

# *Celebrating 200 Years!*

## **Morning Worship June 20, 2010 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Coming Together in Christ**

9:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation.)

10:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

*Voluntary*

John Stanley

### **Entering God's Presence**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 46:1, 2*

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #265

*Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand*

"Wareham"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

**Father Almighty, we confess you to be the mover, the giver, the worker, and we find ourselves addressed by your making, giving, and working. So now we bid you, by your spirit to move us away from our shallow loves, into your overwhelming gracefulness. Give us away from our thin angers, into your truth-telling freedom. Work us away from our lean hopes, into your life-giving promises. Give us attentive ears, responsive hearts, receiving hands. Remake us to be your liberated partners in joy and obedience, in risk and gratitude. Father, give us your word. Amen.**

—Adapted from a prayer by Walter Brueggemann

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

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

\* SONG OF PREPARATION

*She Flies On!*

**#86, Lift Up Your Hearts**

Gordon Light

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 42:1-5

Pew Bible p. 487

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 11:25-30

Pew Bible p. 11

THE SOLO

*Woodland Sketches  
To A Wild Rose  
From An Indian Lodge  
Gwen Harris, piano*

Edward MacDowell

THE SERMON

"The Nature of the Father"

Rev. John Dillon

## **Our Response to God's Love**

\* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God in infinite and perfect love, having provided in the covenant of grace, through the mediation and sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, a way of life and salvation, sufficient for and adapted to the whole lost race of humankind doth freely offer this salvation to all in the gospel.**

**In the gospel God declares his love for the world and his desire that all should be saved; reveals fully and clearly the only way of salvation; promises eternal life to all who truly repent and believe in Christ; invites and commands all to embrace the offered mercy; and by his Spirit accompanying the Word pleads with each of us to accept his gracious invitation.**

*Chapter 10, 6.055-6, the Westminster Confession of Faith*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be**



## **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 June we will be using extracts from the Westminster Confession of Faith (1643-1649).

Parliament had appealed to Scotland asking for military aid. The price for Scottish cooperation was a Solemn League and Covenant to bind together England, Scotland and Ireland with a common Confession of Faith, Directory for Worship, Form of Church Government, and Catechism. Despite some initial reluctance by the English Parliamentary representatives, and its denunciation by the king, the Covenant was subscribed, not only by official representatives but widely by the British people.

The Divines met initially on Saturday, July 1 1643 in Westminster Abbey. By 1647 the assembly had delivered to Parliament the Westminster Confession of Faith as its guide in doctrine, a Shorter Catechism for teaching the faith to children, a Larger Catechism to aid ministers in their preaching, a Directory of Public Worship, a form for Presbyterian church government, and a Psalter to provide biblical psalms to be sung in public worship. The last numbered sitting of the Westminster Assembly was February 22, 1649. It had sat for five and one-half years, meeting on average about four times a week.

## **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, JUNE (20)

#### Father's Day

10:00 AM Worship Service, 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Time for Children, On the Air WCBC

### MONDAY, JUNE (21)

9:00 AM Church Office Open

### TUESDAY, JUNE (22)

9:00 AM Church Office Open  
Christian Education Consulting with Logos

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE (23)

9:00 AM Church Office Open  
Christian Education Consulting with Logos

### THURSDAY, JUNE (24)

9:00 AM Church Office Open  
Christian Education Consulting with Logos

### FRIDAY, JUNE (25)

9:00 AM Church Office Open  
Christian Education Consulting with Logos  
9:30 AM Summer Lunchbox Program

### SUNDAY, JUNE (27)

10:00 AM Worship Service, 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Rev. Cynthia Zirlott, Guest Preacher  
Time for Children, On the Air WCBC



**Happy Father's Day!**