

Morning Worship
October 19, 2008
Twenty-ninth 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 *Andante* Felix Mendelssohn

THE INTROIT *Seek Ye First* Karen Lafferty
JoyBells arr. Peggy Bettcher

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 99:6, 8

Leader: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

People: O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #220 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* "Old Hundredth"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Lord and Father, we worship you as the God who has made us. Life is your gift, and in you we live and move and exist. You know all our needs, and you meet them generously. Nothing can separate us from your love. And yet we have to confess that we pass our lives in fretful discontent. We are never satisfied with what we have, but must always envy others their money or their success. We cannot allow other people to be different from us: either we want to be like them or we try to make them conform to ourselves. We are not content with the approval of conscience: we want the esteem of others as well. We twist the truth until it fits in with our ideas. We shrink from suffering, and grow impatient under it. We are full of worry about the future, afraid of monotony, afraid of change... We cannot be different unless you take us in hand and help up to grow into new people.

—by Rev. Caryl Micklem

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.**

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIGNS OF NEW LIFE:Local Mission & Building Renovation

* HYMN OF PREPARATION

#88, Lift Up Your Hearts

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Exodus 3:7-12

pew Bible page 48

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Matthew 12:9-14

pew Bible page 11-12

THE ANTHEM

Dona Nobis Pacem

arr. Barbara Wallace

Grant us peace.

THE SERMON

"Vertical or Horizontal?"

Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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, to hear his word for humankind, to baptize and join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to him in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.

The church thus orders its life as an institution and constitution, government, officers, finances, and administration rules. These are instruments of mission, not ends in themselves.

Every church order must be open to such reformation as may be required to make it a more effective instrument of the mission of reconciliation.

—9.35-36, and extracts from 9.40, *The Confession of 1967*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Canticle of Joy
JoyBells

Jodi S. Acker

* 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 #464

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

"Hymn to Joy"

* 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

Allegro

Mendelssohn

* 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

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.

For the month of October, we will use extracts from the *Confession of 1967*. For most of their history, American Presbyterians have looked to the Westminster Confession of Faith to define themselves theologically. The writing of the Confession of 1967 broke with this past and challenged the church to think anew about the authority and role of confessions. The Confession of 1967 recovered key insights of the Protestant Reformation, drawing on the thought of Karl Barth, the great Swiss theologian of the twentieth century, who forcefully articulated their meaning for today. Faith was to be understood primarily as trust in Christ, to whom Scripture witnesses, not as mastery of a theological system.

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, OCTOBER (19)

- 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, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
JoyBells Playing, On the Air WCBC
- 12:00 PM Buildings & Grounds Meeting in Heritage Room
- 6:00 PM Organ Spectacular Concert

MONDAY, OCTOBER (20)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 10:00 AM Monday Morning Book Study
- 12:00 PM Highlander's Lunch at When Pigs Fly

TUESDAY, OCTOBER (21)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 5:30 PM Christian Education Committee Mtg.
- 6:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER (22)

- 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, OCTOBER (23)

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER (24)

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER (26)

- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
Adult Sunday School Class in Chapel
- 10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Library
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Consecration Sunday, Welcome New Members
On the Air WCBC
- 4:30 PM GAFOSAC Meeting
- 5:30 PM "Trick or Trunk" in the Church Parking Lot

Trick or Trunk

Treats received from decorated car trunks



Sun. Oct.26

5:30 p.m.

in the church parking lot

Enjoy Goodies & Games

Costumes welcome