

**Morning Worship**  
**February 1, 2009**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Coming Together in Christ**

10:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

*Con Spirito*

Thomas Arne

INTROIT

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high." Heaven and earth, awake and sing, "God is our eternal king." Praise God, all ye hosts above, ever shining forth in love; sun and moon, uplift your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice!

**Entering God's Presence**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111: 1, 2

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**People: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #265

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

"Salzburg"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

**God of compassion, we confess that in our busyness we do not always love, we forget whose we are and to whom we belong; we get caught up in what we know, what we want, putting our desires ahead of everyone and everything else. We listen to false prophets and worship idols of our own making. Forgive us, O God, for words that hurt, actions that destroy, knowledge that belittles, addictions that consume. Forgive us when our pride and self-righteousness build walls in our relationships with you, our family and our friends and neighbors. Season us with your love. Help us to be kind and loving—encouraging others instead of demeaning them. Make us agents of your transforming hope in a hurting world. In the name of the one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom we see the face of God. Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#63, Lift Up Your Hearts

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.** (repeat)

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

John Dillon

\* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#28, Lift Up Your Hearts

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!** (repeat)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN/MOMENT FOR MISSION

Pine Springs Camp

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Come Share the Lord*

#126, Lift Up Your Hearts

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 pew Bible p. 168

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 pew Bible p. 160

THE ANTHEM

*Praise Ye the Lord*

Praise Ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord.

Praise God with the sound of the trumpet, Praise God with the lute and harp. Praise God with timbrel and dancing, Praise God wherever you are.

Praise God with holy cymbals, Praise God with strings and with pipes;

Praise God with clashing cymbals, Praise God with all of your might.

Praise God in the holy temple, Praise God's almighty deeds;

Praise God for those bountiful mercies, For God fulfills our needs.

Praise God on top of the mountains, Praise God both day and night;

Praise God down in the low valleys, Praise God because it's alright.

THE SERMON

"It Depends—On Love"

Rev. John Dillon

## Our Response to God's Love

\* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The liberty which Christ hath purchased for believers under the gospel consists in their freedom from the guilt of sin, the condemning wrath of God, the curse of the moral law, and in their being delivered from the sting of death, the victory of the grave, and everlasting damnation. Also in their free access to God, and their yielding obedience unto him, not out of slavish fear, but a childlike love and a willing mind.**

**God alone is the Lord of the conscience, and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are in anything contrary to his Word, or beside it in matters of faith or worship. So that to believe such doctrines, or to obey such commandments out**

**of conscience is to betray true liberty and conscience; and the requiring of an implicit faith, and an absolute and blind obedience, is to destroy liberty of conscience, and reason also.**

—Extracts from 6.108 and 6.109, Westminster Confession of Faith (1647)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Please partake of the communion elements as you receive them.)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO

*Andante*

Felix Mendelssohn

\* THE DOXOLOGY

#592, The Hymnal

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHORAL AMEN

*7-Fold Amen*

Peter Lutkin

\* THE HYMN OF PARTING #417

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

"Regent Square"

\* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

\* SUNG BENEDICTION

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Dennis

(Please join hands as we sing the Benediction)

**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

## **Going Forth in God's Love**

\* THE POSTLUDE

*Regent Square*

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\* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

## **Music Notes**

The Anthem this morning is a lively version of Psalm 150, found in our hymnal, #258. The second section of *The Presbyterian Hymnal* is devoted to hymn settings of various psalms and this is the chosen selection for Psalm 150. With music and text adaptation by J. Jefferson Cleveland in 1981, this lively anthem proclaims praise with all instruments!

The Offertory is a contemporary setting of an old English prayer by British composer John Rutter. Composed in 1970, this tranquil beautiful melodic line reflects the text and prayer.

## **Statement of Purpose**

Our Church exists to worship God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Spirit, we shall serve God's Kingdom by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

## **Statement of Vision**

We embrace open and progressive theology. Through education, training, worship and Session leadership we will realize our vision both individually and in community. We will be open to new ideas and programs while staying true to our beliefs and traditions. We will commit our personal and corporate resources to embody our Statement of Purpose. We will live our lives responsibly with honesty and integrity.

## **About the Affirmation of Faith**

The PC (USA) Book of Confessions is a collection of Confessions from the church in many ages and many different situations. Therefore, its expressions of faith cover a multitude of theological opinions, many of which are obviously influenced by who participated in their preparation and the times and customs of their era. While not necessarily agreeing with every statement precisely, our Ministers, Elders, and Deacons swear to be guided by its principles and truths. We select a passage from one of these Confessions each month to experience and explore the breadth and depth of our heritage.

Continuing our exploration of the Confessions, in February we will be using extracts from the Westminster Confession of Faith (1643-1649).

Parliament had appealed to Scotland asking for military aid. The price for Scottish cooperation was a Solemn League and Covenant to bind together England, Scotland and Ireland with a common Confession of Faith, Directory for Worship, Form of Church Government, and Catechism. Despite some initial reluctance by the English Parliamentary representatives, and its denunciation by the king, the Covenant was subscribed, not only by official representatives but widely by the British people.

The Divines met initially on Saturday, July 1 1643 in Westminster Abbey. By 1647 the assembly had delivered to Parliament the Westminster Confession of Faith as its guide in doctrine, a Shorter Catechism for teaching the faith to children, a Larger Catechism to aid ministers in their preaching, a Directory of Public Worship, a form for Presbyterian Church government, and a Psalter to provide biblical psalms to be sung in public worship. The last numbered sitting of the Westminster Assembly was February 22, 1649. It had sat for five and one-half years, meeting on average about four times a week.

## What's Happening This Week:



### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY (1)

9:00 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
9:30 AM	Church Camp Promotion in Fellowship Hall
10:15 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM	Coffee Hour in the Library
	Parent's Meeting in Heritage Room
11:00 AM	Worship Service, 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Camp Promotion Sunday, Communion, On the Air WCBC
5:00 PM	Book Study in Pastor's Office

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY (2)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
10:00 AM	Book Study in Pastor's Office
4:30 PM	Finance & Administration Mtg.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY (3)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
5:30 PM	Pee Wee Teams Basketball Practice

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY (4)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
	NO Learning Tree Nursery School
6:15 PM	JoyBells Rehearsal
7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY (5)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY (6)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School

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