

**Morning Worship**  
**July 13, 2008**  
**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Coming Together in Christ**

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

10:00 AM: CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

*Cornet Voluntary*

William Goodwin

**Entering God's Presence**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:105-106

Leader: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**People: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #487

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

"Laudes Domini"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Dear God, above all our understandings of you, teach us tolerance of one another and appreciation of one another's efforts to be rightly related to you. Deliver us from the prejudice, hatred, and conflicts that are devastating the world of our time in the name of politics and religion. Help us to understand one another and grow in the grace of humility and true trust in one another. In the name of the One you sent to show your love for everyone, Amen.

*—H. M. Miller*

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#65, Lift Up Your Hearts

**Kind and merciful God, we have sinned in your sight  
we have all wandered far from your way;  
we have followed desire,  
we have failed to aspire  
to the virtue we ought to display.**

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

John Dillon

\* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#69, Lift Up Your Hearts

**God has smiled on me. He has set me free,  
God has smiled on me. He's been good to me.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #276	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	"Faithfulness"
THE FIRST LESSON:	Zechariah 8:9-12a	pew Bible p. 832
THE SECOND LESSON:	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	pew Bible p. 13
SOLO	<i>He Touched Me</i> Otto Ross, guitar	Bill Gaither
THE SERMON	"Truth in Pictures"	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*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY	<i>How Great Thou Art</i> Otto Ross, guitar	English version- Stuart K. Hine
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\* 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

\* THE HYMN OF PARTING #280

*Amazing Grace*

“Amazing Grace”

\* 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

Improvisation on “Amazing Grace”

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

### **This Morning’s Worship Leaders**

Preacher..... Rev. John Dillon  
Liturgist .....Mike Levitas  
Organist..... Judie Brown  
Special Music.....Otto Ross, guitar  
Time for Children ..... VBS Leaders  
Child Care..... Marc and Jill DiNola  
Greeter .....Polly Eyler  
Coffee Hour ..... Robin Bissell (Lynn & Chris Fritz on July 20)  
Ushers .....Tim, Ann, Catherine and Jack Workmeister

## **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 (13)**

#### **Youth Return from Massanetta Conference**

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

### **MONDAY, JULY (14)**

#### **Ride Amagara Group at FPC**

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 7:00 PM Ride Amagara Presentation

### **TUESDAY, JULY (15)**

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY (16)**

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

### **THURSDAY, JULY (17)**

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

### **FRIDAY, JULY (18)**

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:30 AM Summer Lunch Box Program

### **SATURDAY, JULY (19)**

- 9:00 AM Dandy Bicycle Parade at Canal Place

### **SUNDAY, JULY (20)**

#### **Youth Leave for Montreat Conference**

- 9:00 AM Pastor's Study on the Minor Prophets
- 10:00 AM Worship Service, 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
On the Air WCBC
- 5:00 PM GAFOSAC Meeting

### **MONDAY, JULY 21 to FRIDAY, JULY 25**

- 8:30 AM Power Lab! Vacation Bible School