

Morning Worship
March 29, 2009
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Coming Together in Christ

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

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Pastorale

Philip Hayes

INTROIT

My Song Is Love Unknown

“Love Unknown”

My song is love unknown, my Savior’s love to me, Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die.

Entering God’s Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 51:15-16, 17

Leader: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

People: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #466

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

“Azmon”

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly of my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#62, Lift Up Your Hearts

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #266

Thank You, God, for Water, Soil and Air

"Amstein"

FIRST LESSON:

Romans 3:21-26

Pew Bible p. 144

SECOND LESSON:

Mark 8:31-33

Pew Bible p. 41

THE ANTHEM

Adoramus Te, Christe

Orlandus Lassus

We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee, because by thy Holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE SERMON

"Why the Cross? Part 4: Death of a Willing Sacrifice"

Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and

joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

—lines 52-76, from “A Brief Statement of Faith” (1983)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHORAL AMEN

7-Fold Amen

John Stainer

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO

Prayer

Ludwig van Beethoven

O God, Thy goodness reacheth so far, as far as clouds above us.
Thy tender mercies crown our days and quickly show that Thou dost love us.
O Lord, my rock, my fortress strong, hear Thou my prayer which I prolong.
As I now bow before Thee.

* THE DOXOLOGY

#116, Lift Up Your Hearts

Shout for joy to God all the earth, Alleluia! Praise the Lord! (repeat)

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* THE HYMN OF PARTING #259

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

“Ein Feste Burg”

* 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

“Ein Feste Burg”

* 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 March, we will be using extracts from "A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)." In 1983, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was formed by the reunion of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and the Presbyterian Church in the United States. The *Plan for Reunion* called for preparation of a brief statement of the Reformed faith for possible inclusion in the *Book of Confessions*. It celebrates our rediscovery that for all our undoubted diversity, we are bound together by a common faith and a common task.

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, MARCH (29)

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 Kitchen
11:00 AM	Worship Service, 5 th Sunday in Lent Moment for Mission, On the Air WCBC
12:15 PM	Confirmation Meeting & Lunch
4:30 PM	GAFOSAC Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH (30)

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

TUESDAY, MARCH (31)

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL (1)

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, APRIL (2)

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

FRIDAY, APRIL (3)

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

SATURDAY, APRIL (4)

9:00 AM	High School Big Band Rehearsal
9:00 AM	Church Landscaping Day
10:00 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM	Parent/Player Game at Frostburg Armory

SUNDAY, APRIL (5) Palm Sunday

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 Kitchen
10:30 AM	Children Present Rotation Projects in The Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM	Worship Service, Palm Sunday, Children's Parade, Cents-Ability Collection, Moment for Mission, On the Air WCBC
4:30 PM	GAFOSAC Meeting