

**Morning Worship**  
**August 16, 2009**  
**Twentieth 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

ORGAN MUSIC

Matthew Young

PRELUDE

*Prelude in C Minor BWV 549*

J. S. Bach

**Entering God's Presence**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111:1, 2

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**People: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #466

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

"Azmon"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

**Let the truth shine in our speaking as the sun in fields by day, as the pure and slantless streaming of the noon's revealing ray. Washing earth in heaven's brightness with the light from straight above, then we shall be faithful neighbors linked by Christ's deceitless love. When we wound or grieve each other let us name the wrong that's done, but not bear our hurt and anger past the setting of the sun.** —Thomas H. Troeger (New York)

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#574, The Hymnal

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION #325

*Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*  
"Nun Danket All' und Bringert Ehr"

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 130 Pew Bible p. 542

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 5: 6-20 Pew Bible p. 183

ANTHEM *Rain Down* Cortez  
Betty Richtmeyer & Nancy Hodges Arr. Carter

THE SERMON "Light & Dark" Rev. John Dillon

## 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

*It is Well With My Soul*  
Betty Richtmeyer & Nancy Hodges

Spafford/Bliss

\* 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 #447

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

“Lancashire”

\* 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

*Psalm XIX*

Marcello

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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 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 (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

### MONDAY, AUGUST (17)

9:00 AM Church Office Open

### TUESDAY, AUGUST (18)

9:00 AM Church Office Open  
6:00 PM Christian Education Committee Meeting  
7:00 PM Global Mission Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (19)

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

### THURSDAY, AUGUST (20)

9:00 AM Church Office Open

### FRIDAY, AUGUST (21)

9:00 AM Church Office Open

### SUNDAY, AUGUST (23)

9:00 AM Pastor's Class Meets  
10:00 AM Worship Service, 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Diana Loar, Moment for Mission  
On the Air WCBC