

Morning Worship
May 3, 2009
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Coming Together in Christ

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

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Psalm

Gordon Young

INTROIT

The Lone, Wild Bird

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with Thee, nor leaves Thy sight.
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 23: 4, 5-6

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and staff—they comfort me.

People: **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE

God the Creator

#27, Lift Up Your Hearts

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Almighty God, Redeemer: the sap of life in our bones and being is yours, lifting us to ecstasy. But always in the beauty: the tang of sin, in our consciences. The dry sins are long dead, but seared upon our minds. In the garden that is each of us, always the thorn. Yet all are yours as we yield them again to you. Not only our lives that you have given are yours: but also our sins that you have taken. Even our livid rebellions and putrid sins: you have taken them all away and nailed them to the Cross! Our redemption is enough: and we are free.

—Rev. George MacLeod (1895-1991) Minister, Church of Scotland
Founder of the Iona Community

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy upon us. (repeat)

#63, Lift Up Your Hearts

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

Cents-Ability Offering

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #433

There's a Spirit in the Air

"Lauds"

FIRST LESSON:

Habakkuk 3:17-19

Pew Bible p. 823

SECOND LESSON:

John 10:11-18

Pew Bible p. 97-98

ANTHEM

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing

Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia.
All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever,
Sing Jehovah's mighty power, praise Him forever.
Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.

THE SERMON

"Never Stop Hoping!"

Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness to both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. (We believe) That God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life and society and the world. —

The Confession of Belhar (September 1986)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Please partake of the communion elements as you receive them.)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CHORAL AMEN

Seven-Fold Amen

John Rutter

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

* 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 #525

Here I Am, Lord

"Here I Am, Lord"

* 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

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Michael Burkhardt

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

Music Notes

The Prelude, Offertory and Anthem this morning are all compositions of American organist and composer Gordon Young (1919-1998.) Young was born in Kansas and earned his undergraduate degree in music at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. Following that he was a scholarship pupil at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and received his Doctor of Sacred Music from Southwestern in 1964.

Young received 18 consecutive composition annual awards from ASCAP. His published works total over 800, and a number of his church anthems have become standard repertoire.

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.

Continuing our exploration of the Confessions, in May we will be using an extract from the "Confession of Belhar" (September 1986).

Although not yet published in the Book of Confessions, the "Confession of Belhar" has been widely used. The following account of its origin is taken from the February 13, 2006 issue of the Presbyterian Outlook magazine:

"This is a translation of the original Afrikaans text of the confession as it was adopted by the synod of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa in 1986. In 1994 the Dutch Reformed Mission Church and the Dutch Reformed Church in Africa united to form the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA). This inclusive language text was prepared by the Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (USA)."

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, MAY (3)

9:00 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM	Sunday School for All Ages Confirmation Class Meets in Pastor's Office
10:15 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM	Coffee Hour in the Kitchen
11:00 AM	Worship Service, 4 th Sunday of Easter, Communion Cents-Ability Offering Collected, On the Air WCBC
4:00 PM	Hand Bell Concert in Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Pastor's Book Study
7:00 PM	"Run Kid Run" Concert at FSU

MONDAY, MAY (4)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
10:00 AM	Book Study in Pastor's Office

TUESDAY, MAY (5)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
6:00 PM	Local Mission Meeting at the Creamery

WEDNESDAY, MAY (6)

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, MAY (7) National Day of Prayer

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

FRIDAY, MAY (8)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
6:00 PM	Gordon/Startt Wedding in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MAY (10) Mother's Day

9:00 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM	Sunday School for All Ages Confirmation Class Meets in Pastor's Office
10:15 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM	Coffee Hour in the Kitchen
11:00 AM	Worship Service, 5 th Sunday of Easter On the Air WCBC
4:30 PM	GAFOSAC Youth Meeting
5:00 PM	Pastor's Book Study