



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 1, 2008

Eleven o'clock

NINTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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                                      Two Hymn-tune Chorales                                      Gerald Near

\* HYMN 442                                      The Church's One Foundation                                      Aurelia

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is our refuge and our strength

**People: A present help in times of trouble.**

Leader: When things happen over which we have no control,

**People: Be not be afraid, for God is in our midst.**

Leader: God's way is the way of peace

**People: We are not afraid, for the God of peace is in our midst.**

INTROIT                                      Bread of the Works                                      Sumpson

*Bread of the world in mercy broken, Wine of the soul, in mercy shed! By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead. Look on the heart by sorrow broken, Look on the tears by sinners shed; and be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed. Amen.*

## 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 worshiping with you. When the pad has been returned, please tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate.)*

## MINUTE FOR CAMP JOHNSONBURG

*Suzanne Troya*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we look around us at the world, at our nation, our communities, our families, and we acknowledge the presence of conflict, pain and suffering. These all affect our lives at one time or another. We know that we can lessen the pain when we reach out to those who are hurting, and when we look for ways to bring restoration and healing where there is brokenness. We confess that there are times when we fail to recognize the suffering and needs of others and so forget to share your love revealed so clearly in Jesus. Forgive us when we happily accept the blessings of life while neglecting to serve as he served - with unconditional love, humility and compassion. Forgive us where we are weak and when we fail, and empower us with your Spirit to be strong yet gentle bearers of your love and compassion through our words, our actions and our lives. This we pray in the name of Jesus. 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. +*

## THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 6:9-22

\* HYMN 454

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

*Liebster Jesu*

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 7:21-29

SERMON

"If It Ain't Broken..."

Rev. Richard S. Hong

\* NICENE CREED

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**OFFERTORY**      Blessed are You, O Lord our God      *Kenneth Jennings*

*Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, for in your wisdom you have formed us. You feed the hungry and clothe the naked. We bless you and praise you name forever. You set free those who are bound. You raise up those whose courage falters. You provide for our every need. Accept our grateful praises. You have called us from all peoples. We rejoice and bless your name forever. You bless your people with peace. We praise your loving grace.*

\* **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.*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**THE INVITATION**

**THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor:            The Lord be with you.

*People:*        *And also with you.*

Pastor:            Lift up your hearts.

*People:*        *We lift them to the Lord.*

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

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

Pastor:            Eternal and ever-living God...

... who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Pastor: Holy God, in Your mercy . . .

. . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People:** *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

Pastor: We take this bread and wine and joyfully celebrate this Holy Sacrament. . . . And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

**People:** *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 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. —Revelation 3:20*

All who trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to participate in this celebration.

**BREAD:** To be taken individually, symbolic of your personal commitment to God through Jesus Christ.

**CUP:** Please wait until all are served, symbolic of your corporate belonging together in the body of Christ. Grape juice is the fruit of the vine used in our celebration of the sacrament.

ANTHEM

Steal Away

arr. H. T. Burleigh

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### THE SENDING OUT

\* HYMN 379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Dialogue Sur Les Grandes Jeux

Clerambault

*(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

**Genesis 6:9-22 (NRSV)**

These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. <sup>10</sup>And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. <sup>11</sup>Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup>And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. <sup>13</sup>And God said to Noah, 'I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. <sup>14</sup>Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. <sup>15</sup>This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. <sup>16</sup>Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. <sup>17</sup>For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. <sup>18</sup>But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. <sup>19</sup>And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. <sup>20</sup>Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. <sup>21</sup>Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them.' <sup>22</sup>Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

## Matthew 7:21-29 (NRSV)

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup>On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?’ <sup>23</sup>Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.’ <sup>24</sup>“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. <sup>25</sup>The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. <sup>26</sup>And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup>The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!” <sup>28</sup>Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, <sup>29</sup>for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.