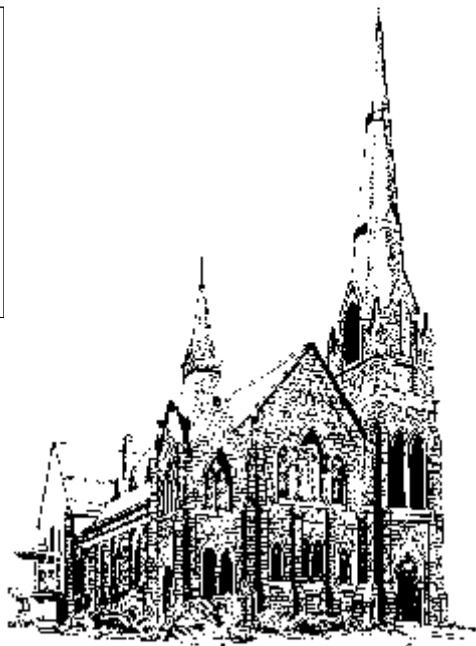


THE  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
AT CALDWELL

*Our Purpose:  
To help all people build life-transforming  
relationships with God and each other.*



*The members and friends of FPC welcome people from all backgrounds - -  
people of faith from throughout the world, people who profess no faith,  
Christians of all denominations and those who are searching  
for religious and spiritual meaning.  
Welcome!*

**May 10, 2015  
Ten o'clock  
6th Sunday of Easter  
MOTHER'S DAY**

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**GATHERING**

REFLECTION

Ah, when to the heart of man  
Was it ever less than a treason  
To go with the drift of things  
To yield with a grace to reason  
And bow and accept at the end  
Of a love or a season  
- Robert Frost

PRELUDE

*“Beautiful Savior”*  
Chapel Bells

arr. James Klein

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 98)

Caroline Fielding, Lay Reader

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

**The LORD has made known his victory**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN NO. 35

*“Praise Ye The Lord, the Almighty”*

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Lighting the candles today is Acolyte Alyssa White.*

CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

**Joy-giving God, we know who we are: people who hear the harmony of your grace and love in our souls, but sing off-key so often. We want to learn new songs, but those haunting tunes of our past mistakes run through our heads. We long to make a joyful noise to you, but the hurts inflicted on us, and the pain we have caused others, silence our voices. Sing to us, O God, sing of your forgiveness, your hope, your love for us. Strike a chord of humility in our hearts so our eyes could see all you have done for us; and in seeing, we might believe how much you love us; and in believing, we would echo that new song of hope and life composed through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

PERSONAL CONFESSION

Through Christ our Lord we pray.

**Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...Friends, believe the good news.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 710 *“We Lift Our Voices”*

OFFERING

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands;**

**we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.**

**Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;**

**Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are,**

**all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.**

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands;**

**we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.**

## PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING

ANTHEM

*“I’m Gonna Sing when the Spirit Says Sing”*

*“Jesus Loves Me”*

*“Oh, Sing to the Lord”*

*“Ten Thousand Kisses”*

Cherub Choir

*Many thanks to the Cherub Choir for their songs and smiles this Mother’s Day!  
Special thanks to the Cherub Choir helpers for their loving support and encouragement.*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

**Please note:** *Children through 7th grade may leave the sanctuary for Sunday School following the Time with the Children. Please exit through the doors on either side of the Choir loft.*

PARISH LIFE

*Members, friends and visitors*, please sign the Friendship Pad in each pew and pass it to the person next to you. The last person will pass the pad back to the first person, who will then please place the sheet in the offering plate. **Worshipers are invited to use the cards in the pew racks for prayer requests so we may share one another’s joys and concerns.** *The ushers will collect the cards during the hymn following the sermon and they will be offered during the Prayers of the People.*

SCRIPTURE

John 15: 9-17

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SERMON

*“In Order To Be What God Wants Us To Be”*

Rev. Don Brown

\*HYMN NO. 282

*“Come Down, O Love Divine”*

DOWN AMPNEY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*“Shall We Gather at the River”*

arr. Robert Lau

Katie Kreil, Soloist

\*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING NO. 607 *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise Christ, all people here below;**

**praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## GOING FORTH

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 175 “*Seek Ye First*”

LAFFERTY

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God And its righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, alleluia!**

\*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please exchange greetings of welcome and peace with your neighbor.*

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*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

†If you are new to the church...**Welcome!** We're glad to have you here. Please ask an usher to direct you to *Visitor packets* at the rear of the church. They can be found on the table near the usher's closet under the balcony stairs. After the 10:00am service today, we hope you will join us for Coffee Hour in Room 120 located through the door to the left of the choir loft and left to the end of the hall.

†The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of...

...Louise, Ruth and Evelyn Pedersen by Sharon Baker Witzel.

...Alma Mary and Joseph Walter Giffey by Jeannine and Brian Archibald.

...my mother, Gertrude Cornish, and my grandmother, Alice Matthews by Marlene Todd.

†Your prayers of intercession are requested for those members and friends known to be *currently or recently hospitalized or who continue to need our prayers and support*:

...Harry Coppens, Bill Hayden, Mary Hugo, Edith Jipp, Roger Jones, Marilyn O'Connell, Barbara Piggery, Louise Ritscher, Jim Tucker, Laura Winter and Clarence and Helena Wispelwey. The church office will be happy to verify their home addresses for you should you wish to send them words of encouragement or get well wishes.

†FLOWER DONORS for the sanctuary are needed for the following dates: June 7 and 21. If you would like to donate flowers in memory or in honor of someone, please fill out a form and return to the office.



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