

Morning Worship
July 20, 2008
Sixteenth 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

Trumpet Voluntary

Anonymous

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 139:1-2

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #473

For the Beauty of the Earth

"Dix"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Lord God, you created a beautiful world. We spoiled it. Did you remain angry forever? No! You sent your son to show the way back to your heart—We hung him on a tree. Did he condemn us? No! He cried, "Father, forgive, they don't know what they do". Still we rebel, we war and lay waste. Still you give. You open the windows of heaven and shower us with mercy and grace. O Lord, the generosity of your love overwhelms me.

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

#74, **Lift Up Your Hearts**

**Glory, glory hallelujah!
Since I laid my burden down.
Glory, glory hallelujah!
Since I laid my burden down.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #433 *There's A Spirit in the Air* "Lauds"

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 28:10-19a pew Bible p. 24

THE SECOND LESSON: Matthew 13:24-30 pew Bible p. 14

SOLO *The Bird Song* Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside still waters: he restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

THE SERMON "The Natural Way to Pray" 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 *Pianosong* Paul Halley

* THE DOXOLOGY #116, *Lift Up Your Hearts*
Shout for joy to God all the earth, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise the Lord. (repeat)

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* THE HYMN OF PARTING #302 *I Danced in the Morning* "Simple Gifts"

* 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 "Simple Gifts"

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher..... Rev. John Dillon
Liturgist Jim Cunningham
Organist..... Judith Brown
Special Music..... Patricia Kelby, mezzo-soprano; Judith Brown, piano
Time for Children VBS Leaders
Child Care..... The Stroup Family
Greeter Ginnie Robinette
Coffee Hour Lynn & Chris Fritz (Erin Williams on July 27)
Ushers Pam Griffith, Carolyn Mathews and Phil Mills

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 (20)

Youth Leave for Montreat Conference

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

MONDAY, JULY (21)

- 8:30 AM Power Lab! Vacation Bible School
- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

TUESDAY, JULY (22)

- 8:30 AM Power Lab! Vacation Bible School
- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

WEDNESDAY, JULY (23)

- 8:30 AM Power Lab! Vacation Bible School
- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

THURSDAY, JULY (24)

- 8:30 AM Power Lab! Vacation Bible School
- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

FRIDAY, JULY (25)

- 8:30 AM Power Lab! Vacation Bible School
- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:30 AM Summer Lunch Box Program

SUNDAY, JULY (27)

FPC of Annandale, VA Group Arrives for NAILS

- 9:00 AM Pastor's Study on the Minor Prophets
- 10:00 AM Worship Service, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
VBS Sunday Celebration, On the Air WCBC
Cents-Ability Banks Collected

SUNDAY, AUGUST (3)

St. Andrews UMC Group Arrives for NAILS

- 9:00 AM Pastor's Study on the Minor Prophets
- 10:00 AM Worship Service, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion, On the Air WCBC
- 5:00 PM GAFOSAC Meeting