



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 24, 2009

Eleven o'clock

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Ave Maria Von Arcadelt

Liszt

* HYMN 474 O Splendor of God's Glory Bright *Puer Nobis Nascitur*

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 1)

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked

People: Our delight is in the law of the LORD

Leader: On God's law the righteous meditate day and night

**People: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield
their fruit in its season**

Leader: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives
away

**People: The LORD watches over the way of the righteous. Thanks
be to God!**

INTROIT

Quinn

*Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven; come let us adore him; Alleluia.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the
beginning is now and will be for ever, 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.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, the life of Jesus and the manner of his death demonstrated that there was literally no limit to his love. Living a human life, he demonstrated how the values of your kingdom are different from the world's values. We live in the world also, and are exposed to all the trials and temptations that the world's values and standards place on us. So just as Jesus prayed for his disciples, we welcome his prayer also for us. Jesus prayed that his followers would be one as he and God are one. Forgive us when we contribute to disunity or conflict in any of our relationships with one another. Jesus prayed that God would keep and protect us from the influence of evil. Forgive us for believing that we can deal with problems in our own strength. Jesus prayed that his disciples would be made and kept holy by the truth of the gospel - the reality of God's love for all people. Keep us holy, O God, and empower us to be faithful witnesses of the truth of the gospel as long as we live. In the name of Jesus, our Lord and our Savior, we pray, Amen.

PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Friends, believe and proclaim the Good News: in Jesus Christ, love breaks through hatred, hope breaks through despair, life breaks through death.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and set free.
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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* THE APOSTLES' CREED *(in unison)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

QUESTIONS OF INTENT

PRAYER

THE BAPTISM OF KOFI OSEI KYEIFORDJOUR

PRAYER

Pastor: Eternal God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people ... Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever.

People: Remind us of the promises given in our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will, and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

ANTHEM My Beloved Spake Patrick Hadley

*My beloved spake and said unto me
Rise up my love, my fair one and come away
for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone
The flowers appear on the earth
The time of the singing of birds is come
and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land
The figtree putteth forth her green figs and the vines
with the tender grape give a good smell
Arise my love, my fair one and come away.*

SONG OF SOLOMON 2: 10-12

SECOND LESSON John 17:6-19

SERMON “Prayer Chain” Rev. Richard S. Hong

OFFERTORY God is Gone Up Gerald Finzi

*God is gone up with a triumphant shout. Methinks I see the Lord with sounding
Trumpets' melodies: Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, sing praises out, in flakes of
Glory down him to attend, unto our King, sing praise seraphicwise! And hear
heartcramping notes of melody; Lift up your heads, surround his chariot as it did
ascend; ye lasting doors, they sing, missing their music, making ev'ry string and let the
King of Glory enter in. More to enravish as they this tune sing.*

EDWARD TAYLOR (1642 - 1729)

* THE DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS *Lasst uns erfreuen*

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

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

149TH ANNIVERSARY MINUTE

Elder Robert Ryder

* HYMN 526

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Salve Regina (*Symphony 2*)

Widor

(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

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (NRSV)

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.”

²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also

known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

John 17:6-19 (NRSV)

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.