



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 16, 2009

Eleven o'clock

TWENTIETH 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

Simple Things

* CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

People: We are gathered to hear God's word and to open ourselves to God's Spirit.

Leader: Teach and admonish one another in all wisdom.

People: We are here to help one another and rejoice together in the goodness of the Lord.

Leader: With gratitude in our hearts we sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

People: Whatever we do, in word or deed, may we do everything in the name of the Lord!

* HYMN 461

God Is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

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

Most loving God, through long ages you have shaped humanity out of the earth, and breathed your own Spirit into us. Yet we have often lived as if we were self-made people. We pretend that our half-truths are wisdom and that our occasional kindnesses are love. When things go well we praise ourselves. When things go wrong we accuse others or even blame you. Have mercy on us for the ease with which we get seduced by trivial and materialistic goals, for the burdens and hurts we impose on one another, for the ways we dilute the Gospel to suit our prejudices, and the apathy that gets in the way between us and your saving grace. Lord of unlimited mercies, please pity our weakness and forgive our sins. By your divine grace, let us begin again with no agenda except that of living as your redeemed children. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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.*

* 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.”*)

* HYMN 440 In Christ There Is No East or West Mc Kee

+ Children and Youth may leave for their Class in the Chapel. +

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Proverbs 9:1-6

ANTHEM He Looked Beyond My Faults *Amazing Grace*

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 5:15-20

SERMON “Compare and Contrast” Rev. Richard S. Hong

OFFERTORY *Amazing Grace* *Traditional*

* 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 357 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee *Maryton*

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Peace On Earth/Tristeza

(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

Proverbs 9:1-6 (NRSV)

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,

⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”

To those without sense she says,

⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

Ephesians 5:15-20 (NRSV)

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as
wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil.

¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord
is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be
filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual
songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord
in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and
for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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