

Morning Worship
September 20, 2009
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Theological Education Sunday

Coming Together in Christ

10:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *The Seasons* Antonio Vivaldi

INTROIT *Come Down, O Love Divine*
Come down, O Love divine, seek out this soul of mine and visit it with Your own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear and kindle it, Your holy flame bestowing.

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 1:1, 2-3

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

People: but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #400 *When We Are Living* "Somos Del Señor"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord, you are in our past: gracious, steadfast, reliable, and long-suffering. You are a mouthful on the lips of our grandparents. The hard part is you in the present, for after the easy violations we readily acknowledge then come the darker, hidden ones: aware that appearance does not much reality; aware that walk is well behind talk; aware that we are enmeshed in cruelty systems well hidden but defining; and we have no great yearning to be delivered from them. Forgive us for the ways in which we are bewitched, too settled, at ease in false places.

—Walter Brueggemann

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#62, Lift Up Your Hearts

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

John Dillon

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#28, Lift Up Your Hearts

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah! (repeat)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Learning in Worship

Blessing of the Backpacks and Presentation of Bibles

* SONG

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

#48, Lift Up Your Hearts

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Jane Belt, Ernest Casseday, Kathy Dowell, Michael Levitas, Bob Salathe

THE LESSON:

James 3:13-4:3, 7 & 8

Pew Bible p. 216

THE ANTHEM

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you, Deep peace of the flowing air to you, Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, Deep peace of the shining stars to you, Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you, Deep peace of Christ to you.

THE SERMON

Veeda Javaid,

Executive Director of the Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

To be reconciled with God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate men from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

—9.31, *The Confession of 1967*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Please partake of the communion elements as you receive them.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

CHORAL AMEN

Seven-fold Amen

John Rutter

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Now Let Us Sing

adapted by John Bell

Now let us sing with joy and mirth, praising the One who gave us birth.
Let every voice rise and attend to God whose love shall never end.

* 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 #401

When Will People Cease Their Fighting

"Rustington"

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

* BENEDICTION

Going Forth in God's Love

* THE POSTLUDE

"Rustington"

* 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 September we will be using the *Confession of 1967*.

The Book of Confessions Study Edition prefaces “The Confession of 1967” with the following explanation:

“The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God’s grace in Jesus Christ. In every age, the church has expressed its witness in words and deeds as the need of the time required. Confessions and declarations are subordinate standards... No one type of confession is exclusively valid, no one statement is irreformable. Obedience to Jesus Christ alone identifies the one universal church and supplies the continuity of its tradition...”

“The purpose of the Confession of 1967 is to call the church to that unity in confession and mission which is required of disciples today. This Confession is not a “system of doctrine”, nor does it include all the traditional topics of theology. For example, the Trinity and the Person of Christ are not redefined, but are recognized and reaffirmed as forming the basis and determining the structure of the Christian faith.”

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, SEPTEMBER (20)

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| 9:15 AM | Children's Choir Rehearsal |
| 9:45 AM | Sunday School for All Ages |
| 9:45 AM | Confirmation Class in Pastor's Office |
| 10:15 AM | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |
| 11:00 AM | Worship Service, 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Elders Ordained/Installed, Blessing of the Backpacks Bibles Presented to 1 st & 6 th Graders Veeda Javaid, Guest Speaker, On the Air WCBC |
| 12:00 PM | Reception in Library |
| 6:00 PM | GAFOSAC Meeting for Youth grades 6-12 |
| 7:30 PM | GAFOSAC Parent Meeting in Heritage Room |

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER (21)

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| 9:00 AM | Church Office Open |
| 9:00 AM | Learning Tree Preschool |
| 12:00 Noon | Highlanders Lunch at Bob Evans Restaurant |
| 5:30 PM | Congregational Care Meeting in Parlor |
| 5:30 PM | Worship Committee Meeting in Library |
| 7:00 PM | Cumberland Choral Society Rehearsal |

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER (22)

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| 9:00 AM | Church Office Open |
| 9:00 AM | Learning Tree Preschool |

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER (23)

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| 9:00 AM | Church Office Open |
| 9:00 AM | Learning Tree Preschool |
| 6:15 PM | JoyBells Rehearsal |
| 7:30 PM | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER (24)

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| 9:00 AM | Church Office Open |
| 9:00 AM | Learning Tree Preschool |
| 1:00 PM | Presbytery Meeting at Deer Creek Harmony Church |
| 6:00 PM | Christian Ed Committee Mtg. in Pastor's Office |

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER (25)

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| 9:00 AM | Church Office Open |
| 9:00 AM | Learning Tree Preschool |

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER (26)

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| 6:00 PM | Church Camping Dinner at Rocky Gap |
| 7:00 PM | Church Campfire at Rocky Gap |

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (27)

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| 7:30 AM | Camp Service at Rocky Gap |
| 9:15 AM | Children's Choir Rehearsal |
| 9:45 AM | Sunday School for All Ages |
| 9:45 AM | Confirmation Class in Pastor's Office |
| 10:15 AM | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |

11:00 AM

Worship Service, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Moment for Mission, On the Air WCBC