

**Morning Worship**  
**May 17, 2009**  
**Sixth 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 *Prelude in C Major* J. S. Bach

INTROIT *Give Thanks, Worship and Praise* John L. Bell  
Give thanks, worship and praise the Lord, for God has done great things.

**Entering God's Presence**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Leader: God has claimed us as his own.

**People: He has brought us out of the darkness. He has made us light to the world.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #478 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* "Lauda Anima"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#62, Lift Up Your Hearts

**Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

Rev. Thomas Morgan

\* 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

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION #335

*Though I May Speak*

"O Waly Waly"

FIRST LESSON:

1 John 5:1-6

Pew Bible p. 90

SECOND LESSON:

John 15: 9-17

Pew Bible p. 103

ANTHEM

*This Is the Day*

W. A. Mozart

This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours His own; Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad, and praise surround the throne. Hosanna in the highest strains, the church on earth can raise. The highest heavens in which he reigns shall give Him nobler praise. The God of our salvation. Give thanks to God for he is good. Alleluia.

THE SERMON

"Conquering the World with Love"

Rev. Thomas Morgan

## 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* Peter Lutkin

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J. S. Bach

\* 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 #401 *When Will People Cease Their Fighting?* "Rustington"

\* 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 *Fugue in C Major* J. S. Bach

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\* 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.

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)."

## **Music Notes**

The Anthem this morning is a paraphrase by Isaac Watts of Psalm 118 with the musical setting attributed to W.A. Mozart. This is a joyous setting with some imitation and cascading "Alleluias" as the triumphant ending.

The Prelude and Postlude combine together to produce one of the best known "Little" Preludes and Fugues by J.S. Bach (sometimes ascribed by J. Krebs). Subsequent scholarship by musical scholars Speerstra and Vogel has suggested that this collection was conceived specifically for the pedal clavichord. Several elements of the pieces, including the rolling of large chords, octave doublings and repeater notes, and the patterns of movement of the fingers and feet, the rhythm, and overall texture are idiomatic on the clavichord.

## What's Happening This Week:



### 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 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Guest Preacher Rev. Thomas Morgan On the Air WCBC
3:00 PM	Altoona Curves Game
5:00 PM	Pastor's Book Study

### MONDAY, MAY (18)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
10:00 AM	Book Study in Pastor's Office
12:00 Noon	Highlander's Luncheon at Geatz's

### TUESDAY, MAY (19)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
6:30 PM	Worship Committee Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, MAY (20)

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 (21)

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

### FRIDAY, MAY (22)

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

### SUNDAY, MAY (24)

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, 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Graduate Recognition, Moment for Mission On the Air WCBC