

Morning Worship
August 2, 2009
Eighteenth 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 *Siciliana* William Walond

INTROIT *We Are the Family of God* Jon Byron

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us from far and wide, from country, town and city streets to gather together in this place.

People: We come as the family of God from our many different places and backgrounds, expecting to grow in our faith and in our relationships with one another and God.

Leader: Let us worship God together!

* HYMN OF PRAISE #482 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* "Lobe den Herren"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: excerpts from Psalm 51, *The Message*
Generous in love—God give grace! Huge in mercy—God, wipe out our bad record. Scrub away our guilt; soak out our stains in your laundry. We know how bad we've been; our sins are staring us down. We've been out of step with you for a long time. Going through the motions doesn't please you; a flawless performance is nothing to you. God, make a fresh start in us. Put a fresh wind in our sails! We ask these things in your precious name. 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 Melanie Ogu

* 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

GAFOSAC Youth for the Cents-Ability Offering

* HYMN OF PREPARATION

We Are the Family of God

#16, Lift Up Your Hearts

FIRST LESSON:

John 6:27

Pew Bible p. 92

SECOND LESSON:

Ephesians 4:1-16

Pew Bible p. 182

THE SOLO

I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies

Mendelssohn

I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord, forevermore. I will proclaim that Thy Word is Truth.

THE SERMON

"We Are Family"

Melanie Ogu, DCE

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Were You There?

Spiritual

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.

* 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 #369

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

"I'm Gonna Live"

* 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

"Dix"

* 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 August we will be using the Apostles' Creed.

Although not written by apostles, the Apostles' Creed reflects the theological formulations of the first century church. The creed's structure may be based on Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In a time when most Christians were illiterate, oral repetition of the Apostles' Creed, along with the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, helped preserve and further transmit the faith of the western churches.

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.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher..... Melanie Ogu, DCE
Liturgist Michael Levitas
Organist..... Judith Brown
Special Music..... Mark Rose, tenor
Time for Children GAFOSAC Youth
Child Care..... Janie Schlottmann, Jessie Gates
Thank you to this morning's ushers

What's Happening This Week:



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

MONDAY, AUGUST (3)

9:00 AM Church Office Open

TUESDAY, AUGUST (4)

9:00 AM Church Office Open

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (5)

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST (6)

9:00 AM Church Office Open

FRIDAY, AUGUST (7)

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST (9)

NAILS Group from Rochester, NY, Arrives
9:00 AM Pastor's Class Meets
10:00 AM Worship Service, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rev. Cindy Zirlott, Guest Preacher
On the Air WCBC