

**Morning Worship**  
**August 9, 2009**  
**Nineteenth 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 *Sanctuary* Thompson & Scruggs

INTROIT *Come, Now Is the Time for Worship* Brian Doerksen  
Melissa Courtney and Courtney McKay

**Entering God's Presence**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We give thanks for the life that pulsates within us.

**People: breath and heartbeat, joy and sorrow, dance and stillness.**

Leader: We give thanks for the life that ebbs and flows between us.

**People: loving, understanding, creating, embracing and letting us go.**

Leader: We give thanks for the web of life that surrounds and sustains us

**People: feeding, protecting, teaching, inspiring mutual care.**

Leader: We give thanks for the source of all life,

**People: living, loving, creating God, we give thanks for You.**

**All: God of the important and common place, may our hearts be opened to be attentive, that seeing we may perceive, and hearing, we may understand and understanding, we may act. Amen.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #469

*Morning Has Broken*

"Bunessan"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Oh God who's patience and compassion amazes us; we come to You again seeking forgiveness and to confess the things that we are ashamed of and grateful you will not turn away from us. We confess that we often make speeches about justice rather than actually act upon our words; that we sometimes cling to self-interest and small-mindedness, rather than to love, kindness and compassion; we confess that we are not**

**always as we seem to others, nor even as we pretend to be to ourselves. We have turned away from those in need, we've made material things our priority, and we have forgotten You. We give to You now, our personal confessions Lord. Lord, take away these burdens and replace them with strength so that this week we may act in a way that is more like the way that You created us to be. In Your Name we pray, Amen.**

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

Rev. Cindy Zirlott

\* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Rick Founds

**Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way  
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,  
Lord I lift your name on high!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Hearing God's Word**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION #319

*Spirit*

James K. Manley

FIRST LESSON:

Genesis 18:1-15

Pew Bible p. 13

SECOND LESSON:

Matthew 25:34-40

Pew Bible p. 27

\* HYMN

*She Flies On*

**#86, Lift Up Your Hearts**

THE SERMON

"Untamed Hospitality"

Rev. Cindy Zirlott

## **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

**Gracious and merciful God, forgive our weakness and remind us over and over again, that your love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Saturate our lives with that love so that we see people through the compassionate eyes of Christ and minister to them in his name and for his sake.**

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO

*The Music of the Night*  
Sue Rudd, piano

Andrew Lloyd Webber

\* THE DOXOLOGY

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (together)

**God of peace and love, we offer these gifts in response to the many wonderful gifts we have received from you. May our lives reflect our gratitude through our willingness to go out into the world as disciples of Jesus Christ, proclaiming the good news of your Kingdom in word and deed. Amen.**

\* THE HYMN OF PARTING #525

*Here I Am, Lord*

"Here I Am, Lord"

\* 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

"God Be With You Until We Meet Again "

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\* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

## Music Notes

Each year instead of a New Year's Resolution, I like to challenge myself to do something I think I would never have the guts to do. One year was learning to kayak, one year was learning how to knit and crochet and this year, it's playing the music for a worship service. The thought of playing the piano in church is terrifying to me, so I will beg your forgiveness ahead of time for any mistakes that I may make.

Music is one of my favorite parts of the worship service and when you are doing the music, you get to pick all of your favorite songs and I have! The Prelude, Introit and Response, are all "camp" songs learned from many years spent at Massanetta and Montreat. They bring back some great memories. Instead of an anthem, I have added a fourth hymn. Again, they are four of my favorite hymns. *She Flies On*, is not a song that is normally sung this time of year, but I think the words make it worth singing anytime. *Spirit* is the song we sing a lot on the reservation and thus has a very special meaning to me. *Morning Has Broken* and *Here I Am Lord* are just good songs. The Offertory music is one of my all time favorite songs though it is non religious. It is "The Music of the Night" by Andrew Lloyd Webber from Phantom of the Opera. I hope it touches your heart as much as it has mine.

Thank you for the opportunity to fulfill another challenge and please bear with me if I struggle through any (or all!) of today's music.

—Sue Rudd

## 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.

## What's Happening This Week:



### SUNDAY, AUGUST (9)

#### NAILS Group from Rochester, NY, Arrives

- 9:00 AM Pastor's Class Meets
- 10:00 AM Worship Service, 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Rev. Dr. Cindy Zirlott, Guest Preacher  
On the Air WCBC

### MONDAY, AUGUST (10)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 4:30 PM Finance & Administration Committee Meeting
- 5:00 PM Congregational Care Committee Meeting

### TUESDAY, AUGUST (11)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 7:00 PM Global Mission Committee Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (12)

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

### THURSDAY, AUGUST (13)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 7:00 PM Session Meeting

### FRIDAY, AUGUST (14)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

### SUNDAY, AUGUST (16)

- 9:00 AM Pastor's Class Meets
- 10:00 AM Worship Service, 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Matthew Young, Guest Organist  
On the Air WCBC