



Community Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church (Florence)

July 19, 2015

**8th Sunday after Pentecost
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Proper 11

John A. Johnson, Pastor

Denise Kollert, Liturgist

Ruth Smith, Musician

Dave & Lois Platt, Ushers

The People of God Gather

Welcoming Guests

Please sign one of the blue tablets in the pews.

Sharing Joys and Concerns as a Community in Christ:

Preparing Our Hearts & Minds for Worship:

Prelude: ""

Ruth Smith

*** Doxology:**

***Call to Worship:**

from Psalm 89:20-37

Opening Hymn: #417/394

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Ritual of Confession and Assurance of God's Grace:

Litany of Confession:

Silent Confession:

Words of Assurance of God's Grace: (Response: "Thanks be to God.")

The Passing of Christ's Joy and Peace:

P: And also with you!

***Gloria Patri:**

Children:

The Word Is Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (from John Milton)

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:1-14

David has entered Jerusalem and brought the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem, where it has been installed in the Tabernacle, the tent serving as the center of worship.

We also encounter a new "covenant" made by God with respect to the "house" of David.

New Testament (Epistle) Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22

While tradition has it – and within the epistle it is so claimed – that Paul wrote "Ephesians," if not a consensus, than at least a meaningful number of New Testament scholars with the dubious concurrence of your minister believe someone else wrote this celebrated epistle. In today's passage, however, translated by the pastor, using his or her own words, the writer of Ephesians repeats a theme of unity among both Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians expounded by Paul in his letter to the Romans.

Gospel Lesson:

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The “preface” and “afterward” to Mark’s version of Jesus’ feeding the 5000, displaying a typical pattern of Mark’s – Jesus’ being constantly on the move. While commonly in Mark, Jesus goes from a Jewish location to a Gentile location, here the travel appears to be between two Galilean (Jewish) areas.

Sermon:

Two – or More – for the Road

The People of God Respond to the Word

***Hymn: #294**

“Wherever I May Wander”

Offering:

Offertory:

***Offering Song:**

***Prayer of Dedication:**

The People Take the Word into the World

***Hymn: #539 1,3&4**

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

***Blessing and Benediction:**

***Parting Hymn:**

Postlude:

Ruth Smith

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Please join us for fellowship immediately following worship.

Next Sunday, July 26, we will worship here; the following three weeks, August 2, 9, 16, we shall be at Community Presbyterian in Coolidge, and August 23, here, where we have invited St. Michael’s Episcopalian to join our two churches.

Announcements: Community

In our prayers this morning, please pray for recovery for Glenn Walker, Skip Blanchard, Jeremy Johnson, Roberta Bullis and family, Margaret Wachter, Larry Graham-Johnson, and Elaine Kenny; traveling mercies for Mary & Michael Harris.

Announcements: Florence.

From our lengthy list of those for whom we pray, this week we single out Bonnie Brunner, Maggie Schulz, and Myrt & Dick Lowater.

We are updating our Church Directory. New members & friends of the Church that are not in the current Directory are welcomed to meet with Rev. Johnson after church services on Sunday to take their picture and include their contact information in the directory.