

Celebrating 200 Years!

Morning Worship May 16, 2010 Seventh Sunday of Easter Multicultural Church/Immigration Emphasis

Coming Together in Christ

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

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Concerto in B Flat* G. F. Handel

INTROIT *The World Abounds with God's Free Grace* "Halifax"

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 16: 8 & 11

Leader: I keep the Eternal at all times before me;

People: With Him so close, I cannot fail.

Leader: Thou wilt reveal the path to life,

People: To the full joy of Thy presence.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #420

God of Grace and God of Glory
"CWM Rhondda"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Faithful God, we confess that our doubts and insecurities have often kept us from doing what we know is right. You have taught us your will and way and yet we often want to take the law into our own hands, do our own thing. You have called us to reach out in faith but we lack the courage. Hold us now. Restore our faith. Give us confidence to do your will in this world. Forgive us and use us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#61, Lift Up Your Hearts

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. You are the potter, I am the clay, mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

* 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

Vicki Swink from Family Junction

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #388

O Jesus, I Have Promised

"Angel's Story"

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 26:2-9

Pew Bible p. 614

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4: 1, 4-9

Pew Bible p. 187

THE ANTHEM

Sing Unto God, O Ye Kingdoms of Earth

G. F. Handel

Sing unto god, O ye kingdoms of earth. O sing praises unto the Lord.
The Lord is a great God; a great King above all gods.

THE SERMON

"In God We Trust"

Gail Plitnik

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.

Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of his witness in his own particular

situation. He is entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and is subject to its advice and correction. He in turn, in his own competence, helps to guide the church. —9:31, 9:38, *The Confession of 1967*

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.

CHORAL AMEN

Seven-Fold Amen

Peter Lutkin

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY DUET *In Thee, O Lord, Is Fullness of Joy* Francois Couperin
Britany Poindexter, Soprano; Patricia Kelby, Mezzo-Soprano
In Thee, O Lord, is fullness of joy. In Thee is my delight.
In Thee are pleasure forevermore. In Thee is joy, O Lord.

* THE DOXOLOGY **#116, Lift Up Your Hearts**
Shout for joy to God all the earth, Alleluia, Praise the Lord (repeat)

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* HYMN OF PARTING #392 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* "Hall"

* 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

**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

"CWM Rhondda"

* 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 May 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, MAY (16)

9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
Children & Youth Meet in Library
10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Worship Service, 7th Sunday of Easter
Time for Children, Moment for Mission,
Gail Plitnik, Guest Preacher
On the Air WCBC
3:00 PM Cumberland Choral Society Concert

MONDAY, MAY (17)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
12:00 PM Highlanders Luncheon at Denny's Restaurant
5:30 PM Congregational Care Mtg. in the Parlor

TUESDAY, MAY (18)

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY (19)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:15 PM JoyBells Rehearsal
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY (20)

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

FRIDAY, MAY (21)

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

SATURDAY, MAY (22)

9:00 AM NA Prayer Breakfast

SUNDAY, MAY (23)

9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Worship Service, Pentecost
Time for Children, Moment for Mission,
On the Air WCBC