

Scripture Reading

Old Testament- Isaiah 45:19

New Testament- John 14:6

Sermon~ "I am the Way, and the Truth and the Life"

† Hymn of Response "Be Thou My Vision" Blue Hymnal#339

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (traditional) pg. 16

Offertory "the Lovely Name of Jesus" Lewis

† Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" BI Hymnal#592

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

† Hymn of Preparation "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread" BI Hymnal#505

Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending Forth

Benediction

† Hymn of Service "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" (vs 1) BI Hymnal#538

Postlude

"Risen Is the Holy Christ"

Saxton



20th Lois Broich
22nd Victor & Helen Warnke
23rd Mark Bluml
24th Larry & Cheryl Cruchelow

First Presbyterian Church of Carroll

"Serving God by Serving Others"

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Michael Fitzsimmons

Pastor Emeritus: John Rozendaal

April 18th, 2010

*Greeters - Mike, Candice, Taylor &
Hayden Ostrich*

Usher - LeRoy Johnson

Offering - Sue Johnson and Gordon Wade

Organist - Sally Patten

We welcome you to First Presbyterian Church of Carroll! We are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. If you would like to learn more about First Presbyterian or about joining please contact Pastor Mike Fitzsimmons on his cell @ 712-830-0625 or email firstpccarroll@msn.com

† *Congregation standing if able*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Meditation

The farther we travel down this road of life the greater is the realization that this is not our home—heaven is.

The disciples of Jesus had good reason to be "troubled" because as they reclined at the table a few moments earlier He spoke of the traitor in their midst (John 13:21), and His leaving them and going where they could not follow (John. 33, 36). Jesus saw in their faces that night confusion, hurt, disappointment, fear, frustration and bewilderment. Their world was caving in around them like an earthquake.

The conversation in chapter fourteen follows in form closely to the preceding chapter. The conversation continues to flow as Christ prepares His disciples for the day ahead. He comforts them by telling them His departure is to His Father's house, with a view of preparing a place for them and then coming again to those who know the direction of the journey.

It is most unfortunate that there is a chapter break between John 13:38 and 14:1. Jesus is answering Peter's question in 13:36-37 that refers back to Jesus' words about His departure in v. 33. The disciples are "troubled" about what Jesus has been revealing to them about His death and resurrection (John13:33).

Jesus is consoling His disciples and revealing a greater understanding of Himself to them.

Prelude *"Prelude on Rockingham"* **Smith**

Greetings

† **Call to Worship** (in unison)

Lord Jesus, you come into our midst in the most mundane of circumstances. So how much more do you reveal your presence and call on our lives when we put aside our desires and make ourselves available to your direction during this hour? Bless us who have gathered here this morning. Let us again hear your words of comfort, acceptance and call. Let us be changed for your purpose this hour. Let us worship God!

† **Hymn of Praise** *"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"* Screen

Call to Confession

† **Prayer of Confession**

God we confess this morning that we do not have you all figured out, but we act as if we do. We do not wait with patience for your words of wisdom and direction. We raise your banner high and speak good things about you, but we do on our will. Have mercy on us who love you but have not been able to separate our desire for power, our desire to control situations, and our desire to speak for you rather than listening for your guidance. Forgive our sins against you, and help us to seek YOUR grace and love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response *"Glory Be to the Father"* Blue Hymnal#577

† **Passing the Peace of Christ**

Proclamation

Prayer of Illumination

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred; as we hear your word this morning, open the doors of our hearts, that we may speak good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

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