

Celebrating 200 Years!

Morning Worship July 11, 2010 Fifteenth 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

Con Spirito

Thomas Arne

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 82:1 & 2, 3 & 4

Leader: God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?"

People: **Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."**

* HYMN OF PRAISE #292

All Beautiful the March of Days

"Forest Green"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

You shower gifts on your people, O God, and forgive their faults. We keep accounts and settle old scores. You make peace, sending Christ as a sign of reconciliation and hope. We make war and call it peacekeeping. You give us a source of confidence as your Spirit is sent into our midst. We cause others to be restless, in our anxiety and self-concern. Have mercy upon us, forgive and free us, that we may be renewed to serve your people with goodwill.

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

#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

* SONG OF PREPARATION

Our God Is Mighty

#83, Lift Up Your Hearts

FIRST LESSON

Amos 7:7-17

Pew Bible p. 806

SECOND LESSON

Luke 10:25-37

Pew Bible p. 67

THE SOLO

The Greatest of These Is Love
Gail Plitnik, Soprano

Roberta Bitgood

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing. Love suffereth long, and is kind, love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things. Love never faileth : whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; and whether there be tongues, they shall cease; and whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. But love never faileth. And now abideth faith, hope, love these three, but the great of these is love.

THE SERMON

"Just Desserts"

Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,**

died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 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

Consecration

G. F. Handel

Gail Plitnik, Soprano

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments, take my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful, Lord, for Thee. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my king. Take my love; O Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. I am Thine, and I will be ever, only all for Thee; I am Thine, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

* 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 #362

I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry
Afro-American Spiritual

* 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

"I Love the Lord"

* 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 July we will be using the Apostles' Creed.

Although not written by apostles, the Apostles' Creed reflects the theological formulations of the first century church. The creed's structure may be based on Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In a time when most Christians were illiterate, oral repetition of the Apostles' Creed, along with the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, helped preserve and further transmit the faith of the western churches.

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, JULY (11)**
NAILS Group from FPC of W. Carrollton, OH
10:00 AM Worship Service, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion, Time for Children,
On the Air WCBC
- MONDAY, JULY (12)**
9:30 AM Church Office Open
- TUESDAY, JULY (13)**
9:30 AM Church Office Open
- WEDNESDAY, JULY (14)**
9:30 AM Church Office Open
- THURSDAY, JULY (15)**
9:30 AM Church Office Open
- FRIDAY, JULY (16)**
9:30 AM Church Office Open
Summer Lunch Box Program
4:00 PM Mathews/Mills Wedding Rehearsal
- SATURDAY, JULY (17)**
4:00 PM Mathews/Mills Wedding
- SUNDAY, JULY (18)**
10:00 AM Worship Service, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Time for Children, On the Air WCBC