



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 19, 2006

Eleven o'clock

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE GATHERING

The service of worship begins with the prelude; quiet is requested as you enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship. In the spirit of Christian fellowship, we invite you to wear a name tag which is available from the greeters. As a community that prays with and for one another, we invite you to share your joys and concerns by using the blue cards available from the ushers and in the welcome pad folders. Those parts of the Service of Worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type.

**Stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE Andante - Allegro (Concerto in F) G. F. Handel

* HYMN 478 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *Lauda Anima*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: It is good to sing praises to our God.

People: *It is right to sing unto the Lord, for the Lord is gracious and kind.*

Leader: God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

People: *Great is our Lord, and abundant in power.*

Leader: God lifts up the downtrodden and answers all who call upon the Lord.

People: *Praise be to the Lord - now and forever!*

INTROIT Almighty and Everlasting God Orlando Gibbons

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please use the welcome pad in the blue folder at the end of the pew. Record your presence. Pass it back, noticing who is worshipping with you. When the pad has been returned, please tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate.)

MINUTE for Ministry

Carolyn Porte-Lieberman

MINUTE for Mission

Mibs Wagner

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Eternal God, we enter into Your presence with the desire and need for redemption. We are painfully aware of our sins of commission and our sins of omission. We are mindful of our failures to show our love to You and to follow Your command to love others as we love ourselves. Forgive us, O God, for all of the things in our lives that separate us from You and from one another. Restore our souls. Lead us toward You and Your way. Remind us of the ultimate act of forgiveness by the One who was without flaw. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Thanks be to God! When we have faced ourselves and God in our need, we are given grace to grow and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn No. 455, Stanza 5

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

And everyone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part.
O sing ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and cast on God your care.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANTHEM

Festival Alleluia
JUNIOR CHOIR

Allan Pote

TIME WITH CHILDREN

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened his heart to us, and God will be glorified.

People: **The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.**

(Exchange Signs of Reconciliation and the Peace of Christ with your neighbor - e.g., *“The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”*)

Response - *“And also with you.”*)

† *Children and Middle School Youth may now leave for their classes.
High School Youth remain in Worship*

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Kings 5:1-17

* HYMN 181 Come Sing to God *Ellacombe*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:40-45

SERMON “Good Is Only One Decision Away” Rev. Richard S. Hong

OFFERTORY If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee *arr. Jody Lindh*
The text may be found in the Hymnal at No. 292

* THE DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE SENDING OUT

* HYMN 307

Fight the Good Fight

Duke Street

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Allegro (Concerto in F)

G. F. Handel

(Our worship ends with the conclusion of the Postlude. It is the custom of our church to remain seated. Those who wish to leave may do so.)

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Kings 5:1-17 (NRSV)

1 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. *2* Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. *3* She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." *4* So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. *5* And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. *6* He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." *7* When the