

The Order of Worship

**March 20, 2011
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Warum betrübstu dich mein Hertz

Samuel Scheidt

*Why Art Thou Troubled, My Heart
(from Tabulatura nova, Part I)*

Verse 1 Chorale in the soprano, in four voices

Verse 2 Chorale in the soprano, in four voices

Verse 3 Chorale in the tenor, in four voices

Verse 4 Chorale in the soprano, in three voices

Verse 5 Chorale in the soprano, in three voices

Verse 6 Bicinium [two voices] in double counterpoint [each phrase of the chorale and its accompaniment are repeated, with the musical content inverted]

Verse 7 Bicinium

Verse 8 Chorale in the tenor, in three voices

Verse 9 Chorale in the bass, in three voices

Verse 10 Chorale in the bass, in three voices

Verse 11 Chorale in the soprano, in four voices

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you.

People: **Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you.**

ALL: **Let us worship and sing praise to the Lord our God!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 263** (blue hymnal) Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our

neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON**

John L. Bell

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

***RESPONSE** Of the Father's Love Begotten

Divinum mysterium

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-4, Psalm 121

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Lisa Trofatter

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

John 3:1-17

SERMON

"It'll Be Just like Staring Over"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

– John Lennon "Starting Over"

***HYMN NO. 326** (blue hymnal) Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Morecambe

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

Creed of the United Church of Canada (Reformed)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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

(9:00) O vos omnes

G. P. da Palestrina

All Ye Who Pass By

O vos omnes qui transitis per viam, attendite, et videte si est dolor sicut dolor meus.

All ye who pass by, behold and see if there is any sorrow like unto my sorrow.

Lamentations 1:12

John Harrison, Tenor I

Michael Shortal, Tenor II

Terrance McCracken, Baritone

Tom Chilton and John Hankins, Bass

(11:00) O Lord, Be Merciful

César Franck

O Lord, be merciful; unto us be merciful; O God, we pray Thee to be merciful. Lord, be merciful unto us; we beseech Thee to hear our prayer. O Lord, have mercy, we beseech Thee. O God, we pray Thee to be merciful unto us and bless us; we beseech Thee. O Lord, we pray Thee hear our prayer.

***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. 488** (blue hymnal) (11:00) The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Southwell

***POSTLUDE** Warum betrübstu dich mein Hertz

Samuel Scheidt

Verse 12 Chorale in the coloratura soprano [highly figured], in four voices

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Leslie Rotella and Michael Yates.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Carlene Robinson

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Jason Frederick, Graham Gosselin

GREETERS (11:00): John and Shirley Wittman, Jerry Faerber

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Mark and Angela Grobe, Emma Adamcik, Clara Oakes

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Members of the Chancel Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Sue Caradine

USHERS:

(9:00) Don and Connie Graham

(11:00) Rick and Janice Rawe, Max and Carlene Robinson, Rob McKeehan

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in honor of John and Shirley Wittman's 56th wedding anniversary which is today! Congratulations John and Shirley! ♡

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lenten Study (McKinnon Room)

"Learning Forgiveness"

This six-week study from The Thoughtful Christian continues today. Some of the topics to be discussed include, "Who needs forgiveness?," "God's Love and Judgment," "The Call to Forgive" and "Forgiveness and Reconciliation." Copies of the lesson are available in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and in the church office. Join us each week during Lent for this unique journey.

Bible Experience (Prayer Room)

II Corinthians 4 and 5

"We hold this treasure in earthen vessels." What did Paul mean? What is the treasure we hold? We invite all "jars of clay" to join us as we continue through the letters to the church at Corinth.

SAMUEL SCHEIDT, the famed German composer and organist of the late Renaissance and early Baroque, served the Moritzkirche in Halle from around 1603 and was organist and choirmaster to the Margrave of Brandenburg, also in Halle, from around 1609. A pupil of Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck in Amsterdam, Scheidt is perhaps best known for his landmark book of organ music *Tabulatura nova*, in which staff notation is used instead of the traditional tablature (a form of musical shorthand using letter names and rhythmic notation). This morning's prelude and postlude are based on the fourteen-verse hymn "Warum betrübst du dich, mein Hertz," which would later be the basis for music by many other German composers, including Johann Pachelbel and J. S. Bach. Scheidt's ingenuity and imagination are clearly evident and the clarity of his music allows the colors of the organ to be heard in a most unencumbered way. Notice how Scheidt cleverly places the verse with invertible counterpoint at the midpoint of the set!

PENINSULA NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP is gathering at John and Anne Langley's home this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. for wine and appetizers. We will use this opportunity to meet Ginny and Darryl Baker. Bring an appetizer to share with the group.



THE OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE is receiving suggestions from members of the congregation for possible nominees for Elders for the class of 2014, one youth Elder for the class of 2012, and one Trustee for the class of 2014. Please write names and reasons for your suggestions on this sheet and drop it in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office **by TODAY**.

Nominee for Elder or Trustee (circle one)	Reason for Nomination

STEPHEN MINISTERS meet for CE and Supervision tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the SHOW room.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: On Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 a.m. we will meet in the McKinnon Room for breakfast prepared by Ken Faulkner and a short discussion-oriented lesson led by Dave Dupper on "bullying". If you want to review the lesson ahead of time, you may pick up a hard copy in the church office, or ask the office to email the lesson to you. Everyone is welcome. Come join us and bring a friend.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES

Join us at 5:45 p.m. each Wednesday evening during Lent for a simple meal of soup and bread, followed by a service of evening prayers in the sanctuary. This reflective time focuses on scripture, song and prayer as we prepare ourselves for Easter.

The Breath of Life: A Simple Way to Pray

"The Breath Prayer is a short prayer of praise and petition that is meant to help us become aware of the presence of God. 'It is a way to have on our lips what is always in our heart.'" This five week study on breath prayer, led by Ginny Baker, continues Wednesday, March 23 and conclude on Wednesday, April 13. We meet in the McKinnon Room for about an hour immediately following the Lenten service in the Sanctuary. Those interested are asked to contact Ginny Baker. Books are \$10.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be collected through the season of Lent. The offering is used to support those whose lives have been impacted by disaster, as well as those made vulnerable by hunger, disease, unemployment and environmental degradation. Our gifts are divided among the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

DISASTER RELIEF--JAPAN EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI

This designated account supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering to enable a significant response for relief and disasters in Japan. Your faithful giving is deeply appreciated. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) shall honor the requests of donors concerning the use of their gifts for PDA programs; however, if the need for the funds for that specific project no longer exists, then those funds may be applied to a similar project or need at the discretion of PDA.

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EASTER FLOWERS

Please help the Flower Guild this Easter as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of our Lord's glorious ascension from the tomb. Checks of any amount are welcome and can be made out to Westminster Flower Guild in honor or memory of loved ones. These names will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin and *Abbey*. Easter lilies will be available after the service to deliver to those who are unable to join us or to recycle into your garden. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

Donation of \$_____ given in (please circle your choice) honor/memory of:

Given by: _____

Westminster Players Present **God's Favorite**

by Neil Simon

Who knew misery could be so funny? *God's Favorite*, Neil Simon's comical retelling of the Bible's Book of Job will be presented April 8-10 at Westminster. Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. After wealthy Long Island businessman, Joe Benjamin is visited by God's eccentric messenger from Queens, his life takes a drastic turn for the worse. Destruction, devastation and divine comedy rain down on Joe to test his faith. With a pair of simple-minded twins underfoot, a rebellious, carousing son and wife Rose's kvetching, you'll be laughing to keep from crying. Will Joe put an end to his family's suffering by renouncing God, or will he hold fast to his faith come what may? The admission price is a \$10 donation at the door. A nursery will be provided for young children.