



Sunday, February 27, 2011
The Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship: No. 47 "The Good Shepherd"
An Introduction of Our New Hymnals
Silent Recognition of God's Presence
Hymn of Praise No. 7 "Worthy of Worship"
Welcoming of One Another
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 49:8-16a
Hymn No. 575 "Redeemed"
Missional Ministry Moment
Prayer of Consecration
Chorus No. 373 "Give Thanks"
Testimonies of Thanksgiving
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Offertory Meditation "Trust and Obey" arr. Larson
Dan Gibbs, Piano
Doxology No. 706 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Old 100th
Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:24-34
Message: "Choosing Not to Worry"
Hymn of Response No. 57 "Be Still, My Soul"
Benediction
Postlude Betty Jane Kelley

Drag your thoughts
away from your
troubles... by the
ears, by the heels, or
any other way you
can manage it.
--Mark Twain

Today is the
tomorrow we worried
about yesterday.
~Author Unknown

Do not anticipate
trouble or worry
about what may never
happen. Keep in the
sunlight. ~Benjamin
Franklin

I've developed a new
philosophy... I only
dread one day at a
time. ~Charlie Brown
(Charles Schulz)

Isaiah 49:8-16a

Thus says the Lord: In a time of favor I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; saying to the prisoners, "Come out," to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves." They shall feed along the ways, on all the bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Lo, these shall come from far away, and lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene.

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me." Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

Matthew 6:24-34

“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Announcements

Pot Luck Tonight--5:30 PM. Bring your favorite dish to share with others. This is our monthly opportunity to deepen our fellowship and enjoy a great meal.

Women’s Night Out--this Tuesday, March 1, Monjunis on Youree, 6:30 PM.

House Blessing and Dedication for the Jeffersons--Saturday, March 4, 4:00 PM, 1520 Alston

Highland Parade Watching Party--Sunday, March 6, 2:00 PM, here at the Highland Center.

Common Meal, Common Prayer--Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 PM. This is a time of sharing a meal together as well as saying the Common Prayer Evening Prayer together. Meal this week: Chicken Spaghetti (meal is homemade and free).

Ash Wednesday Service--Wednesday, March 9, 6:00-7:00 PM.

Prayer Bowl--have a prayer request? Drop it into the prayer bowl in the Prayer Room.

To keep up with all else that is happening, join our membership site, www.cfth.onthecity.org