

Morning Worship
June 14, 2009
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coming Together in Christ

9:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

10:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Her* J. S. Bach

All glory be to God on high, who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, the feud at last is ended: God shows His goodwill toward men and peace shall dwell on earth again. Oh, thank Him for His goodness.

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 111:1, 2-4

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wondrous deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #139 *Come, Thou Almighty King* "Italian Hymn"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Have mercy on us, O God, for sin clings so closely and its burden is great. Because of sin our hands are at our sides when they should reach out to others. Our knees are shaky when we should be standing firm. We are victims of our misdeeds; we cannot escape sin's weight on our lives. Through Christ's intercession lift the burden from us, and help us walk in freedom and strength.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#63, Lift Up Your Hearts

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

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

* 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 #239

How Happy Is Each Child of God

"Winchester Old"

FIRST LESSON:

John 7: 37-39

Pew Bible p. 94

SECOND LESSON:

Extracts from John 4: 7-42

ANTHEM

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

Otto Ross, guitar

A CHRISTIAN STORY

"The Woman at the Well"

Elder Katie Ross

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)

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.

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO

Blessed Assurance

Otto Ross, guitar

* 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 #275

God of Our Life

“Sandon”

* 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

Sandon

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

Music Notes

We welcome Otto Ross this morning, as he is providing special summer worship music and complementing Katie’s leadership in the pulpit. Thank you, Otto!

The Prelude is another setting of the chorale “Allein Gott” (All Glory). The chorale and hymn can be found in our hymnal, #133. Bach loved this chorale and text and set it numerous ways for the organ. This particular setting is in a flowing 12/8 tempo, the melody being in the uppermost voice with no pedals.

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.

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.

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, JUNE (14)

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

MONDAY, JUNE (15)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
12:00 PM Highlanders Luncheon at Kozy Kettle
4:30 PM Finance & Administration Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE (16)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
6:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE (17)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
5:00 PM Christian Ed Committee Meeting
6:00 PM GAFOSAC Youth Meeting
6:15 PM JoyBells Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JUNE (18)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
4:00 PM Presbytery Meeting at Central Presbyterian Church
7:00 PM Session Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE (19)

9:00 AM Church Office Open

SATURDAY, JUNE (20)

10:00 AM Western MD Pastors & Clerks Meeting at Frostburg

SUNDAY, JUNE (21)

10:00 AM Worship Service, On the Air WCBC
Nancy Hodges & Youth, Special Music

MONDAY, JUNE 22- FRIDAY, JUNE 26

9—11:30 AM Vacation Bible School with Metropolitan AME Church