

**The Order of Worship**

**August 7, 2011**

**10:00 A.M.**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS ...**

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

**PRELUDE** Introit

Franz Liszt

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 105:1-2

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**People: Sing to him, sing praises; tell of all his wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**People: Praise the Lord!**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 461** (blue hymnal) God Is Here!

*Abbot's Leigh*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

God, you are both tender and mighty,

A shepherd we can trust.

You call to us and gather us,

You feed us and bid us to rest in your care.

Still we fear the world around us

And fail to seek your help when we are lost.

Still we struggle foolishly against you,

Refusing your comfort and ignoring your commands.

Renew us and restore us, Lord of mercy.

Show us the light of Christ's face that we may be redeemed.

**\*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 ...**

**OLD TESTAMENT**

Genesis 37:1-4,12-28

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Ginny Baker

Children age 4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Hampton James Hardin

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 14:22-33

**SERMON**

"Providence in a Strange Land"

Rev. John Linton Muntz

*"The pit was empty and there was no water in it." – Genesis 37:24*

**\*HYMN NO. 505** (blue hymnal) Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

*St. Flavian*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

We believe in God who created the world and is still creating, who came among us in the true human Jesus to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit. We trust God who calls us to be the Church and to celebrate holy presence, 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!

**THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND PLEDGES**

*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** Now I Have Learned to Pray

W. H. Belyea

O God, I have been thankless all my days. And childlike, offered automatic prayer. At stated moments, as a tenant pays his dues. Or when Fate seemed unfair. Then I remembered Thee and Prayed. Belated payments, in repentance made.

Now I have learned to pray, O God. To give my thanks for each dear moment in its prime. When all is well, to render praise, and live each moment as a separate jewel of time. And in so doing fan that inner spark that shall sustain me when the way lies dark! Amen.

A. C. Darke

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

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

*Tallis' Canon*

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**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**SANCTUS NO. 553** (red hymnal)

John Merbecke

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SHARING THE SACRAMENT**

*Seated and partaking of elements when received, followed by silent meditation.*

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER THE TABLE**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**People: And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**People: And forget not all his benefits.**

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 525** (blue hymnal) Here I Am, Lord

*Here I Am, Lord*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

**\*POSTLUDE** Variations on "St. Patrick's Breastplate"

Robert J. Powell

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP** here today.

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK** are Leslie Rotella and Tim Ryan.

**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR AUGUST:** Lucy Johnson and Shirley Wittman

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES:** Max Yates and Daniel Clark

**GREETERS:** Beth and John Chang

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** John and Lalla Phillips, Forrest and John Phillips

**LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP:** Scott and Jerry Carley

**SENIOR USHER:** Tim Ryan

**USHERS:** Georgann Byerley, Scott Rutherford, Jan Gross, Tim Ryan

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** today are given to the glory of God in honor of Roy and Judy Hawk's 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary August 1, 2011.

**TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL** collection is **today**. 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!

**NAME TAG SUNDAY** is today. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

**OUR THANKS** to Meredith Mackay for her enrichment of our worship and to Theresa Pepin for serving as the organist this morning while Peter Van Eenam is on vacation.

**THE COMPOSER OF TODAY'S ANTHEM** is W. H. Belyea, Meredith's maternal grandfather. He was a well known Manitoba composer, poet and music educator (born 1917, died 2001). He not only wrote the music to today's anthem, but also the words under the pen-name, A. C. Darke. This piece was dedicated to one of his famous students: opera singer, Tracy Dahl.

**STEPHEN MINISTERS** meet for Supervision tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

**MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT** is Tuesday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m. The Fellowship team will provide refreshments.

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

**FISH** delivery is Thursday, August 11. If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Nancy Cundall. The number of families receiving bags of groceries is **totally** dependent on the number of Westminster volunteers. **YOU are needed!**

**THE DEADLINE IS TODAY** to purchase tickets for the Smokies game. The cost of each ticket is \$8. Please note "Smokies tickets" on your check.

**CAP (Caring for Aging Parents):** The CAP support group meets immediately after worship on Sunday, August 14 in the Library. We will meet on the second Sunday of each month.

**DIAPER ROUND-UP  
FOR WEST KNOX FISH 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 today from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.** in the church courtyard. 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.

**COLLEGE AGE AND YOUNG ADULT GATHERING**

**Saturday, August 13**

**6:00 p.m.**

College-age and young adults of Westminster are invited to gather for dinner and fellowship on Saturday, August 13 at 6:00 p.m. We will meet at Casa Don Gallo, 7741 S. Northshore Drive. For more information, please contact Chris Phillips.