

The Order of Worship

September 2, 2012

10:00 A.M.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Sixteen and Three (from *Miniatures for Organ*)

Herbert Howells

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elizabeth Ridley, liturgist

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 song of praise.

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 263** (blue hymnal) Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.

***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

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Cameron Sears

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

James 1:17-27

SERMON

"When Religion Fails"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 374** (blue hymnal) Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Dickinson College

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

Philip Ledger

Loving shepherd of thy sheep, Keep thy lamb, in safety keep; Nothing can thy power withstand, None can pluck me from thy hand.

I would bless thee ev'ry day, Gladly all thy will obey, Like thy blessed ones above, Happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near, Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear; Suffer not my steps to stray
From the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go, Walking in thy steps below, Till before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.

Jane Leeson
Old Hundredth

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal)

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**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

(Prayer continues)...to the glory of your name.

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.

(Prayer continues)...to the glory of your name.

AGNUS DEI NO. 555 (red hymnal)

John Merbecke

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Beginning from the front of the sanctuary, we will come forward by the center aisle, take or tear a morsel of bread and dip it into the chalice before partaking. We return to the pew by the side aisle.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 335 (blue hymnal) Though I May Speak

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***POSTLUDE** Trumpet Tune and the Bell Symphony

Henry Purcell

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Ruthie Carey and Dave Dupper

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR SEPTEMBER: Lucy Johnson and Shirley Wittman

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

SERVING TODAY

GREETER: Shirley Wittman

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Nursery Staff

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: Wes, Sandra and Spencer Williams

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS: Rick Rawe, Janice Rawe, Don Graham, Connie Graham, Scott Rutherford



ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available from the ushers. After worship, please return the receiver to the credenza in the narthex.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Rick and Janice Rawe in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

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 \$225. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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

THIS MORNING'S ORGAN AND CHORAL MUSIC is English. The prelude is taken from the same set of piano sightreading exam pieces by Herbert Howells of which selections were heard a few weeks ago. For those familiar with the somewhat melancholy nature of much of his choral music, these pieces offer a glimpse into a brighter side of this wonderful composer. The postlude is an amalgam of two festive pieces by the legendary Henry Purcell. Famed organist E. Power Biggs combined these into an A-B-A form, which places the Bell Symphony as an interlude and foil for the *Trumpet Tune*. Philip Ledger is perhaps best known as a former director of the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, a post he held from 1974 to 1982 (he was David Willcocks' successor). He subsequently served as Principal of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama from 1982 until 2001. Prior to these two posts, beginning in 1968, he was an Artistic Director of the Aldeburgh Festival with Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears, conducting at the Snape Maltings on many occasions, including the opening concert after its rebuilding.

WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS will not rehearse this afternoon, but will resume regular weekly rehearsals on September 9 at 4:00.

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED TOMORROW for Labor Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 4th at 9:00 a.m.

WESTMINSTER HABITAT BUILD: Please see the sheets in the Schilling gallery to sign up for work days at the Habitat build site. 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.

OUR REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE resumes Sunday, September 9th, with worship at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Join us for Rally Day events at 10:00 a.m., during the Sunday School hour.

Rally Day Sunday, September 9

"Rally Day" at Westminster is our annual kick-off to Sunday School, and also a time to recognize our Sunday School teachers and Youth Volunteers. We will all gather in the Fellowship Hall to meet our Sunday School leaders, and then the children will go downstairs where they will have juice and donut munchkins. The adults will stay upstairs, have a brief overview of the adult classes being offered and enjoy danish and coffee. Come join us. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOOKLET: A booklet about our upcoming Christian Education offerings is available in the Narthex. It contains information about classes and programs for all ages.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, September 11. The Mission Service Team will provide our refreshments.