

Morning Worship
July 5, 2009
Fourteenth 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

President Adams March

Frederick Damish

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Ezekiel 28:11b-12a, 15a-17a

Leader: You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God.

People: You were blameless in your ways from the day that you were created, until iniquity was found in you. Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #564

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

"Materna"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Lord, Almighty God, who hast called our nation to a place of trust and responsibility among the nations of the world: We humbly thank thee for all the ways in which thou hast blessed and guided us unto this day. We confess before thee with shame all that has been evil in our history, and all that makes us unworthy to be called a Christian people. Take from us all pride and greed and injustice, and grant us the spirit of unselfish service which alone can make us great; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

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

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #505 *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread* "St. Flavian"

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:8-14 Pew Bible p. 3

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Pew Bible p. 174-175

SOLO *Psalm 23* David Benedict

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He guideth me in straight paths for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies Thou hast anointed my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

THE SERMON "One Nation Under God" Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all of our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole new life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of the world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as through there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

"Rather, speaking in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body is joined and knit together." (Eph. 4:15-16)

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it solely in his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his discretion in the expectation of his appearance.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the Church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.

— 8.14-8.18, *The Theological Declaration of Barmen (1934)*

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 SUPPER

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

Deep River

Spiritual arr. H. T. Burleigh

Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground. Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast, That promised land where all is peace? Oh deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

* 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 #561

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

"America"

* 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

Variation on "America"

Charles Ives

* 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 July we will be using extracts from "The Theological Declaration of Barmen".

"The Theological Declaration of Barmen" was written by a group of church leaders in Germany to help Christians withstand the challenges of the Nazi party and of the so-called "German Christians", a popular movement that saw no conflict between Christianity and the ideals of Hitler's National Socialism. Delegates met from May 29-31, 1934 in the city of Wupperthal, Germany, to compose the declaration. Among the one hundred thirty-nine delegates were ordained ministers, fifty-three church members and six university professors.

Music Notes

On this Independence Day Festival Weekend, all of the service music this morning has come from either an American composer, poet or American theme. Our second hymn this morning has the pen of John Greenleaf Whittier, born in Haverhill, Massachusetts to Quakers. David Benedict is a contemporary Cantor in the Reformed Synagogues and has composed much music for Shabbat. H.T. Burleigh is a renowned arranger of American Spirituals while Frederick Damish and Charles Ives are American composers from the late 19th- early 20th centuries. We welcome and thank Patricia Kelby for her American contributions.

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, JULY (5)

NAILS Group from Hopewell, NJ Arrives

10:00 AM Worship Service, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion, Cents-Ability Offering Collected
On the Air WCBC

MONDAY, JULY (6)

Church Office Closed
7:00 PM 200th Anniversary Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY (7)

9:00 AM Church Office Open

WEDNESDAY, JULY (8)

Youth Group from Columbia, MO Arrives

9:00 AM Church Office Open
4:30 PM Personnel Committee Meeting
6:00 PM GAFOSAC Youth Meeting

THURSDAY, JULY (9)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
7:00 PM Book Discussion of the "The Shack"

FRIDAY, JULY (10)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:30 AM Summer Lunchbox

SUNDAY, JULY (12)

NAILS Group from Middleton, NJ Arrives

9:00 PM Pastor's Class on "Daily Spiritual Practices"
10:00 AM Worship Service, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
On the Air WCBC