

Morning Worship
August 23, 2009
Twenty-first 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

Allegro

A. Corelli

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 84:1,2

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

#48, Lift Up Your Hearts

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

We know about your presence that fills the world, that occupies our life, that makes our life in the world true and good. We notice that your powerful transformative presence in word and in sacrament, in food and in water, in gestures of mercy and practices of justice, in gentle neighbors and daring gratitude. We count so on your presence and then plunge—without intending—into your absence. We find ourselves alone, abandoned, without resources remembering your goodness, hoping your future, but mired in anxiety and threat and risk beyond our coping. In your absence we bid your presence, come again, come soon, come here.

—Walter Brueggeman

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

vs. 1, #239, The Hymnal

**How happy is each child of God who walks within God's ways!
You'll reap good fruit from honest work and joy in life always.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Western Maryland Food Bank

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #333

Seek Ye First

"Lafferty"

FIRST LESSON:

1 Samuel 1:21-28

Pew Bible p. 234

SECOND LESSON:

John 6:57-61, 66-69

Pew Bible p. 183

THE SOLO

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
Gary Hendrickson

Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, pardon, Lord. And where there's doubt, true faith in you. Make me a channel of your peace. where there's despair in life, let me bring hope; Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy. Oh! Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving to all that we received, and in dying we are born to eternal life.

THE SERMON

"Mr. Magoo Christianity"

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

O Christ, the Way
Gary Hendrickson

Mendelssohn

O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life, Show me the Way, the living Way, that in the tumult and the strife, I may not go astray. The life that Thou alone canst give, impart in love, in love to me, that I may in Thy presence live, and ever be like Thee.

* THE DOXOLOGY

#114 Lift Up Your Hearts

**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!**

* 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

"Lafferty"

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION of The First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland, Maryland, is called by the Session for **Sunday, September 13, 2009**. The meeting will begin immediately after the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is:

- To vote on the proposed changes to the bylaws, and
- To conduct any other business properly coming before the congregation.

-By Order of the Session, David Stickler, Clerk of Session

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..... Rev. John Dillon
Liturgist Deb Hendrickson
Organist..... Judith Brown
Special Music..... Gary Hendrickson, Baritone
Child Care..... Janie Schlottmann, Jessie Gates
Greeter Carolyn Mathews
Ushers Dave McBride and Bob Salathe

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, AUGUST (23)

NAILS Group from Teaneck, NJ Arrives

9:00 AM Pastor's Class Meets
10:00 AM Worship Service, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Diana Loar, Moment for Mission
Gary Hendrickson, Special Music
On the Air WCBC

MONDAY, AUGUST (24)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Children's Choir Camp
7:00 PM Cumberland Choral Society Mtg. in Parlor

TUESDAY, AUGUST (25)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
6:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting in the Parlor
7:00 PM Global Mission Meeting in the Library

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (26)

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST (27)

9:00 AM Church Office Open

FRIDAY, AUGUST (28)

9:00 AM Church Office Open

SUNDAY, AUGUST (30)

10:00 AM Worship Service, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nancy Hodges and Gwen Harris, Special Music
On the Air WCBC