

**Morning Worship**  
**May 24, 2009**  
**Seventh 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

*Down Ampney*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

INTROIT

*My Lord, What A Morning!*

You will hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations underground, Looking to my God's right hand when the stars begin to fall. My Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

**Entering God's Presence**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 9:1-2, 3-4

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

**People: When my enemies turned back, they stumbled and perished before you. For you have maintained my just cause; you have sat on the throne giving righteous judgment.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #460 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* "Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

**God: Take fire and burn our guilt and our lying hypocrisies. Take water and wash away our brother's blood which we have caused to be shed. Take hot sunlight and dry the tears of those we have hurt, and heal the wounded souls, minds and bodies. Take love and root it in our hearts, so that brotherhood may grow, transforming the dry desert of our prejudices and hatreds. Take our imperfect prayers and purify them, so that we mean what we pray and are prepared to give ourselves to you along with our words, through Jesus Christ, who did not disdain to take our humanness upon him and live among us, sharing our life, our joys and our pains.**

*—Malcolm Boyd*

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#62, Lift Up Your Hearts

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

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

Rev. 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Family Junction

## **Hearing God's Word**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

RECOGNITION OF THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OF 2009:

Danielle Class  
Cassie Cunningham  
Cody Ellsworth

Daniel Levitas  
Patrick Terry

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION #400

*When We Are Living*

"Somos Del Senor"

FIRST LESSON:

James 3:1-13

Pew Bible p. 216

SECOND LESSON:

Luke 21:1-4

Pew Bible p. 80

ANTHEM

*O How Amiable*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be always praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the storm blast, and our eternal home.

THE SERMON

"One Word, One Action, One Dollar"

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*

Peter Lutkin

### WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO

*My Lord, What A Morning!*

Spiritual  
Arr. Dennis Janzer

### \* 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 #467

*How Great Thou Art*

"O Store Gud"

### \* 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

*"O Store Gud"*

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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 music this incorporates a variety of styles ranging from the British cathedral anthem to the American Negro Spiritual. Ralph Vaughan Williams was a giant among 20<sup>th</sup> century composers and composed for every medium from full 200-piece orchestras to the smallest vocal ensembles. "O How Amiable" fits into the latter category and carries some beautiful traditional English folksongs and ends with the strong stirring chorale "St. Anne." "My Lord What a Morning!" is a familiar American Spiritual which is in our Hymnal #449 as the Introit and has been arranged for many instruments, including the organ, our Offertory Solo this morning.

## What's Happening This Week:



### 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
11:00 AM	Worship Service, 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Graduate Recognition, Moment for Mission On the Air WCBC
4:30 PM	GAFOSAC Meeting

### MONDAY, MAY (25) Memorial Day

#### Church Office Closed

NO Learning Tree Nursery School

### TUESDAY, MAY (26)

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

### WEDNESDAY, MAY (27)

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 (28)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	LAST DAY Learning Tree Nursery School
11:30 AM	4's Class Graduation at Rocky Gap State Park

### FRIDAY, MAY (29)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
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### SUNDAY, MAY (31) Pentecost

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, Pentecost, JoyBells Playing Music Appreciation Sunday, Children's Choir Singing On the Air WCBC
2:00 PM	Picnic at Rocky Gap State Park