



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 8, 2009

Eleven o'clock

THIRTY-SECOND 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

Aria

Paul Manz

This is played in memory of the composer, Paul Manz, who died last week.

* HYMN 466

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 146)

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob

People: The LORD made heaven and earth and keeps faith forever;

Leader: The LORD executes justice for the oppressed;

People: The LORD sets the prisoners free;

Leader: The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow;

People: The LORD will reign for all generations. Praise the LORD!

INTROIT

Emma Lou Diemer

Song and rejoice this Sabbath day, the Lord is with us! Give thanks and praise this Sabbath day, the Lord is with us!

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 STEWARDSHIP

Paul Platek

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, when we hear Jesus critique the authorities of his time, we wonder what has changed. People still exploit others, still demand preferential treatment, still abuse positions of leadership. We are ashamed to admit that this happens even in our offices, our homes, and the church. Forgive any practice of ours that glorifies our self-importance rather than glorifying you. Forgive us when we care more for outward appearances rather than inner dispositions shaped by tolerance and love. Forgive us when our attitudes extol those who have much to give and put down those who have little to give. God of justice and peace, forgive any behavior of ours which is experienced as hypocritical - any actions which lack integrity and justice. Renew and refresh us with the gentleness and selflessness of Jesus, so that we know what it is to be his followers not only in name, but in reality. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

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! Amen.

* 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

* HYMN (in bulletin) God Will Take Care of You

Martin

+ *Children and Youth leave for their Bible Study Classes.* +

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 17:8-16

ANTHEM

The Morning Trumpet

Mack Wilberg

*O when shall I see Jesus, And reign with him above,
And from the flowing fountain Drink everlasting love?
When shall I be delivered, From this vain world of sin,
And with my blessed Jesus, Drink endless pleasures in?
But now I am a soldier, My Captain's gone before;
He's given me my orders, And bids me ne'er give o'er;
His promises are faithful- A righteous crown he'll give,
And all his valiant soldiers Eternally shall live.*

*When shall I be delivered from this vain world of sin
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning
And with my blessed Jesus drink endless pleasures in
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.*

SECOND LESSON

Mark 12:38-44

SERMON

“Not A Role Model”

Rev. Richard S. Hong

God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.”¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.”¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days.¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Mark 12:38-44 (NRSV)

As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces,³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets!⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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