



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 25, 2008  
Eleven o'clock

EIGHTH 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. Please place the prayer cards in the offering for inclusion in the Pastoral Prayer. 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                      Chorale in the Style of Bach                      A. Guilmant

\* HYMN 430                      Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!                      Darwall's 148th

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the name of our one God

**People: The Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Do not focus on tomorrow's troubles

**People: We are focused on praising God and serving the neighbor today.**

Leader: The Spirit calms and quiets our souls

**People: May the Spirit descend upon our hearts!**

## INTROIT

Psalm 150

John Harper

*Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise God in his holy place; Praise him in his mighty heavens; Praise him for his powerful deeds; Praise his surpassing greatness. O praise him with sound of trumpet; Praise him with lute and harp; Praise him with timbrel and dance; Praise him with strings and pipe. O praise him with resounding cymbals; Praise him with clashing of cymbals; Let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord. Alleluia.*

## 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

**Our dear Lord and Savior:** when you walked among us you warned us of the dangers of making social status, wealth, or reputation priorities in our lives, and we confess how easily our lives can become enmeshed in such worldly values. We know that the pursuit of such values leads to needless worry and anxiety, yet we get caught up in the fear that we will have too little money or security in the future. You remind us that the lilies of the field are not obsessed with work or worries, yet God makes them beautiful. Embrace our weaknesses with your strength, our brokenness with your wholeness, our suffering with your healing, our fears and anxieties with your peace. Grow our trust in God's care for us and help us to weave that trust into the fabric of our lives, in order that our generosity would overwhelm our fear. Lord Jesus Christ, receive these our prayers, for we offer them in your name. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: The God who calls us is the God who created us; the God who formed us is the God who forgives us. We are God's new creation. Believe the Good News!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\* 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."*)

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

+ *Children and Youth leave for their classes.* +

\* HYMN 408 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life *Germany*

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 49:8-16

ANTHEM The Eyes of All *Jean Berger*

*The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.*

PSALM 145: 15-16

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 6:24-34

SERMON

“Either/Or”

Rev. Richard S. Hong

OFFERTORY

O God, Thou faithful God

*J. S. Bach*

*O God, Thou faithful God, The fountain every flowing  
Without whom nothing is, all perfect gifts bestowing  
Grant us a faithful life, and give us, Lord, within  
A conscience free from strife, a soul unhurt by sin.*

\* 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.*

MINUTE FOR CHURCH’S ANNIVERSARY

*Robert Ryder*

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 SENDING OUT

\* HYMN 526

For All the Saints

*Sine Nomine*

\* BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Postlude on “Adoro Te”

*A. Guilmant*

*(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 49:8-16 (NRSV)

Thus says the LORD: In a time of favor I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; <sup>9</sup>saying to the prisoners, "Come out," to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves." They shall feed along the ways, on all the bare heights shall be their pasture; <sup>10</sup>they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. <sup>11</sup>And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up. <sup>12</sup>Lo, these shall come from far away, and lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene. <sup>13</sup>Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. <sup>14</sup>But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me." <sup>15</sup>Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. <sup>16</sup>See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

### Matthew 6:24-34 (NRSV)

No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. <sup>25</sup>"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not

much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

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