

Morning Worship
July 12, 2009
Fifteenth 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 *Variations to the Sicilian Hymn* Benjamin Carr

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 24: 1, 2

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

People: For he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #487 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* "Laudes Domini"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Father, we cannot help thinking of our life as a journey. It is not just a cycle of birth, growth, maturity and decay. We are traveling from our origins toward our destiny. We hope to arrive somewhere better than we set out from. You are our destination. Not that we start far from you: for you are there in our heredity, in our earliest environment. But we can only reach you by setting out to come to you. It is only as we attempt the course that we realize how rewarding it is. We know the way. It is through Jesus that we come to you. It is by following him, obeying him, identifying ourselves with him, suffering with him, rising with him that we receive direction and find the route. Help us not to hesitate, and not to wander away from the path, but to keep to the course he has traveled.

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

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #345

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

"Rest"

FIRST LESSON:

Job 38:1-12

Pew Bible p. 458

SECOND LESSON:

1 Corinthians 2:6-9

Pew Bible p. 156

THE SOLO

In My Father's House Are Many Mansions

MacDermid

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. In my Father's house are many mansions: If it were not so I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; That where I am ye may be also; and whither I go ye know and the way ye know.

THE SERMON

"Predestined to Be Here?"

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 though 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 is 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 COMMISSIONING OF OUR 2009 MONTREAT AND MASSANETTA CONFERENCE GROUPS

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 *The God of Love My Shepherd Is* Eric Thiman

The God of love my shepherd is, and He that doth me feed;
While He is mine and I am His, what can I want or need?
He leads me to the tender grass, where I both feed and rest;
Then to the streams that gently pass: in both I have the best.
Or if I stray, He doth convert, and bring my mind in frame,
And all this not for my desert, but for His holy Name.
Surely Thy sweet and wondrous love shall measure all my days;
And as it never shall remove, so neither shall my praise.

* 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 #398

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

* 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

* 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.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher..... Rev. John Dillon
Liturgists..... Katie Jan and Jessie Moranville
Organist..... Judith Brown
Special Music..... Gail Plitnik, soprano
Time for ChildrenMelanie Ogu
Child Care..... Janie Schlottmann, Jessie Gates
Greeter Betty Richtmeyer
UshersRobin, Rick & Lianna Bissell

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, JULY (12)

Nails Group from Middleton, NJ Arrives

- 9:00 AM Pastor's Class Meets
- 10:00 AM Worship Service, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
On the Air WCBC

MONDAY, JULY (13)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

TUESDAY, JULY (14)

Youth Leave for Massanetta Conference

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

WEDNESDAY, JULY (15)

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

THURSDAY, JULY (16)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

FRIDAY, JULY (17)

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

SUNDAY, JULY (19)

Youth Leave for Montreat Conference

- 9:00 AM Pastor's Class Meets
- 10:00 AM Worship Service, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
On the Air WCBC

PASTORAL CONCERNS: In your prayers, calls and cards, please remember the members of our church family who have been ill, or have other concerns, trials or joys this week.

Due to HIPAA and privacy laws we will only know if you are hospitalized or in need of pastoral care if you tell us. At any time of admission, you must give permission for the pastor to visit you in the hospital.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS:

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Robert and Mildred Griffith and Roy and Marjorie Brown with love, by Sam, Pam, Amanda, and Sam Ben Griffith.

There is an open flower date on August 30th. The cost is \$45 or \$22.50 if it is a shared date. Please contact Deb Hendrickson or the church office if you are interested.

If you are able to take flowers to one of our shut-ins today, please speak to one of the ushers in the back of the church.