining through our lives. Amen.

* **Go Forth Hymn**..... *"Christ beside Me", vs. 1, (SF hymnal) No. 2166*

*** Salutation:**

L: And all God's people said,
C: Amen!

We follow the light of Christ out into the world!

* Postlude..... *"Friends"*

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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: In thanks and joyful anticipation, we share a portion of what God has given us, so that we can make a difference in the world through our giving.

Offerings / Offertory "Worthy Is the Lamb"

*** 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

*** Hymn..... "My Lord! What a Morning" (PH) No. 449**

Call to Confession

P: Let us approach God with a humble heart, knowing that in Christ, God has promised to show us mercy, forgiveness and renewal of life.

Prayer of Confession

C: O Lord, we confess our lack of faith. We see a glimpse of what you created us to be and we know we fall short of that goal. We want a strong and unchanging faith and, yet, time and again, we crumble under temptation. Lord, forgive us. Accept us as we are, unworthy for the task and yet gifted for your purpose. Amen.
(silence)

Assurance of Forgiveness:

P: God is a great God who knows our needs, and who loves us so much that he came to us in human form to make the ultimate sacrifice to achieve our forgiveness. May God continue to strengthen us in faith.
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.**]



Minute For Mission

GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer of Illumination

L: O Lord our God, open our hearts and minds to the power of your Holy Spirit, that as we hear your Word we receive it with joy. Amen.

First Reading

[Genesis 18:1-10a] pg. 24

(A reading from Genesis, the 18th chapter. God makes an astonishing promise to an elderly Abraham and Sarah.) The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him.

When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said."

⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." *Holy wisdom, Holy word,*

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn..... "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (PH) No. 263

* **The Holy Gospel according to Luke**

[Luke 10:38-42] pg. 1612

(Jesus pays a visit to two sisters, who view the same experience very differently.) ³⁸Now as (Jesus and his disciples) went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me."

⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

Sermon: "Count Your Assets" Pastor Peter Rupprecht