

The Order of Worship

**May 13, 2012
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Rhosymedre Ralph Vaughan Williams

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (9:00) O My Soul, Bless God, the Father Stuttgart

O my soul, bless God, the Father; All within me bless his name; Bless the Father, and forget not All his mercies to proclaim.

Bless the Father, all his creatures, Ever under his control; All throughout his vast dominion
Bless the Father, O my soul.

based on Psalm 103

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 98

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song, for God has done marvelous things. Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD.

People: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 555** (blue hymnal) Now Thank We All Our God Nun danket alle Gott

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, giver of life and love, we have not thanked you enough for each breath we can take, each moment we live, each experience we enjoy or endure. We are more likely to complain than to appreciate, and often fail to seek your guidance and wisdom for our daily lives. Forgive us when we do not love others as you have asked of us; forgive us when we neglect to see our dependence upon you, each other, and creation itself. Forgive us of everything that separates us from you and from the selves you have created us to be. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON** Healey Willan

(Congregation singing — music is found on the inside cover of the red hymnal)

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

(First part: women; second: men; third: all)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O'Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING John 15:9-17; I John 5:1-6

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Deborah Phillips

Children age 4 through 2nd 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 Acts 10:44-48

SERMON "Chosen to Bear Fruit" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 335** (blue hymnal) Though I May Speak O Waly Waly

INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMANDS

Maggie Bendy, Joseph Hutzenbiler, Leah Milam, Ethan Partelow, Jake Tidwell

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Written by Confirmation Class, 2012

I believe in God, maker of heaven and earth, Holy One of every race and people. Though God is spirit and cannot be seen, God is always with us. I believe that everyone is equal under God.

I believe in Jesus, God's son and our savior. We have been saved through the sacrifice that Jesus made. He was crucified on a cross so that we might live out our lives in the freedom of who he calls us to be, and the freedom to choose to serve. We are not perfect, but because of Jesus we are perfect in the eyes of God.

I believe the Holy Spirit is God always with us, everywhere, renewing us and working with us to set us free from evil. In a broken world, the Spirit helps us, gives us courage, and prays with us. The Holy Spirit is coursing through the fabric of history and flows within us in all the good that we do.

Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

(9:00) God Moves in a Mysterious Way John Wall Callcott
God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform; He plants His footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines, With never failing skill, He treasures up His bright designs,
And works His sov' reign will.

(11:00) Prayer to Jesus William Cowper George Oldroyd
Jhesu, since Thou me made and bought, Be Thou my love and all my thought, And help
that I may to Thee be brought, Withouten Thee I may do nought.

Jhesu, since Thou must do Thy will, And naething is that Thee may let [hinder], with Thy
grace my heart fulfil, My love and my liking in Thee is set.

Jhesu at [in accordance] Thy will I pray that I might be, All my heart fulfil, with perfect
love to Thee.

That I have done ill Jhesu forgive Thou me, And suffer me never to spill [perish, be lost].
Jhesu for pity, Amen.

Richard Rolle
Meredith Mackay, Soprano
Terrance McCracken, Baritone

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) *Old Hundredth*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him
above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 535** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Go with Us, Lord *Tallis' Canon*
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) (9:00) Amen Danish melody
***POSTLUDE** Präambulum ex clave F (from *The Lüneburg Organ Tablature*) Anonymous

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Leslie Rotella and Bill Farnham

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR MAY: Sue Byerly and Judy Jorden

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): James Hutzenbiler and Joseph Hutzenbiler

GREETERS (11:00): Bud and Carolyn Cunningham

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Carl and Julia Whipple, Mac and Rhys Whipple

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Westminster Choristers

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS:

(9:00) Carol Beilharz and Jeff Bendy

(11:00) Danielle Mathews, Trish Groves, Paul Jorden, Gordon Greeson, Don Byerly

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God in honor of Helen W. Crais, mother of Tim Crais, and in memory of Frances Cannon, mother of Anne Crais.

THE ENGLISH THEOLOGIAN, MYSTIC, AND WRITER RICHARD ROLLE (1290-1349), was born near Pickering in North Yorkshire and educated at Oxford and Paris. He preferred to live as a hermit, but he often gained patrons and spent the last nine years of his life in association with a Cistercian nunnery near Hampole, just outside Doncaster in South Yorkshire. His writings, in English and Latin, include "The Fire of Love," which is an account of his mystical visions, several guides to the contemplative life, and a commentary on the Psalms. Rolle inspired a movement of devotional piety that emphasized an emotional response to the presence of the Lord. He was among the first writers to be published after the arrival of printing.

OUR THANKS to Jim Mason for his biographical information and background on Richard Rolle. As a graduate student, Jim did research on Rolle. This is not the first time Jim has been our resident scholar on a choral text! Thanks also to Joanne Bendy for bringing this anthem to Peter Van Eenam's attention.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE for Janelle Stueck is Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A reception will be held in the Schilling Gallery after the service. Please contact Lucy Johnson if you would like to bring food for the reception.

A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE of Ralph White is Saturday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m. The congregation is invited to greet Joanne and the White family and have lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called by Session today following the 11:00 worship service for the purpose of hearing a report from the Nominating Committee and electing elders for the class of 2015, a youth elder for the class of 2013, and one trustee for the class of 2015. The slate of nominees is:

Elder, Class of 2015: Ellen Anderson, Jean Bonnyman, Hap McSween, Rick Oakes and Jack Woodall

Youth Elder, Class of 2013: Nathan Seidner

Trustee, Class of 2015: Joe Ben Turner

Please take a moment to read about these nominees on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is Sunday, May 20 at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

THE CAP (Caring for Aging Parents) GROUP will meet Wednesday, May 16 at 4:30 p.m. in the Library. This group meets the third Wednesday of each month.

LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH: The next Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, May 17, 2012 at Tea at the Gallery, 4501 Kingston Pike, in the Western Plaza shopping center. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. Please see the *Abbey* for more information. They request a deposit of \$10 per person, **which needs to be turned in to the church office today..** You may sign up in the Schilling Gallery, or you may email or call Georgann Byerley.

TWO NEW EXHIBITS are on display in the Schilling Gallery through June. Please take some time to enjoy paintings by Joe Parrott and jewelry by Sissy Caldwell.

Joe is a self-taught artist who is retired from the graphic arts industry. He wants his work to express the elation he feels when seeing "bright sunlight reflecting off a brick building, sparkling reflections in a body of water, and a bright blue sky illuminating objects in a deep shadow." He is influenced by Edward Hopper, Van Gogh, and the printmaker Lewis Martin.

Sissy Caldwell makes original jewelry based on inspiration drawn from her native East Tennessee. After retiring from TVA in 2004 she began taking classes in off-loom bead weaving and continues to experiment with new techniques using beads from all over the world. She also works with Precious Metal Clay, which initially is soft and pliable, but becomes hardened once fired in a kiln. The result is a one-of-a-kind 99.9 percent pure silver, gold, bronze, or copper piece of jewelry.

Adult Sunday School

Parents' Class

Join us as we continue studying *Grace Based Parenting* by Dr. Tim Kimmel."

Library

Bible Class

Continuing our trip through the minor prophets, today we will study the book of Hosea. In the Bible, people's names have meaning, but most especially in Hosea! Join us for reading and discussion in this fascinating book!

Prayer Room

Faith Growth

NOOMA is a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. NOOMA is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion.

McKinnon Room

Garden Guild Seeks Help

The Garden Guild is still looking for 4-6 more volunteers to help us maintain the "garden" areas around our church campus. If you like wildflowers and wooded areas, then our Prayer Path is just the place - and we need another three folks to help Jane Beintema, Sue Byerly, and Jean Bonnyman with that beautiful area. If you prefer the more conventional flowers and shrubbery, we also need some help around the perimeter of our buildings. And if you want to be a "jack of all trades", we can use some folks willing to substitute for the regulars or to provide an additional hand occasionally when needed.

If you are willing to get your hands dirty (literally) and can spare a few hours a month (flexible - on your schedule), then please contact Tom Byerley.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER: Our next WOW dinner will be on Tuesday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m. The location will be announced soon. Please RSVP to Kathy Shilling.

Smokies Baseball

Westminster Night at the Smokes is Saturday, June 9th at 6:15 p.m. To reserve tickets, please call the church office or sign up in the Schilling Gallery by Monday, June 4th. Tickets are \$8 per person. Meal vouchers are \$5 for children (hot dog, chips, drink) and \$6 for adults (hot dog, chips, large soda). Tickets and meal vouchers must be paid for in advance. Car pools will leave the church by 5:00 p.m. and we'll all meet at the gate. This is a fun outing, and you won't want to miss it!



THE PENTECOST OFFERING is used to meet the needs of children at risk, youth and young adults. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information. Forty percent of your gifts are used locally, with the remainder supporting General Assembly ministries and Young Adult Volunteer opportunities. The offering will be collected through Pentecost Sunday, May 27.