

Morning Worship
July 26, 2009
Seventeenth 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

Opening Voluntary

James Cox Beckel

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 14:2, 3

Leader: The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

People: They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

"Toulon"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

O God, we are hungry. We are hungry for attention. We are hungry for recognition. We are hungry for vengeance. We are hungry for love. We are hungry for experiences. We are hungry for life. But are we hungry for you? Do we hunger and thirst for your righteousness? Do we hunger for your presence? Do we hunger for your glory? Will we take you at your Word? O Great God, reveal yourself to us. Feed us with your bread of life and teach us to hunger for you. Amen.

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #367 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* "Chereponi"

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-6 Pew Bible p. 644

SECOND LESSON: John 6:1-21 Pew Bible p. 91-92

ANTHEM *What a Wonderful World* R. Thiele and G.D. Weiss

THE SERMON "A Short-Order Savior" 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 SOLO

Hallelujah

Leonard Cohen

* THE DOXOLOGY

#116, Lift Up Your Hearts

Shout for joy to God all the earth, Alleluia, Praise the Lord! (repeat)

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* THE HYMN OF PARTING

No One Will Ever Be the Same

#137, Lift Up Your Hearts

"Departing"

* 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

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 Wuppertal, 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 (26)

NAILS Group from Ocean City, NJ, Arrives

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

MONDAY, JULY (27)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
5:00 PM Congregational Care Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY (28)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
6:00 PM Christian Education Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY (29)

9:00 AM Church Office Open

THURSDAY, JULY (30)

9:00 AM Church Office Open

FRIDAY, JULY (31)

Church Office Closed Today
9:30 AM Summer Lunchbox Program

SUNDAY, AUGUST (2)

9:00 AM Pastor's Class Meets
10:00 AM Worship Service, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Melanie Ogu, Guest Preacher
Cents-Ability Collection, On the Air WCBC