



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 12, 2007

Eleven o'clock

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## 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

Berceuse

Louis Vierne

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 50)

Leader: All heaven and earth wait for the word of judgment

**People: And God, mighty Lord of the universe, speaks:**

Leader: "I, the Lord your God, condemn needless sacrifices."

**People: "What I require is the offering of lives shaped by justice and righteousness."**

Leader: Those who seek to honor and glorify God

**People: Will worship with true thanksgiving and confidence in God's salvation!**

\* **HYMN 483** Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above Mit Freuden Zart

## 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.)*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You call us to live out our faith in ways that honor You and bless our neighbors, and we recognize that worship is an essential part of our faith journey. We believe that what we do here in worship does shape our daily witness to Jesus, whose disciples we profess to be. We know that our faith is most visible when we live by Your kingdom values of love, justice and peace - yet it is increasingly hard to resist becoming absorbed with the values of the world. We hear Jesus' words about the danger of treasuring our earthly goods more than the treasures of Your kingdom, and we confess our failure to meet His challenge to live more simply and trustfully. Forgive us when we receive Your generous gifts with pleasure while failing to invest these gifts in the service of others. Forgive us when we are persuaded that a person who does or produces more is more valued by You than the one who does not or cannot. We pray that our hearts will be shaped and reshaped by the unfailing treasures of Your kingdom and that our accountability as disciples of Christ will be evident in our worship, our witness and our service. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymnal No. 579      Gloria Patri

*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, Amen.*

\* EXCHANGE OF 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, 3 yrs-old - 8th grade, leave for their classes.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE 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.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON      Isaiah 1:10-20

SOLO      A Slumber Song of the Madonna      Samuel Barber  
SANDRA RUGGLES, SOPRANO

SECOND LESSON      Luke 12:32-40

SERMON      "Doubt Sunday"      Rev. Richard S. Hong

OFFERTORY

Take My Life and Let it Be  
SANDRA RUGGLES, SOPRANO

Harry Huff

\* 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.*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE SENDING OUT

\* HYMN 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Solemn Melody

Walford Davies

*(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

Isaiah 1:10-20 (NRSV)

Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! <sup>11</sup>What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. <sup>12</sup>When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; <sup>13</sup>bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. <sup>14</sup>Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

<sup>15</sup>When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. <sup>16</sup>Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, <sup>17</sup>learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. <sup>18</sup>Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. <sup>19</sup>If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; <sup>20</sup>but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

### **Luke 12:32-40 (NRSV)**

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup>'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup>'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'