

Morning Worship
October 18, 2009
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coming Together in Christ

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

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Prelude in B

Cesar Franck

INTROIT *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather* "Tokyo"

Here, O Lord, your servants gather, hand we link with hand; Looking toward our Savior's cross, Joined in love we stand. As we seek the realm of God, We unite to pray; Jesus, Savior, guide our steps, For You are the Way.

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 104, 1-2a, 2b-4

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as a garment.

People: You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #471

O Praise the Gracious Power

"Christpraise Ray"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Loving and forgiving God, we are in conflict! We want to be followers of Christ, but we cling to our own desires and plans. We want to be filled with joy, but we are beset with worry and anxiety. We long for a vibrant prayer life, but our busy lives leave us tired and afraid of solitude. We confess that we succumb to the allures of this world—having more, doing more, running faster and harder—and all the while, we fail to see the needs of our neighbors and ignore the needs of our own souls. Forgive us, we pray. Renew within us hearts that are open to receive your grace. Refresh our spirits by the cleansing rain of your forgiveness. Rekindle within us faith, compassion and generosity. We ask this in the name of our Savior and Friend, Jesus Christ. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

"St. Margaret"

**Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray, For blight of nature's wondrous art;
That we your Providence betray Would we confess with shameful heart, confess with shameful heart.**

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Stewardship

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* SONG

Bless the Lord, My Soul

#71, Lift Up Your Hearts
Words & Music by the Taize Community

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 18:1-12

Pew Bible p. 677

SECOND LESSON

Mark 10:35-37

Pew Bible p. 44

THE ANTHEM

Come Thou, O Lover of My Soul
Come Thou, O Lover of my soul, and dwell within my heart forever. Bide with me forever, Amen.

Gordon Young

THE SERMON

"Clay Pots and Wine Bottles"

Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

My only comfort, in and in death is that I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil. That he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.
—Section 4.001, *The Heidelberg Catechism, 1563-1963*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL AMEN

Seven-Fold Amen

Peter Lutkin

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO

The Lord's Prayer
Kathleen Bruce, Soprano

A. Malotte

* 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 #339

Be Thou My Vision

“Slane”

* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

* SUNG BENEDICTION

God Be With You Till We Meet Again
(We will not be holding hands during flu season)

“Randolph”

**God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

Going Forth in God’s Love

* THE POSTLUDE

Piece Heroique

Cesar Franck

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

Music Notes

The music for this morning’s worship combines some 19th century French Organ Literature with two 20th century American choral and vocal works.

Albert Hay Malotte's setting of “The Lord's Prayer” has resulted in one of the world's most beloved devotional songs. Composed in 1935, the music was in the process of being rejected by a publisher when famed singer John Charles Thomas performed it on a radio broadcast, from the composer's own manuscript. Soon a music dealer in Pittsburgh got so many requests for the sheet music that he phoned in an order for 500 copies to the astounded publisher, who desperately ransacked his mail room to find the score before it could be mailed back to Malotte. Fortunately for all, he did.

César Franck (1822–1890), a Belgian composer, organist and music teacher who lived in France, was one of the great figures in Romantic music in the second half of the 19th century. César Franck exerted a significant influence on music. He helped to renew and reinvigorate chamber music and developed the use of cyclic form. Claude Debussy and Maurice Ravel remembered and employed the cyclic form, although their concepts of music were no longer the same as Franck's. Franck was said to be “a man of utmost humility, simplicity, reverence and industry.” His *Piece Heroique* (1878) and *Prelude, Fugue and Variation* (1868) reflect his symphonic and grand organ style. They were written specifically for the glorious acoustics of St. Clothilde Basilica in Paris, where he was organist for over thirty years.

We welcome this morning the niece of our former member and friend, Mary Bruce, Kathleen Cook, as she sings “The Lord’s Prayer.” We are pleased she is here in worship this morning.

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 October we will be using the *Heidelberg Catechism*.

The *Heidelberg Catechism* is both ecumenical and deeply personal. It became the doctrinal standard for Reformed churches in Holland, Germany and Hungary. Dutch explorers brought it with them to Manhattan Island in 1609, thus making it the first Reformed confession in the North American colonies. Its continuing influence can be seen in the opening line of *A Brief Statement of Faith*, adopted by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 1991 after the reunion of 1983: "In life and in death we belong to God."

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.

2010 Stewardship Campaign

"Renewing the Vision"

Sunday, October 11, 18 & 25:

Stewardship Moments for Mission

Sunday, November 1: Consecration Sunday

Please give prayerful consideration to your pledge for 2010.



What's Happening This Week:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER (18)

Directory Photos Taken Today

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, 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Moment for Mission, Special Music, On the Air WCBC
6:00 PM	GAFOSAC Youth Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER (19)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Preschool
10:00 AM	Pastor's Book Study in the Parlor
5:30 PM	Congregational Care Committee Mtg. in Parlor

TUESDAY, OCTOBER (20)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Preschool
6:30 PM	Worship Committee Mtg. in Pastor's Office
6:30 PM	Pee Wee Basketball Practice at Westside School
7:30 PM	Cumberland Music & Arts Program

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER (21)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Preschool
6:15 PM	JoyBells Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Pee Wee Basketball Practice at Cresaptown
7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM	Jr. High Basketball Practice at Cresaptown
8:15 PM	Sr. High Basketball Practice at Cresaptown

THURSDAY, OCTOBER (22)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Preschool
7:00 PM	Session Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER (23)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Preschool
3:00 PM	

SATURDAY, OCTOBER (24)

GAFOSAC Trip to Corn Maze

SUNDAY, OCTOBER (25)

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, 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Confirmation, Moment for Mission, JoyBells, On the Air WCBC
4:30 PM	Trick or Trunk Pizza Get Together
5:30 PM	Trick or Trunk in the Church Parking Lot