

Morning Worship
February 8, 2009
Fifth 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 *Voluntary* William Boyce

INTROIT *Dona Nobis Pacem* Taize

The Lord will grant us his joy and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall walk before him and peace shall follow his steps.

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Psalm 147, The Message

Leader: Hallelujah! It's a good thing to sing praise to God.
Women: Praise is beautiful. Praise is fitting.
Men: God heals the heartbroken and bandages their wounds.
Women: God counts the stars and assigns each a name.
Men: The Lord is great, with limitless strength; we'll never comprehend what God knows and does.
Women: We'll give praise God for the beauty of creation.
Men: We'll give thanks for the Lord's abundant provisions and care.
All: The Lord is delighted by our honor and praise. Let us continue to hope in God's never-ending love and grace!

* HYMN OF PRAISE #457 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* "Toulon"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Holy and awesome God, through your Son you revealed yourself as the divine Healer, as one who desires for us wholeness of body, mind and spirit. Unlike the crowds who surrounded Jesus, urgently turning to him to be made well, we are all too likely to try and heal ourselves. We attempt to fill our emptiness with crowded schedules and with the pursuit of pleasure, prestige and power. We mask our pain instead of facing our fears and

loneliness. We confuse what we need with what we want, and we are unwilling to allow you to change our desires to reflect what you want for us. Forgive us, merciful Friend. Forgive our misguided attempts to heal ourselves apart from the transforming grace and power of your love. Strengthen our faith so that we may trust in your healing presence in our lives. 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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

* BAPTISMAL HYMN #304 (v. 1 only) *Jesus Loves Me* "Jesus Loves Me"

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

* 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)

* BAPTISMAL HYMN #304 (v. 2 only)

Jesus Loves Me

"Jesus Loves Me"

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING *(together)* **May God's joy be in your heart and God's love surround your living. Each day and each night and wherever you roam, may you know God's presence. In growing and learning, in joy and sorrow, in friendship, in solitude, in beginnings and endings, may God keep you and bless you all the days of your life.**

Going Forth in God's Love

* THE POSTLUDE

Wareham

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

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.

Music Notes

The music for this Sunday reflects the theme of peace. "How Lovely Are the Messengers" is one chorus from Felix Mendelssohn's (1809-1847) oratorio, "Paulus, Op. 36 (St. Paul)." This is based on the story of the conversion of Paul and was compiled from Scripture by Julius Schubring. Written in two parts with the first performance given in 1836 in Dusseldorf, Mendelssohn conducted the world-famous soprano, Jenny Lind, at the premiere. His most famous oratorio, "Elijah" followed ten years later.

Survivor Sundae: The Holy Wars!



GAFOSAC is participating in the annual Survivor Sundae Contest at the Queen City Creamery starting **Feb 15**. We have created a Sundae for the contest called GAFFY's Sundae Sin. It is 2 scoops of vanilla ice cream with hot fudge, marshmallow, Reese's peanut butter cup, rainbow sprinkles, and a cherry on top. The first week of the contest is **Feb.15-22**. GAFOSAC will get \$1 for each GAFFY's Sundae Sin sold that week. If we place first in sales this week, then we will move on to the second week. If our sales are the lowest, then we will be VOTED OFF the Survivor Sundae Island. The contest runs for five weeks and if our sundae survives we will be awarded \$200.00. Please stop by the Queen City Creamery during Feb. **15-22** and try our Sundae masterpiece: GAFFY's Sundae Sin.

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY (8)

9:00 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM	Coffee Hour in the Library
11:00 AM	Worship Service, 5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Baptism, On the Air WCBC
4:30 PM	GAFOSAC Meeting
5:00 PM	Book Study in Pastor's Office

MONDAY, FEBRUARY (9)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
10:00 AM	Book Study in Pastor's Office

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY (10)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
5:30 PM	Pee Wee Teams Basketball Practice
7:00 PM	Global Mission Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY (11)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
6:00 PM	Middler Team Basketball Practice
6:15 PM	JoyBells Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Seniors Team II Basketball Practice
7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8:00 PM	Seniors Team I Basketball Practice

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY (12)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
7:00 PM	Session Meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY (13)

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY (14)

9:00 AM	"The Big Event" at Woods Memorial Church
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