

The Order of Worship

July 31, 2011

10:00 A.M.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Twenty-four and Thirty (from *Miniatures for Organ*)

Herbert Howells

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Liebster Jesu
harm. J. S. Bach

Blessed Jesus, at Your word We are gathered all to hear You; Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear You; By Your teachings true and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.

Tobias Clausnitzer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Megan McClure, Liturgist

Leader: Cry out with joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

People: For the LORD is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 457** (blue hymnal) I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Merciful God, whose care never ceases, we come to you as we are. We are tired from trying to do more than we can manage. We are anxious about problems which go unresolved. We are worried about events beyond our control. We do not easily let go. For mistakes we cannot redeem, for tasks left undone, for our failures in peace and justice, for all the times we do not walk in the love of Jesus Christ and live out his compassion, forgive us, that we might ever more be shaped into your people. 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

Genesis 32:22-31

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Linda Judge-McRae

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

Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON

"Wrasslin' with God"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 430** (blue hymnal) Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

adapted Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. This we believe!

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Carl and Julia Whipple

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 Most Merciful

Charles Wood

Oh most merciful! Oh most bountiful! God the Father Almighty! By the Redeemer's Sweet intercession Hear us, help us when we cry!

Bishop Reginald Heber

***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. 281** (blue hymnal) Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah *Cwm Rhondda*
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody
***POSTLUDE** Thirteen (from *Miniatures for Organ*) Herbert Howells

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Cindy Serbin and Bill Farnham.

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR AUGUST: Lucy Johnson and Shirley Wittman

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: Ethan Partelow and Helen Bonnyman

GREETERS: William and Darlen Milam

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Nursery Staff

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Summer Choir

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: Ellen Anderson

SENIOR USHER: Bill Holt

USHERS: Kathy Shilling, John Shilling, Dick Steinle, Joanne Steinle, Loann Price

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given with love from the Chappell family in memory of their Mom and Dad.

THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE AND POSTLUDE are from a collection of 30 short piano pieces composed by Herbert Howells in 1924 and 1937 as sightreading tests for examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music in England. While we hear in them the characteristic harmonies and style of their composer, we're treated to a frolicking and playful spirit in the second piece of the prelude and the postlude (a refreshing departure from the more introspective, even melancholy cast of much of his music). For this morning's offertory anthem we hear an introit by Charles Wood, one of Howells' teachers.

OUR THANKS to the Summer Choir for providing music for worship during the summer months. After this morning, the choir will be on break through Sunday, August 14, resuming Wednesday evening rehearsals on August 17 at 8:00. If you would like to finish out the summer with the choir, you are encouraged to speak with Peter Van Eenam.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL collection is **next Sunday**. We bring this offering each "First Sunday," as our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville. The average monthly cost to serve breakfast and lunch is \$200. Your support is greatly appreciated!

THE COMMUNITY CHEST THRIFT STORE collection is scheduled for Saturday, August 6 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Donations of clothing, household items, toys and furniture will be taken to the thrift store, where they may be purchased inexpensively by those in need. If you would like to volunteer to help with these ministries, please call Community Chest (971-4417) or the Northwest FISH Hospitality Pantry (588-9200).

**DIAPER ROUND-UP
FOR FISH HOSPITALITY PANTRY**

August 7, 4:00 p.m

It's that time again! Round up those boxes, bags and packages of diapers (especially sizes 5 and 6) and head on down to the Diaper Round-Up! The big event is scheduled for **next Sunday**, August 7 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the church courtyard. Not sure what to wear? Well, make sure it's something that you don't mind getting wet, 'cause this year's round-up is "The Wet and Wild" Diaper Round-Up. We've got so many ways for kids young and old to get wet and stay wet, you'll end up leaving knowing just how a diaper feels. There will be food, drink and fun for all.

For those of you allergic to fun (or with other plans), you can leave your diapers in the hallway next to the kitchen whenever the mood strikes you. We'll miss seeing you there, but you'll give a whole new meaning to "party pooper." All those bottoms thank you!

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 make checks payable to Westminster, noting "Smokies tickets" on your check.

WE'RE CLOSING OUT SALES of our WPC water bottles and retreat t-shirts. We have several bottles and t-shirts (size large) available for \$3 each. They can be found on a table in the Schilling Gallery.