

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Antiphon V: How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou Marcel Dupré
(from *Fifteen Pieces for Organ*)

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!
People: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.
Leader: Praise the Lord.
People: The Lord’s name be praised!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 481** (blue hymnal) Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show *Llanfair*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, hear our prayer of confession. Forgive us for wanting too much and giving too little. Forgive us for the walls we create between ourselves and others and between ourselves and you. Forgive us our human arrogance which presumes that we do not need you. Forgive us for all the ways that we fall short in following the teachings of Jesus. Forgive us and transform us that we might love ourselves as you love us and so love our neighbors as Jesus taught. 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.

SCRIPTURE READING II Samuel 7:1-14; Mark 6:30-34,53-56

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Ellen Anderson

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 Ephesians 2:11-22

SERMON “Something there is that doesn’t love a wall...” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips
–Robert Frost

***HYMN NO. 442** (blue hymnal) The Church’s One Foundation *Aurelia*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, PC(USA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
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, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.
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.

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 Lo, My Shepherd’s Hand Divine Franz Joseph Haydn
arr. Archibald T. Davison

Lo, my Shepherd’s hand divine! Want shall never more be mine. When I faint with summer’s heat, He shall lead my weary feet To the streams that, still and slow, Through the verdant meadows flow.

Psalm 23:1-2
paraphrased by James Merrick

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

ANTHEM A Simple Song (from *Mass*)

Leonard Bernstein

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laudē...Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laudē...Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things, For God is the simplest of all. I will sing the Lord a new song To praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord. I will sing His praises while I live All of my days. Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, Blessed is the man who praises Him. Lauda, Laudē...And walks in His ways. I will lift up my eyes To the hills from whence comes my help. I will lift up my voice to the Lord Singing Lauda, Laudē. For the Lord is my shade, Is the shade upon my right hand, And the sun shall not smite me by day Nor the moon by night. Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, Lauda, Laudē...And walks in His ways. Lauda, Laudē, Lauda di da di day...All of my days.

Stephen Schwartz, Leonard Bernstein, Psalm 121:1,5-6, and other psalms

Becca Millett, Flute

Terrance McCracken, Baritone

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Festival Voluntary

Flor Peeters

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Ellen Anderson and Hap McSween

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR JULY: Judy Jorden and Sue Byerly

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

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: William and Darlen Milam

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP: Carolyn Greenwood, Leah Milam and Caroline Rogers

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Summer Choir

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: Jim and Nancy Cundall

SENIOR USHER: Bonny Naugher

USHERS: Bob Daverman, Reed Ellis, Lisa Ellis, John Chang, Beth Chang

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Mark and Pam Potocik in loving honor of Jon and Rayann Potocik and Chris Potocik. The gift of our children has been a delightful blessing.

PLEASE FILL OUT A NAME TAG IN THE NARTHEX TODAY, and join us for lemonade fellowship in the Schilling Gallery immediately after the worship service.

OUR THANKS to Cindy Serbin for serving as organist and choir director this morning while Peter Van Eenam is on vacation. Many thanks also to Becca Millett and Terrance McCracken for their enrichment of our worship.

OUR THANKS to Jim Mason for his research and notes on this morning’s offertory anthem.

SUMMER LECTIONARY MEDITATION: To enhance your experience of worship this summer, we are offering a meditative session before each service. No advance preparation is needed, and all ages are welcome. We will read each of the day’s scripture passages three times, with a period of silent meditation following each reading. After silent meditation, participants are welcome to speak or not speak, discuss or not discuss, as the Spirit leads. This practice of “lectio divina” takes us deep into God’s word and enables more active appreciation of the worship service to come. We’ll meet in the McKinnon Room at 9:20 a.m. and end at 9:50 a.m. Join us whenever you can.

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

A SIMPLE SONG is from *Mass*, a musical theatre work composed by Leonard Bernstein with text by Bernstein and additional text and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz. Commissioned by Jacqueline Kennedy, it premiered on September 8, 1971. The performance was part of the opening of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

The opening words echo that prayer is something of the heart, expressed simply. Not to imply that faith is simple or that God is simple; but to state that there does not need to be anything to complicate prayer. It is a simple song.

After this opening admonition to “keep it simple stupid” as they say in the armed forces, the text beginning with “I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help” is mostly derived from Psalm 121.

TODAY'S OFFERTORY ANTHEM is an arrangement of the Kyrie from Haydn's *St. Nicholas Mass*. The text, a paraphrase of the first two verses of Psalm 23, is by James Merrick (1720-1769). An Anglican clergyman and scholar, Merrick spent most of his career at Trinity College, Oxford, where he also wrote original poetry as well as the psalter from which this psalm comes. In the period from the Reformation down until the 18th Century, one of the most common forms of Christian hymnody was the metrical paraphrase of the psalms. Often not close translations, these psalters used popular verse forms rather than attempting to render the original Hebrew style. The Geneva Psalter of 1533 and later (in French) was popular among the Huguenots and influenced English writers. There were many English psalters from about 1549 on with music by major composers like Byrd and Tye, used by both Anglicans and Puritans. While many are of undistinguished poetic quality, some of the best were written just before they were supplanted by the rise of the great English hymn tradition of Isaac Watts, the Wesley brothers, and John Newton. One of the last of these was Merrick's.

WESTMINSTER HABITAT BLITZ APPROACHING

We will soon start another Habitat house build. Blitz day is August 4th and will be divided into morning and afternoon shifts. See the sheets in the Schilling gallery to sign up or for more information. There will be additional work days over the following 6 weeks. If you want to sign up by email contact Jay Schmid. All workers need to sign a Habitat release form before entering the work site and these are available in the office. This is a great project for a very worthwhile cause.

THE FAMILY PROMISE TEAM will have a fundraiser on August 5th, immediately following the 10:00 service. Delicious Chocolate and Strawberry Trifle will be offered, with proceeds going to Family Promise.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called for August 5 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to consider nominee Angela Partelow to fill the unexpired term of Anne Millett, Elder class of 2014.

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Camping at Cove Lake State Park – Friday, August 3 - Sunday, August 5

Join us for a weekend of fellowship and fun! The park is near Caryville, about a 40 minute drive from Westminster. Camp sites are first-come, first-served, so if we know who is coming we might be able to set out some items on some sites so we are in the same area of the campground. Also, we'll cook out dinner on Saturday night, and any non-campers are welcome to join us for the meal. Picnic Pavilion #6 is reserved, so bring something to throw on the grill and we'll put together some community side items. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery. We have sign-ups for campers and for non-campers who want to join us for Saturday's cook-out.

Westminster Night at the Smokies – Friday, August 10

Come and enjoy the Smokies baseball game with a group of your Westminster friends. The game starts at 7:15 p.m. and is followed by fireworks. Please send \$8 per ticket to the church office no later than **August 5th**. You won't want to miss it.