



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 26, 2007

Eleven o'clock

TWENTY-FIRST 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

Allegretto

Loret

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 103:6-11)

Leader: The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

People: He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

People: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him!

* **HYMN 420**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

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 Lord, so many people today are victims - bent over and burdened with the stress of making ends meet. Forgive us when we get so caught up with looking after ourselves and our own needs that we fail to look at people with Your eyes. We know that in Your eyes it is not personal achievement or reputations that count, but seeing and meeting the needs of those who suffer in any way. You refused to ignore those on the edge of Your society, women and outcasts, people whom others considered inferior and unclean. You made people a priority over rules and regulations and You graced their lives with healing and dignity. Forgive us when we fail to do likewise. Jesus, our Savior and our Lord, unbind us and straighten us out so that the good news we proclaim boldly with our lips is joyfully and continually visible through our caring and compassionate deeds. In Your name we pray, 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.*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Marianne Montero

* 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.*

* HYMN 302

I Danced in the Morning

Simple Gifts

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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

ANTHEM

My Eyes for Beauty Pine
SUMMER CHOIR

Herbert Howells

SECOND LESSON

Luke 13:10-17

SERMON

"Working at Play"

Rev. Richard S. Hong

OFFERTORY

Sing a New Song to the Lord
SUMMER CHOIR

Timothy Dudley-Smith

* 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 274

O God of Earth and Space

Leoni

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Grande Choeur

Salomé

(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.)

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NRSV)

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' ⁶Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.'⁷But the LORD said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.'⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

Luke 13:10-17 (NRSV)

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.'¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.'¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?' ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.