

The Order of Worship

August 22, 2010

10:00 A.M.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the Worship of God.

PRELUDE Canzona

Franz Tunder

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT O Praise God

George Thalben-Ball

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

Psalm 150:1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day has been born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

People: **We know the beauty of God's creation and the wonder of the human family.**

Leader: We gather in our church to worship God, to share prayers and the gifts of the Spirit, to pledge ourselves to the work of Christ in the world.

People: **We come to understand God more fully, that we might come to understand the meaning and purpose of our own lives.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 476** (blue hymnal) O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Lyons

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, these are our sins: When given health we misuse it. When given food we hoard it. When given beauty we flaunt it. When given truth we deny it. When given freedom we assume it. When given time we squander it. When given life we distort it. When given love we can't believe it. Though we often deny you and the rich blessings of this life, do not deny us, Lord. Lead us to a wiser stewardship and a deeper faith. In the name of Jesus, our Lord.
Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574** (blue hymnal)

arr. David N. Johnson

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***RESPONSE** Gloria Patri No. 579 (blue hymnal)

Henry W. Greatorex

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.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:10-17

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Buz Johnson

Children age 4 through 3rd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship. A nursery is available during the entire service for infants through age 3.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 12:18-29

SERMON

"Your God is Too Small"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

– author J.B. Phillips

***HYMN NO. 361** (blue hymnal) How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

from A Declaration of Faith

God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people. Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord's Prayer

(During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.)

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

If you would like to receive our newsletter or more information about the church, include your address, phone number and email address. As many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM O How Sweet, O Lord

Healey Willan

O how sweet, O Lord, is Thy Spirit; for Thou hast shown Thy sweetness unto Thy children: Thou hast given them most wondrous Bread from Heav'n: Thou fillest the hungry with good things, and the rich Thou sendest empty away.

based on Luke 1:50,53

AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal) *Tallis' Canon*
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

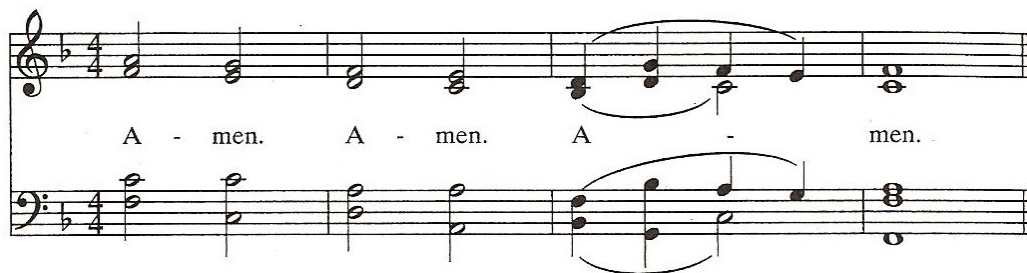
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 394** (blue hymnal) There Is a Balm in Gilead *Balm in Gilead*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody



***POSTLUDE** Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir *Johann Pachelbel*
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Kristi Gordon and Bill Farnham.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR AUGUST: Georgann Byerley

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: Eva James and Lily Seidner

GREETERS: Dick and Joanne Steinle

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Norman and Lisa Hammitt, Ryan Hammitt and Daniel Clark

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: Kathryn and Clara Oakes

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS: Tim and Joyce Ryan, Jay Schmid, Scott Rutherford, Irene Seidner

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Tim and Anne Tidwell in honor of Jake and Ellie's birthdays.

THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE is by the North German organist and composer Franz Tunder, Dieterich Buxtehude's predecessor at the Marienkirche in Lübeck. Similar to Buxtehude's canzonas, this piece also begins in duple meter, changing to triple in the last section.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is today at 11:15 a.m. in the McKinnon Room. Dockets are available for current session elders in the narthex of the sanctuary.

STEPHEN MINISTERS meet for CE and supervision on Monday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the SHOW room.

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is Wednesday. Please send your articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 29, Larry and Barbara Moir will be our guests for a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. They will share with us their experiences as missionaries in Dembi Dollo, Ethiopia. Please plan to join us as we hear about their work at Bethel Evangelical Secondary School.

A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS from churches in our Presbytery is preparing to go to Nashville from September 19-25 to help folks affected by flooding. The work will mostly involve wall board and flooring in individual homes. The cost is \$20 per person per day for room and board at the host church, Westminster Presbyterian in Nashville. Please contact Fritz Schilling at 691-4548 or fbschill309@knology.net by August 29 if you are interested in participating.

THE "SHARE THE BOUNTY" TABLE is set up in the Schilling Gallery each Sunday. You are welcome to bring by your overflow from your garden so that others may take whatever they can use. A donation may be made to benefit local food ministries.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES ARE COMING SOON to help with the Habitat home build. Interior painting is scheduled for Saturday, September 11 and cabinet and trim work will be done on Saturday, September 18. To sign up, send an email with your name and phone number to wpc.habitat@gmail.com.

FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE: There are several classroom tables we no longer use that can be taken by anyone who wants them. They are located at the bottom of the outside stairwell at the back of the CE hallway.

PASTA COOK-OFF 2010 is Saturday, August 28 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral School. The event supports Family Promise of Knoxville in their efforts to provide shelter, food and fellowship to families without homes. Tickets are available in the church office at a cost of \$5 each, with a maximum of \$20 per family.

Westminster Night at the Smokies

The Fellowship Ministry Team invites you to Westminster Night at the Smokies on Thursday, August 26. The game starts at 7:15 p.m. and we are in rows 2 and 3 in section 105. To buy tickets, please send \$8 per ticket to the church office by Tuesday, August 24.