

Morning Worship
September 21, 2008
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coming Together in Christ

10:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Variation of "Down Ampney"* Jan Bender

THE INTROIT *Sing a New Song* arr. John L. Bell

Alleluia! Sing a new song, sing all the earth! Sing of the Lord's salvation day by day. Tell of God's glory, praise God's worth among the nations.

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 106: 4, 5

Leader: Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them;

People: that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #459 *Father, We Praise Thee* "Christe Sanctorum"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Lord, open for me, open for me your love. Open for me your presence so that I may find courage for my fear. Open to me your presence so that there may be light for my darkness. Open to me your Spirit so that I may know your peace in the midst of turmoil. Open me up to you, O God, so that I may know hope for my despair, peace for my soul, joy for my sorrow, health for my illness, strength for my weakness, wisdom for my confusion, forgiveness of my sin, love for my hate, praise for my doubt and insight for my troubles. Lord, open up for me your cross and your love for my life, for my all. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#63, Lift Up Your Hearts

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy upon us. (repeat)**

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

John Dillon

* 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 # 358

Help Us Accept Each Other

"Baronita"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Deuteronomy 24:14-15

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Matthew 19:23, 27; 20:1-16

THE ATHEM

O Come Ye Servants of the Lord

Christopher Tye

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise His holy name;
From early morn to setting sun, His might on earth proclaim.
His laws are just and glad the heart; He makes His mercies known ;
Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before His throne.

THE SERMON

"Man Being Eaten by Alligator"

Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO

Adagio

Marcello

* 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 #442

The Church's One Foundation

"Aurelia"

* 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

Aurelia

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

Docket
Congregational Meeting
September 21, 2008

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Corporation Meeting Convened
- III. Determination of Quorum
- IV. Corporation Business
 - A. Report of Nominating Committee
DATA: Recommendation of Elder to fulfill two-year term of vacated office.
 - 1. Nominations from the floor.
 - 2. Vote
 - B. Election of Corporation Officers.....Elder Carl Belt
- V. All other Competent Business
- VI. Motion to Adjourn Congregational Meeting
- VII. Closing Prayer

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.

Music Notes

The Anthem this morning has been composed by English composer and organist Christopher Tye (1505-1572.) He studied at Cambridge University and in 1545 became a Doctor of Music both there and at Oxford.

He was choirmaster of Ely Cathedral from about 1543 and also organist there from 1559. The title page to Tye's *Actes of the Apostles* (London 1553) describes him as *one of the Gentlemen of his grace's most honourable chapel*, and he may have been music teacher to King Edward VI, who reportedly quoted his father, Henry VIII, as saying, "England hath one God, one truth, one doctor hath for music's art, and that is Doctor Tye, admired for skill in music's harmony." The Anthem is a simple beautiful motet originally written in Latin, "Laudate nomen domini."

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (21)

- 8:00 AM Morning Service at Rocky Gap State Park
- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Library
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
On the Air WCBC
- 12:00 Noon Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary
- 12:15 PM Nominating Committee Meeting
- 4:00 PM Joan DeVee Dixon Polka Mass at
St. John's Episcopal Church, 58 Broadway
- 4:30 PM GAFOSAC Meeting
- 5:30 PM Sunday Night Book Study

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER (22)

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER (23)

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER (24)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 6:15 PM JoyBells Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER (25)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 4:00 PM Presbytery Meeting at Good Shepherd Church

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER (26)

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (28)

- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Library
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
On the Air WCBC, Moment for Mission,
JoyBells Playing, Cents-Ability Collection,
- 4:30 PM GAFOSAC Meeting
- 5:30 PM Sunday Night Book Study