

Morning Worship
July 6, 2008
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Immigration Sunday

Coming Together in Christ

9:55 AM: MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

10:00 AM: CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *American March* Anonymous

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 45:6-7

Leader: Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity.

People: You love righteousness and hate wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #561 *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* "America"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Holy God, we come before you with conflicted hearts. So often, our intentions are good, yet we still fail to do what is right. We yearn to follow your commands, but instead, yield to temptation. In our guilt, we seek to justify our actions rather than make amends. Forgive us for the harm we cause when we follow our own wills and stray from your teaching. Strengthen us so that our hearts and wills are united in the desire to do what is right. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir) #574, The Hymnal

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON John Dillon

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

v. 1, #239, The Hymnal

**How happy is each child of God who walks within God's ways!
You'll reap good fruit from honest work and joy in life always.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

MOMENT FOR MISSION

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #387 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* "Bradbury"

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 18:1-10 pew Bible p. 13

THE SECOND LESSON: Matthew 11:16-19 pew Bible p. 11

SOLO *A Simple Song* Leonard Bernstein

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude.
Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude.
Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things.
For God is the simplest of all.
I will sing the Lord a new song to praise Him to bless Him to bless the Lord.
I will sing His praises while I live all of my days.
Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, Blessed is the man who praises Him.
Lauda, Laude...and walks in His ways.
I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help.
I will lift up my voice to the Lord singing Lauda, Laude.
For the Lord is my shade upon my right hand,
And the sun shall not smite thee by day nor the moon by night.
Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, Lauda, Laude, and walks in His ways.

THE SERMON "Welcome the Stranger" Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (together)

Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world. The church gathers to praise God. The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission in the world. The quality of their relation with

other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity.

Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of his witness in his own particular situation. He is entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and is subject to its advice and correction. He in turn, in his own competence, helps to guide the church.

—extracts from Section 9.35 to 9.38, The Confession of 1967

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

Adagio

Antonio Vivaldi

* THE DOXOLOGY

#114, Lift Up Your Hearts

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* THE HYMN OF PARTING #564

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

"Materna"

* 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

Materna

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher..... Rev. John Dillon
LiturgistKatie Ross
Organist..... Judie Brown
Special Music..... Patricia Kelby, mezzo-soprano
Moment for Mission Kati Ruark and Lydia Muso
Time for Children Kati Ruark
Child Care.....Jamie and Cynthia Speis
GreeterThara Bonebreak
Coffee Hour Susan Mills (Robin Bissell on July 13)
Ushers Fanny and Ken Witmer

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 July we will be using extracts from “The Confession of 1967”. [The Book of Confessions Study Edition](#) prefaces “The Confession of 1967” with the following explanation:

“The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God’s grace in Jesus Christ. In every age, the church has expressed its witness in words and deeds as the need of the time required. Confessions and declarations are subordinate standards... No one type of confession is exclusively valid, no one statement is irreformable. Obedience to Jesus Christ alone identifies the one universal church and supplies the continuity of its tradition...”

“The purpose of the Confession of 1967 is to call the church to that unity in confession and mission which is required of disciples today. This Confession is not a “system of doctrine”, nor does it include all the traditional topics of theology. For example, the Trinity and the Person of Christ are not redefined, but are recognized and reaffirmed as forming the basis and determining the structure of the Christian faith.”

—from “*Book of Confessions: Study Edition*”, 1996

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, JULY (6)

Trinity Pres. of Liverpool, OH Arrives for NAILS

- 10:00 AM Worship Service, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion, Moment for Mission, On the Air WCBC
- 11:30 AM Lesotho Child Counseling Unit Presentation
- 5:00 PM GAFOSAC Meeting

MONDAY, JULY (7)

Trinity Pres. of Liverpool, OH at FPC

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 5:30 PM Christian Ed Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM 200th Anniversary Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY (8)

Trinity Pres. of Liverpool, OH at FPC

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

WEDNESDAY, JULY (9)

Trinity Pres. of Liverpool, OH at FPC

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

THURSDAY, JULY (10)

Youth Leave for Massanetta Conference

Trinity Pres. of Liverpool, OH at FPC

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

FRIDAY, JULY (11)

Trinity Pres. of Liverpool, OH at FPC

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:30 AM Summer Lunch Box Program
- 5:30 PM Meredith Belt/Jeremy Irons Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, JULY (12)

- 3:00 PM Meredith Belt/Jeremy Irons Wedding

SUNDAY, JULY (13)

Youth Return from Massanetta Conference

- 9:00 AM Pastor's Study on the Minor Prophets
- 10:00 AM Worship Service, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
On the Air WCBC
- 11:30 AM Parent/Youth Meeting for Montreat Conference
- 5:00 PM GAFOSAC Meeting