

Morning Worship
June 7, 2009
Trinity Sunday

Coming Together in Christ

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

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier* J. S. Bach
(Blessed Jesus, we are here)

INTROIT *God Is One, Unique and Holy* "Trinity"
God is One, unique and holy, endless dance of love and light; only source of mind and body, star-cloud, atom, day and night; everything that is or could be tells God's anguish and delight.

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 23: 4, 5-6

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #138 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* "Nicaea"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Eternal God, You give the Spirit that enables us to call you Father. Yet, set free we have continued to live like slaves; called to work with you, we have preferred to bury our talent in the ground; blessed with the vision of your glory; we have remained satisfied with an earthbound faith; offered the truth of your Gospel, we have clung to the half truths that comfort us; invited into your light we have stayed in the shadows. Yet you are our Father still. In never-ending love you forgive us, if only we will turn to you and seek you. We praise and thank you, Father, for your compassion and forgiveness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir) #565, The Hymnal

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

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

Rev. Bill Millen

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#76, Lift Up Your Hearts

**Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

Melissa Courtney

(The children may come forward and get their worship bags after the
Cents-Ability talk and during the Hymn of Preparation.)

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #132

Come, Great God of All the Ages

"Abbot's Leigh"

FIRST LESSON:

Luke 10: 1-3, 17-20

Pew Bible p. 66, 67

SECOND LESSON:

1 Peter 3:13-18

Pew Bible p. 218-219

ANTHEM

Sing Unto the Lord

Stanley Smith

O sing unto the Lord a new song; O sing unto the Lord all the earth. O sing unto the Lord a new song;
For He has done marvelous things. Sing unto the Lord with a harp and the voice of a psalm, with
trumpet and cymbals praise the Lord! For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised.

THIRD LESSON

1 John 1:1-4

Pew Bible p. 86

THE SERMON

"Our Story"

Rev. Bill Millen

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God in infinite and perfect love, having provided in the covenant of grace, through the mediation and sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, a way of life and salvation, sufficient for and adapted to the whole lost race of humankind, doth freely offer this salvation to all in the gospel. In the gospel God declares his love for the world and his desire that all should be saved; reveals fully and clearly the only way of salvation; promises eternal life to all who truly repent and believe in Christ; invites and commands all to embrace the offered mercy; and by his Spirit accompanying the Word pleads with us to accept his gracious invitation.
—Chapter 35, 6.187 & 6.188, Westminster Confession of Faith (1649)

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

Peter Lutkin

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO

Allein Gott in der Hos sei Her
(All Glory be to God on High)

J. S. Bach

* 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 #420

God of Grace and God of Glory

"CWM Rhondda"

* 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
(Please join hands as we sing the Benediction)

Dennis

**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

CWM Rhondda

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

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 June we will be using extracts from the Westminster Confession of Faith (1643-1649).

Parliament had appealed to Scotland asking for military aid. The price for Scottish cooperation was a Solemn League and Covenant to bind together England, Scotland and Ireland with a common Confession of Faith, Directory for Worship, Form of Church Government, and Catechism. Despite some initial reluctance by the English Parliamentary representatives, and its denunciation by the king, the Covenant was subscribed, not only by official representatives but widely by the British people.

The Divines met initially on Saturday, July 1 1643 in Westminster Abbey. By 1647 the assembly had delivered to Parliament the Westminster Confession of Faith as its guide in doctrine, a Shorter Catechism for teaching the faith to children, a Larger Catechism to aid ministers in their preaching, a Directory of Public Worship, a form for Presbyterian church government, and a Psalter to provide biblical psalms to be sung in public worship. The last numbered sitting of the Westminster Assembly was February 22, 1649. It had sat for five and one-half years, meeting on average about four times a week.

Music Notes

On this Trinity Sunday, the Introit, Offertory and Hymns reflect this last season in the Liturgical calendar. J.S. Bach (1685-1750) had a particular affinity for the chorale, "Allein Gott," as he set the tune many times for organ and voice. It can be found in our hymnal, #133. The Offertory Solo is a single setting of this with the tune being heard in the upper voice.

The Anthem is a lively unison setting by American composer Stanley Smith. Based on Psalm 96, verses 1 and 4 and Psalm 98, verses 1 and 5, the music is quite rhythmic and energetic and has tambourine and finger cymbals enrich the accompaniment.

HYMN INSIGHT: One of our hymns this morning is the familiar and well-loved "God of Grace and God of Glory." This text was written by Harry Emerson Fosdick for the opening of Riverside Church, New York City, in 1930. Fosdick served Riverside as Pastor for 20 years until his retirement in 1946. The tune, "Cwm Rhondda," was composed by John Hughes for a "Cymanfa Ganu" (singing festival) in Wales around 1905 and named for the principal coal town in Glamorganshire. Hughes was a Welshman active in the Salem Baptist Church and succeeded his father as deacon and precentor.

What's Happening This Week:



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, Teacher Recognition, On the Air WCBC
12:00 PM Kitchen Shower in the Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, JUNE (8)

9:00 AM Church Office Open

TUESDAY, JUNE (9)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
7:00 PM Global Mission Meeting at the Creamery

WEDNESDAY, JUNE (10)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
6:00 PM GAFOSAC Youth Meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE (11)

9:00 AM Church Office Open

FRIDAY, JUNE (12)

9:00 AM Church Office Open

SATURDAY, JUNE (13)

Heritage Days

SUNDAY, JUNE (14)

10:00 AM Worship Service, Katie & Otto Ross, Guest Preachers
Matthew Young, Guest Organist
On the Air WCBC
12:00 PM Heritage Days

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.