

**Morning Worship**  
**August 17, 2008**  
**Twentieth 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

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J.S. Bach

**Entering God's Presence**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 72:1-2

Leader: Give the king your justice, o God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

**People: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #482

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

"Lobe den Herren"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

No doubt about it! God is good—good to good people, good to the good-hearted. But I nearly missed it, missed seeing his goodness. I was looking the other way, looking up to the people at the top, envying the wicked who have it made, who have nothing to worry about, not a care in the whole wide world.

Pretentious with arrogance, pampered and overfed, they jeer, using words to kill; they bully their way with words. They're full of hot air, loudmouths disturbing the peace. People actually listen to them—can you believe it? Like thirsty puppies, they lap up their words.

What's going on here? Is God out to lunch? Nobody's tending the store. The wicked get by with everything; they have it made, piling up riches. Still, when I tried to figure it out, all I got was a splitting headache...until I entered the sanctuary of God. Then I saw the whole picture.

I'm still in your presence, but you've taken my hand. You wisely and tenderly lead me, and then you bless me. I've made Lord God my home. God, I'm telling the world what you do!

—extracts from "The Message", psalm 73

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

#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

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION  
Arr. John Bell

*Will You Come And Follow Me (The Summons)*  
(see insert)

THE FIRST LESSON:

Romans 11:1-8

pew Bible p. 150

THE SECOND LESSON:

Matthew 15:21-28

pew Bible p. 16

SOLO

*Rise Up, My Heart, With Gladness*  
Mark Rose, tenor

J.S. Bach

Rise up my heart, with gladness and hear the news today. Now let all gloom and sadness, be gone without delay. Lifeless our Saviour lay, so, too, shall we one day, but we shall know God's love, and rise to heaven above.

With joy the foe had shouted, when Christ was laid in the tomb. But now the foe is routed, His joy is turned to gloom. Christ gains the victory, through him we all are free, He who was born to save has triumphed over the grave.

THE SERMON

"Irrevocable—Jesus Learns Something?"

John Dillon

## **Our Response to God's Love**

\* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (together)

Leader: Among the poor, among the proud,

Men: among the persecuted

Women: among the privileged,

**People: Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: In the private house, in the public place,

Men: in the wedding feast

Women: in the judgment hall,  
**People: Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: With a gentle touch, with an angry word,  
Men: with a clear conscience,  
Women: with burning love,  
**People: Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe,  
Men: that the powerful might stumble,  
Women: that the hidden might be seen,  
**People: Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: Within us, without us, behind us, before us,  
Men: in this place, in every place  
Women: for this time, for all time,  
**People: Christ is coming to make all things new.**

—from *Morning Liturgy B: Wild Goose Resources* (Iona Community)

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* "Olivet"  
Mark Rose, tenor

\* 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 #306 *Fairest Lord Jesus* "Crusader's Hymn"

\* 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

The Summons

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\* 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**

In August, we will be using extracts from Wild Goose resources from the Iona Community.

## What's Happening This Week:



### **SUNDAY, AUGUST (17)**

- 9:00 AM Pastor's Study on the Minor Prophets
- 10:00 AM Worship Service, 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
On the Air WCBC
- 11:00 PM PW Sneak Preview of Churchwide Gathering
- 5:00 PM GAFOSAC Meeting

### **MONDAY, AUGUST (18)**

#### **Newsletter Articles Due**

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST (19)**

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (20)**

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST (21)**

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 12:00 Noon Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST (22)**

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST (24)**

- 10:00 AM Worship Service, 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Bob Courtney, Guest Preacher, On the Air WCBC

