



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 14, 2009

Eleven o'clock

ELEVENTH 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                      Variations on "Adoro Te"                      Gerald Near

\* HYMN 476      O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!                      Lyons

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sometimes our faith sometimes seems so small and our hearts seem so weak.

**People: Yet we take courage, knowing the Lord can use even our small seeds of faith.**

Leader: What will God do with the tiny grains of personal faith we bring?

**People: Entrusted to God, tiny seeds of faith grow into plants of glory.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to those who have helped us grow,

**People: As we give thanks to God, the source of all growth!**

### INTROIT

arr. Carter

*Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.*

## 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.)*

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

Joan Van Alstyne Johnson

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we remember with gratitude those people who generously sowed the seeds of faith in our lives. We recognize how you have blessed our lives with the gift of the Holy Spirit so that our faith has miraculously and mysteriously grown. We confess the times we fail to involve ourselves in planting any seeds of faith in the lives of others; the times when our personal agendas become more important than yours; the times when our lives become so entangled with the values of the world, that we forget what you have said and done and promised. Bless and renew our lives, we pray, strengthening our faith to bear the fruit of your mercy and your love, 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 THE BAPTISM OF JULIA QIAQIA DALY

THE BAPTISM OF ANDREW MONTGOMERY ZAMPIERI

#### 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.*

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

## \* 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

\* HYMN 272

God of the Sparrow

Roeder

*+ Children and Youth leave for a Mission Workshop in the Chapel.+*

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22-24

ANTHEM

Behold the Tabernacle of God

William Harris

*Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you: For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are: for the love of whom you do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.*

SECOND LESSON

Mark 4:26-34

SERMON

“Big Enough”

Rev. Richard S. Hong

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 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 554

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Crown Imperial

Walton

*(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

### Ezekiel 17:22-24 (NRSV)

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. <sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

### Mark 4:26-34 (NRSV)

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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