

Morning Worship
August 31, 2008
Twenty-second 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

Andante

Felix Mendelssohn

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #488

The God of Abraham Praise

"Leoni"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

O living Christ, hanged on a tree, yet risen in the morning, scatter the sin from our souls as the mist from the hills; begin what we do, inform what we say, redeem who we are. In you we place our hope, our great hope, our living hope, this day and for evermore, Amen.

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

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#579, The Hymnal

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #359 *More Love to Thee, O Chris* "More Love to Thee"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 3:1-15 pew Bible p. 48

THE SOLO *I Believe* Ervin Drake
Gary Hendrickson, Baritone

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 11:2-12 pew Bible p. 151

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 16:21-28 pew Bible p. 17

THE SERMON "Where is Fear Preventing Us from Following?" Rev. Blythe

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

I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked
Gary Hendrickson, Baritone

G. O'Hara

I walked today where Jesus walked in days of long ago;
I wandered down each path He knew with reverent step and slow.
Those little lanes, they have not changed – a sweet peace fills the air.
I walked today where Jesus walked and felt His presence there.

My pathway led through Bethlehem, Ah! mem'ries ever sweet;
The little hills of Galilee, that knew those childish feet;
The Mount of Olives; hallowed scenes that Jesus knew before;
I saw the might Jordan roll as in the days of yore.

I knelt today where Jesus knelt, where all alone He prayed;
The Garden of Gethsemane my heart felt unafraid!
I picked my heavy burden up and with Him by my side,
I climbed the Hill of Calvary where on the Cross He died!
I walked today where Jesus walked and felt Him close to me.

* 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

God the Creator

#27, Lift Up Your Hearts

Words & Arrangement by the Iona Community

* 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

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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 (31)

- 10:00 AM Worship Service, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rev. Scott Blythe, Guest Preacher, On the Air WCBC
- 5:00 PM GAFOSAC Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER (1) Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER (2)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 6:00 PM Nominating Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER (3)

- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 10:00 AM Pastoral Care/IRT Team Meeting
- 6:00 PM JoyBells Polish & Parley
- 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER (4)

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER (5)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 5:30 PM Squires/McKenney Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER (6)

- 1:00 PM Squires/McKenney Wedding

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (7)

- 9:00 AM Sunday School Olympic Breakfast
- 10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion, New Elder Ordination/Installation
- 5:00 PM GAFOSAC Meeting