

Morning Worship
May 10, 2009
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

Coming Together in Christ

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

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Allegretto* F.J. Haydn

INTROIT *Dona Nobis Pacem* Taize

I will hear what the Lord has to say, a voice that speak of peace, peace for his people and peace for his friends, and peace for those who turn to him in their hearts.

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 22: 25, 26

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

* HYMN OF PRAISE #483 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* "Mit Freuden Zart"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Mother and Father of us all, your love is without end, yet our love for you and for one another is weak, often interrupted by self-centeredness, distrust, vindictiveness. Whenever we come together to pray for you, we have to acknowledge that much of our life deserves your displeasure, that our life together is too often disfigured by our selfishness and self-love. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to fellowship with you and with one another, for Jesus' sake.
—from "Prayers for Contemporary Worship"

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir) #63, Lift Up Your Hearts

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

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

v. 1, #239, The Hymnal

**How happy is each child of God who walks within God's ways!
You'll reap good fruit from honest work and joy in life always.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #484

Sing with Hearts

"Intako"

FIRST LESSON:

Sirach 38

(see bulletin announcements)

Every carpenter and worker labors night and day: and those who cut and engrave seals, are diligent and make great variety, and use great imagery. The smith also sitting by the anvil, bothered by steam and the heat of the furnace: and the noise of the hammer and the anvil constantly in his ears, and his eyes look still upon the pattern of the thing that he is making; he sets his mind to finish his work, and to polish it perfectly:

So does the potter sitting at his work, turning the wheel about with his feet, carefully set at his work, and making many things; He fashions the clay with his hands, and applies his skills diligently.

All those trust to their hands: and every one is wise in his work. Without those workers, a city cannot be inhabited: They maintain the world, Working their crafts.

SECOND LESSON:

John 15: 1-8

Pew Bible p. 103

ANTHEM

Followers of the Lamb

Shaker Text and Tune
Arr. Philip R. Dietterich

O brethren ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb. Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel, sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb. O sisters, ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb. Oh, I mean to be a obedient, ye followers of the Lamb!

THE SERMON

"Ordinary, Average, Nothing Special"

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)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL AMEN

Seven-Fold Amen

John Rutter

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO

Laudate Dominum

W.A. Mozart

Praise the Lord, all nations; praise Him, all peoples. For His mercy is established over us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Glory to the Father, Glory to the Son, Glory to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and always, world without end. Amen.

* 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 #415

Come, Labor On

"Ora Labora"

* 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

Toccata in F

Charles-Marie Widor

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

TODAY'S READING is an extract from Chapter 38 of the Book of Sirach in the Apocrypha. This is a small collection of Biblical books which the Reformers recognized as useful for study and instruction, but not recognized as scripture.

Music Notes

The Anthem is a Shaker Text and Tune written down in 1847 in New Lebanon, New York. Music was a means for the Shakers to “be free and joyous.” This arrangement with tambourine is one such example.

The Offertory Solo this morning is a solo version of one of the six movements of Mozart’s *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore* (Solemn Vespers of Confession). This is classical beautiful Mozart, symmetrical phrases, predictable harmonies and a beautiful vocal line. In Mozart’s time in Salzburg, worship services were performed eight times per day, once every three hours. *Laudate Dominum* is a Vesper Psalm and is taken from Psalm 117.

We are pleased to welcome Hannah Berens as our soloist this morning. Hannah is a freshman at Frostburg State University and studies voice with Patricia Kelby.

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 (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

MONDAY, MAY (11)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
10:00 AM	Book Study in Pastor's Office
4:30 PM	Finance & Administration Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY (12)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
7:00 PM	Global Mission Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY (13)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
11:30 AM	LT Mother's Day Luncheon
6:15 PM	JoyBells Rehearsal
7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY (14)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
11:30 AM	LT Mother's Day Luncheon
7:00 PM	Session Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY (15)

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

SUNDAY, MAY (17)

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, 6 th Sunday of Easter, On the Air WCBC
	Guest Preacher Rev. Thomas Morgan
3:00 PM	Altoona Curves Game
5:00 PM	Pastor's Book Study