



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 22, 2009

Eleven o'clock

SEVENTH 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

Andante (Symphonie II)

Widor

* HYMN 451 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 19)

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God

People: The skies proclaim the work of God's hands

Leader: Day after day they pour forth speech

People: Night after night they display knowledge

Leader: Their sound goes out to all the land

People: They praise God to the ends of the earth!

INTROIT

Iain Quinn

The Lord has shown forth his glory; Come, let us adore him. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever; 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 worshipping 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

Gracious God, forgive us for not appreciating the wonderful moments you send us each day. Forgive us when we get so wrapped up in our lives that we fail to take time to understand the significance of the blessings that surround us. When this happens we conceal rather than reveal your glory and your love. Forgive us when we conceal your love because our pursuit of other priorities prevents us from seeing and serving people in need. Forgive us when we obscure your glory with our self-centeredness. Forgive us for concealing your truth by our failure to witness. Cleanse our lives of every obstacle that hinders us from revealing your glory in and through all we do and say and are. Help us pause, reflect, think, and thank you for the gift of unexpected revelations. Give us wisdom and strength to be your disciples, proclaiming your transforming love to all people. This we pray in the name of Jesus, 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.”*)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

+ Children and Youth leave for their classes. +

* HYMN 75

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

Deo Gracias

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

ANTHEM

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

David Ashley White

*Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem ever raised by choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.*

*Alleluia thou resoundest, true Jerusalem and free;
alleluia, joyful mother, all thy children sing with thee;
but by Babylon's sad waters mourning exiles now are we.*

*Alleluia, though we cherish and would chant for evermore
alleluia, in our singing let us for a while give o'er,
as our Saviour in his fasting, pleasures of the world forbore.*

*Therefore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us blessed Trinity,
at the last to keep thine Easter with thy faithful saints on high;
there to thee for ever singing alleluia joyfully!*

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 43:18-25

SERMON

“From Anxiety To Hope”

Rev. Richard S. Hong

OFFERTORY

Transfiguration

Craig Phillips

O burning mountain, O chosen sun, O perfect moon, O fathomless well,
O unattainable height, O unattainable light, O clearness beyond all measure,
O wisdom without end, O mercy without all limit, O strength beyond resistance,
O crown of all majesty,
All creation humbly sings your praise: Bright stars, high mountains, depths of the seas,
rushing waters,
All these break into song at heaven's proclamation:
This is my Son, my beloved, My chosen One. Alleluia!

MECHTILD OF MAGDEBURG

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

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Jongen

(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

Mark 9:2-9 (NRSV)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them,³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Isaiah 43:18-25 (NRSV)

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

²²Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel!²³ You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings, or honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense.²⁴ You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities.²⁵ I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.