WELCOME TO...

The Presbyterian Church of Saint David Early Morning Service October 13, 2013



Call to Worship: What shall we return to the Lord for all the Lord's bounty to us?

We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Let us call on Him who creates, redeems and sustains us, In every way and always. Amen

Hymn: For the beauty of the earth

Morning Prayer: (In unison)

Lord God, All good gifts come from you. You provide us with the sunshine and rain and it is through your love and care that we can enjoy harvest time. We thank you for providing so richly for our needs. Help us to share the good things we have with those who have little or nothing. We pray for your blessing on every kind of harvest that we enjoy: for the harvest of the land and sea and human relationships, that feed and nurture and help us to grow in body, mind and spirit. May we work together with you in all areas of life to produce what is worthwhile, good and honest. May You be praised, Christ be glorified and the Holy Spirit magnified, today and always. Amen

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Hymn: All creatures of our God (1-2) 433

Responsive Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. 3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. 5 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn: All creatures of our God (3-4) 433

Scripture Readings: John 6: 25-35

25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" 26 Jesus

answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." 28 Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 30 So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " 32 Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Hymn: All creatures of our God (5-6) 433

Meditation: His Table

Hymn: Here, O my Lord 543

Invitation Come, for all things are now ready. Come to the table and share with all in need: the gift of healing for those in pain, the gift of forgiveness for those in sin, the gift of assurance for those in doubt, and the gift of hope for those in tears. May we who share these gifts share Christ with one another and all our kin.

Lamb of God, who takes away all sin against God, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away all sin against Earth, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away all sin from the world, receive our prayer.

Hymn: Let us break bread together *Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

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Prayer after communion: Now may the power of Christ's body and blood reach deep into your heart, your mind and your body to heal your wounds, and through you, to bring healing to Earth, in Jesus' name. We thank you, Christ, for the meal we have celebrated with you, and we pray that through your body and blood we may be healed and become agents of healing for Earth. Amen.

Dismissal Blessing Christ calls you to be his disciples, to serve him with love and compassion and to serve Earth by caring for creation. Hold again the creation in your hands as you go forth to serve. We will remember the creation and the Creator! We will groan with creation! We will celebrate with the world the love of God.

May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth and the impulse of Christ within you. Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth! We go in peace, serving Christ and tending Earth!

Closing Hymn: For the bread which you have broken <u>549</u>

