

The Order of Worship

July 10, 2011

10:00 A.M.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Psalm-Prelude, Set One, No. 2

Herbert Howells

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Rev. John Linton Muntz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Juli Rigell

One: God, you split rocks in the wilderness, and gave your people abundant drink as from the deep.

ALL: Come to us, Lord. Give us that abundant water.

One: You made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

ALL: Come to us, Lord. Send the waters down upon us.

One: You turned the desert into pools of water, the parched land into springs of water.

ALL: Come to us, Lord. Create springs in the parched desert of our hearts.

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

ALL: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God, Come to us, Lord, and fill our longing.

Paraphrased from Psalms 42, 78 and 104

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 434** (blue hymnal) Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Kingsfold

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Barbara Cline

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (The people uniting)

Forgiving God, we are thirsty for the living water that only you can give us. We confess that we are dazzled by the things of this earth. We seek to satisfy our deepest needs with the shallowest of solutions, ignoring your gracious offer to us. We fill our lives with busy-ness and wonder why we are unfulfilled. We order our priorities according to the demands of our society and wonder why our lives are out of control. God, we know in our hearts that we have turned away from obedience to your word. Help us now, in this very day, to make a fresh beginning, to drink of the living water that you still offer us, and to seek first your kingdom. We know it will require a great deal of courage to renounce the popular evil around us. We know we cannot do so without the constant support of the Spirit within and among us. And so, we pray now for strength to begin, for food on the journey, and for the fellowship of this community to encourage us. Bind us together as true disciples of Jesus our Lord, in whose holy name we pray.

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

arr. David N. Johnson

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Barbara Cline

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 ...

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 8:1-11

Courtney Kovacs

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Anna Milam

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.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Courtney Kovacs

REFLECTIONS FROM MISSION TEAM TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Terrance McCracken, Stephanie Lynch-Wright, Rob McKeehan

***HYMN NO. 435** (blue hymnal) We All Are One in Mission

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

COMMISSIONING VOLUNTEERS FOR OPERATION BACKYARD

***PRAYER** (*The people uniting*)

God of compassion, you charged us to offer a cup of cold water to thirsty strangers, and promised that you would be with us on our way. Look graciously upon these friends who give up the comfort of home to witness and minister in your name among our neighbors in the city. Strengthen them for the tasks that are ahead and bless them with joy in the doing, that your name may be glorified and your good will accomplished. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The people uniting*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, and to work for others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith of the PCUSA

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. Though 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 Salutaris

Camille Saint-Saëns

O Salutaris Hostia, Quae caeli pandis ostium: Bella premunt hostilia; Da robur, fer auxilium.

O Redeeming Sacrifice, who opens the gate of heaven: Enemies threaten wars; give us strength, send us aid.

St. Thomas Aquinas

Bettie McDavid Mason, Soprano

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal)

Tallis' Canon

(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 432** (blue hymnal) Song of Hope

Argentina

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Vater unser im Himmelreich

J. S. Bach

Our Father, Who Art in Heaven

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Anne Millett and Wes Williams.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JULY: Linda Rutherford

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: Jason Frederick, Leah Milam

GREETERS: Eric and Amy Theiss

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Bill and Lisa Oros, Lily Seidner and Helen Bonnyman

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: Tim and Joyce Ryan

SENIOR USHER: Bill Holt

USHERS: Scott Brunger, Nancy Cundall, Beth Chang, John Chang, Laura Dupper

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are in honor of Allie Carey without whom we could not have survived the last year and a half by John, Elizabeth, Owen, Ian, Sarah and Grace Salsbery.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT also celebrates the life of William E. (Matt) Mathews III who died Sunday, July 3. Matt grew up in Westminster's family of faith with parents Ed and Cile Mathews, and married Danielle 13 years ago in this sanctuary. Matt was a devoted son, husband, and father who loved his family, especially his beautiful little girls, Hannah and Eva.

OUR THANKS to Eileen Rudd for serving as organist this morning while Peter Van Eenam is away and to Bettie Mason for her enrichment of our worship and her notes on the offertory anthem.

THE FRENCH COMPOSER CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS had not only a long life (1835-1921) but also an early start in music as a child prodigy in both piano and composition. Blessed with astounding facility, he wrote in virtually all genres and over the course of his life produced hundreds of compositions, including many sacred works. As a church musician he was organist at the Madeleine in Paris for nearly twenty years. A close friend of Franz Liszt (who considered him the greatest organist in the world), Saint-Saëns was also friend as well as teacher of Gabriel Fauré.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TEAM MEMBERS: Brian Bonnyman, Claire Bonnyman, Barbara Cline, Jennifer Collins, Courtney Kovacs, Stephanie Lynch-Wright, Terrance McCracken, Rob McKeehan, Anna Milam, Megan Milam, William Milam, Anna Rennich, Sarah Rennich, Juli Rigell, and Bonnie Rogers.

CAP (Caring for Aging Parents): The CAP support group meets **today** in the Library. We will meet immediately after worship on the second Sunday of each month.

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is Wednesday, July 13. Please email your articles directly to Debbie Bendy (unitedprinters@comcast.net).

FISH delivery is Thursday, July 14. If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Nancy Cundall (588-9405). The number of families receiving bags of groceries is **totally** dependent on the number of Westminster volunteers. **YOU are needed!**

SUMMER LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: Volunteers are needed to serve lemonade in the Schilling Gallery this summer following the 10:00 a.m. worship services. The three remaining Sundays that we need people to sign up for are July 17, August 28 and September 4. All supplies are provided and the table is prepared for you. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery.

WESTMINSTER NIGHT AT THE SMOKIES: Join us at the ballpark on Friday, August 12 for the 7:15 p.m. Smokies game! The cost of each ticket is \$8. Please send in a check, payable to Westminster, for the number of seats you would like to purchase, noting "Smokies tickets" on your check. We hope you can attend this Fellowship event!

THE ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRY TEAM would like to inform you of the movie "The Last Mountain" showing at Downtown West on July 22. It is a movie written by Bill Haney and addresses the issue of mountaintop removal mining.



VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION BACKYARD

Youth: Eric Adamcik, Maggie Bendy, Will Bendy, Daniel Clark, Joe Hutzenbiler, Megan McClure, Anna Milam, Leah Milam, Ethan Partelow, Sam Phillips, Caroline Rogers, Ryan Rotella, Aidan Sears, Delaney Sears, Lily Seidner, Nate Seidner, Jake Tidwell, Max Yates

Adults: Barbara Adamcik, Bob Adamcik, Bart Carey (Crew Chief), Michelle Clark, William Milam, Angela Partelow, Rick Rawe, Cameron Sears, Irene Seidner, Laura Stockdale, Renee Wiesehuegel, Ruth Yates

Lunch Crew:

Georgann Byerley, Michelle Clark, Lana Daverman, Anne Dungan, Andrew Gordon, Darlen Milam, Angela Partelow, Janice Rawe, Janelle Stueck, Amy Theiss, Linda Yates

The volunteers will be staying at Central United Methodist Church all week. Their typical day includes breakfast at 7:30 a.m., off to worksite, then head back to Central United for dinner, recreation, worship and small groups. The closing ceremony will be held on Friday at 8:00 pm (families are welcome to join them).

Let's keep our volunteers in our thoughts and prayers during this busy week!