

Morning Worship
May 31, 2009
Pentecost

Coming Together in Christ

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

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Komm, Gott Schopfer, Heiliger Geist* J. S. Bach
(Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost)

INTROIT *O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace* Christopher Tye
O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace, eternal source of love, inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts with fire from heaven above. As thou dost join with holiest bonds the Father and the Son, so fill us all with mutual love and knit our hearts in one.

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 42: 1,2

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

People: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

* HYMN OF PRAISE #313 *Come Down, O Love Divine* "Down Ampney"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together) Psalm 51: 1-3, 8-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all of 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)

#565, The Hymnal

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

Hearing God's Word

ANTHEM

Peace, Peace

The Children's Choir

Peace, peace on earth and good will to all. This is a time for joy, this is a time for love, now let us all sing together of peace, peace on earth. Go now and live in God's world. Seek to fulfill His will; Love His people.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #264

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

"Engelberg"

FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 11:2-9

Pew Bible p. 602

SECOND LESSON:

Acts 2:1-21

Pew Bible p. 111

ANTHEM

Psalm IX

Donna Jo Butler

I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart. I will shew forth all Thy works, all Thy marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in Thee. I will sing praise to Thy name, O Lord most high. When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish in Thy presence. For Thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou sittest in the throne judging right. But the Lord shall endure forever. He has prepared His throne for judgment, and they that know Thy name will put their trust in thee, for the Lord has not forsaken them that seek Thee, He remembereth them. He forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

THE SERMON

"The Spirit Is Upon Us"

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

JOYBELLS ANTHEM

America
The JoyBells

arr. Betty Garee

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Tapestry on "Ar hyd y nos"

The JoyBells
Arr. Janet Linker and Jane McFadden

* 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 #129

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among s Us

"Ebener"

* 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

"Engelberg"

* 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)."

What's Happening This Week:



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

MONDAY, JUNE (1)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
6:30 PM	Local Mission Meeting at 811 MacDonald Terrace
7:00 PM	Anniversary Committee Meeting in Parlor
7:30 PM	Book Discussion at 811 MacDonald Terrace

TUESDAY, JUNE (2)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE (3)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
6:30 PM	Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE (4)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
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FRIDAY, JUNE (5)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
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SATURDAY, JUNE (6)

9:00 AM	Church Inventory Day
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SUNDAY, JUNE (7)

9:30 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 AM	Coffee Hour in the Kitchen
11:00 AM	Worship Service, Rev. Bill Millen, Guest Preacher Communion, Children's Choir Recognition, Teacher Recognition, On the Air WCBC
12:00 PM	Kitchen Shower in the Fellowship Hall
4:30 PM	GAFOSAC Meeting