



Church for the Highlands
World Communion Day
Sunday, October 2, 2011

Prelude		Betty Jane Kelley
Call to Worship		
“Holy” Medley	Hymn No. 9: “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” Hymn No. 10: “Holy Is the Lord”	Stanzas 1 and 4
Welcome		
Testimonies of Praise		
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7		Monica Grant
Hymn No. 509	“Trust and Obey”	
Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:33-46		Betty Walker
Offertory Prayer		Ralph Blake
Offertory	“Nothing But the Blood” Dan Gibbs, Piano	arr. Berry
Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Tune: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”	
Message: “Missing the Kingdom”		
Musical Reflection		
Call to Communion		
Hymn No. 467	“We Are One in Christ”	
Table Blessing	© Jan L. Richardson, In Wisdom’s Path: Discovering the Sacred in Every Season	
Communion		
Prayer of St. Francis		
Benediction		
Postlude		Betty Jane Kelley

“Lord, grant that I might not so much seek to be loved as to love.” St. Francis of Assisi

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Matthew 21:33-46

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Opportunities for Service and Fellowship

Pet Blessing--this afternoon, 4PM at Columbia Park. Help is needed with registration, bulletins and cat-herding. Let Sabra Hicks know if you can help.

Common Prayer, Common Meal-- 6:00-7:00 PM, downstairs. Come for a home-cooked meal (free) and a time of prayer.

Volunteers of America Veterans Home Tour--this Wednesday, 11AM, 453 Jordan (corner of Highland and Jordan). Come see the campus and learn more about the great things happening for formerly-homeless veterans in our neighborhood.

HIGHLAND CARNIVAL Sunday, October 30, 5-7 PM, on the parking lot. Decorate your trunk and treat children to a game and candy. We will also have jump houses, free food, prizes and more safe fun. Contact Sabra Hicks, Outreach Team Leader, to register your car or to learn how to help.