

Celebrating 200 Years!

Morning Worship June 27, 2010 Thirteenth 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

Allegro

Anonymous

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 46:2-5

Leader: Though the earth should change; though disasters come upon us,

People: though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam,

Leader: though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: God is in the midst of the people; we shall not be moved – we stand firm in our faith.

Leader: Standing firm in this faith, let us now worship the God who does not change.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #478

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

“Lauda Anima”

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Forgiving God, We come before You as unsatisfied people, frustrated by things that surround us and things that lie within us. We desperately need your transformative power in our lives. We come before You frustrated and at times angry at the senseless suffering in the world, due to human sinfulness and greed. Forgive us lord, and we pray that You transform our frustration into perseverance and our lack of energy for fighting for justice and peace into acts of love as we pass on your peace.

Lord, we constantly underestimate Your power and the abilities that You place within us. We fail too often to be people of character and hope in our daily lives and we often despair first in times of trouble, rather than being a people of hope that inspire others to hope. Forgive us we pray, and remind us that wherever You are there is hope, and that we can spread that hope to others.

Lord, take away these burdens and replace them with strength so that this week we may act in a way that is more like the way that You have called us to be. This we pray in Jesus' name. 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

#579, The Hymnal

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;
World without end. Amen. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Cynthia Zirlott

* SONG OF PREPARATION

#75, Lift Up Your Hearts

I Will Sing of the Mercies

James H. Fillmore

THE LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

Pew Bible p. 142

THE SOLO

Clair de Lune
Judith Brown, Piano

Claude Debussy

THE SERMON

"Rejoice in Suffering-For Real?"

Rev. Cynthia Zirlott

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 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

Cornet Voluntary

John Travers

* 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 (together)

God of peace and love, we offer these gifts in response to the many wonderful gifts we have received from you. May our lives reflect our gratitude through our willingness to go out into the world as disciples of Jesus Christ, proclaiming the good news of your Kingdom in our words and deeds. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

* HYMN OF PARTING #525

Here I Am, Lord

"Here I Am, Lord"

* 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

"Here I Am"

* 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 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 (27)

NAILS Group from Clifton Pres. Arrives

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

MONDAY, JUNE (28)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
6:30 PM Camp Hope Dinner in Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, JUNE (29)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
7:00 PM 200th Anniversary Mtg. in Parlor

WEDNESDAY, JUNE (30)

9:00 AM Church Office Open

THURSDAY, JULY (1)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
7:00 PM Global Mission Meeting in Parlor

FRIDAY, JULY (2)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:30 AM Summer Lunchbox Program

SUNDAY, JUNE (4)

10:00 AM
Worship Service, 14^h Sunday in Ordinary Time
Elder Katie Ross, Guest Preacher
Nancy Hodges, Guest Organist
200th Anniversary Emphasis: Community
Time for Children, Cents-Ability Offering
On the Air WCBC
5:30 PM Youth Meeting