

**Morning Worship**  
**July 19, 2009**  
**Sixteenth 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

*Voluntary in C*

Anonymous

**Entering God's Presence**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Exodus 20:4, 5-6

Leader: You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

**People: You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #486

*When the Morning Stars Together*

"Weisse Flaggen"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

O Lord, we live in tension. We feel you calling us away into the quiet, sacred, holy and lonely spaces, and we also feel the heat and the crush of the urgent. Needs are all around, pressing us for answers, pushing us for help and pulling us for time. And yet we cannot fully engage the needs without the perspective that only you can bring from our time in the quiet. Grant us grace, Lord, to know when to retreat and when to engage. Give us ears to hear you in the quiet and eyes to see you through the haze of urgency. Amen.

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

#579, The Hymnal

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;  
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION #422      *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*      "Beach Spring"

FIRST LESSON:                              2 Samuel 7:1-16                              Pew Bible p. 268-269

SECOND LESSON:                              Mark 6:30-34, 53-36                              Pew Bible p. 38-39

THE SOLO                              *Guardian Angels*                              Georg Bohm

The Lord hath sent His angels to lead us day by day  
That we might all be peaceful as in His care we stay.  
The strength of God's own Arm from heaven high He leads us.  
His grace alone He sends us and wills for us no harm.  
We pass through life together with angel hosts to guide.  
We know that God will bless us and keep them by our side.  
So we remain with Him wherever life may take us.  
For they will not forsake us, these glorious cherubim.

THE SERMON                              "God in a Box"                              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)*

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 DUET

*Venite, Exultemus Domino*  
(O Come, Let Us Worship the Lord)

Michael Bedford

Venite, Venite exultemus Domino! Oh come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Oh, come now with joy and thanksgiving, and raise a jubilant shout to God with psalms. Venite, Venite exultemus Domino! The Lord is a powerful God, a great and mighty ruler above all other gods. Oh, come and let us bow down, let us bow before our God, creator and ruler of all. Venite, Venite exultemus Domino! Venite, Venite exultemus Domino!

\* 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 #401

*When Will People Cease Their Fighting?*

"Rustington"

\* 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

"Rustington"

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\* 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 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.

### 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, JULY (19)

#### FPC Group Leaves for Montreat Youth Conference

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

### MONDAY, JULY (20)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

### TUESDAY, JULY (21)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

### WEDNESDAY, JULY (22)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

### THURSDAY, JULY (23)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

### FRIDAY, JULY (24)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:30 AM Summer Lunchbox Program
- 6:30 PM 4-H Paws n Pals in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Pastor Mairolet Vega Comas Guest Speaker  
in the Library

### SUNDAY, JULY (26)

#### NAILS Group from Ocean City, NJ, Arrives

- 9:00 AM Pastor's Class Meets
- 10:00 AM Worship Service, 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
On the Air WCBC