

Celebrating 200 Years!

Morning Worship July 18, 2010 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Smaller Membership Church Sunday

Coming Together in Christ

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

10:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Moderato

Charles Burney

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 52: 8, 9

Leader: But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

People: **I will thank you forever, because of what you have done. In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE #464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

"Hymn to Joy"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Merciful God, you say to hate evil, yet we seek to get even with those who hurt us. We are to love one another, yet we choose some over others. When it comes time to serve you we are not that zealous to act. We do not pray as we ought, nor do we seek your guidance often enough. Forgive us, O God, our wayward behavior and help us to live in harmony with one another. Thereby through your grace and mercy may we live peaceably with all.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#65, Lift Up Your Hearts

**Kind and merciful God, we have sinned in your sight,
We have all wandered far from your way; we have followed desire,
We have failed to aspire to the virtue we ought to display.**

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

Phil Nelson

* SONG OF PREPARATION

#108, **Lift Up Your Hearts**

Spirit, Now Live in Me

Bryan Jeffery Leech

FIRST LESSON

1 Colossians 1:15-28

Pew Bible p. 188

SECOND LESSON

Luke 10:38-42

Pew Bible p. 67

THE SOLO

Duetto from "Songs Without Words"
Gwen Harris, Piano

Mendelssohn

THE SERMON

"The Firstborn of All Creation"

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.

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.

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 (18)
10:00 AM Worship Service, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Time for Children, On the Air WCBC

MONDAY, JULY (19)
August Newsletter Articles Due
9:00 AM Church Office Open

TUESDAY, JULY (20)
9:00 AM Church Office Open
6:30 PM Christian Ed Mtg. in Pastor's Study

WEDNESDAY, JULY (21)
9:00 AM Church Office Open

THURSDAY, JULY (22)
9:00 AM Church Office Open

FRIDAY, JULY (23)
9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:30 AM Summer Lunch Box Program

★ **SAVE THE DATE: CHURCH PICNIC, SUNDAY AUG. 15TH** ★