

The Worship of God

October 6, 2013

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Eleven O'Clock

The worship of God begins with the music of the organ. We encourage you to use this time for meditation and reflection. Please refrain from conversation which would disturb others. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your friendship with those around you. Wireless hearing aids are available in the narthex.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Voluntary in D

William Boyce

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Sarabande

G.F. Handel

CHORAL INTROIT

UBI CARITAS

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 21:

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

LLANFAIR

(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name.

People: Make known his deeds among the peoples!

Minister: Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works!

People: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION: "Peace"

PEACE TO ZION/arr. Kevin Siegfried

Peace unto Zion. Peace to the faithful, and a crown of rejoicing from your Heavenly Father. When Zion shall be cleansed she shall flourish as a rose. I will walk in her midst and will bless all those with a tenfold blessing. And their sorrows shall cease, for I'll cry upon her walls. Peace, sweet, peace.

MEDITATION

THE HISTORY LESSON:

Acts 2:1-12

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 429:

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

FINEST WHEAT

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Toccata

John Sanders

* THE DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This morning we give thanks for Christians throughout the world who bear witness to the Gospel in myriad languages and abundant ways. The Acolyte brings forward a church and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: “God So Loved the World”

John Stainer

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

John 3:1-17

SERMON:

“Do We Love the World God Loves?”

Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

arr. John Rutter

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never, I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me. Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth! And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have not loved, O Lord, as you have loved us.

Forgive us for every act of betrayal, every failure to be kind, every gratification of self, and every blindness to the needs of others. Come and dwell in us with your spirit of generosity, that we may bless the world with what you have given us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You created for yourself a world filled with diversity and blessed by your breath of life. Rainbow colors bloom in spring, summer breezes bring garden delight, and now as Autumn comes our way we see the work of your paintbrush upon every face and tree.

In mercy, while we still held to the chains of our winter, of pride, self-righteousness, and historic egos, you loved us steadfastly and delivered us as babes to reflect the beauty and diversity of your grace, to bring us into a community of love, hope, and peace. And so, with all your people on earth in every place where two or more are gathered in your name, and all the company of heaven who have gone before us, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. He prayed that we might be one as he is one with you, Father, and he asked that we might be known by the love we have for one another.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we, together as a new creation and a new community around the globe, may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit help the body of Christ be one. Help the left hand and the right hand work as one in ministry to all the world. Help the eyes and the ears sense your present and coming kingdom. Bring the blessing of the diversity of the body to bear fruit until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD: "This is my body which is broken for you."

THE SHARING OF THE CUP: "This is the new covenant of my blood."

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 494: "They'll Know We Are Christians" ST. BRENDAN'S
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Overture G.F. Handel

* Congregation stands.

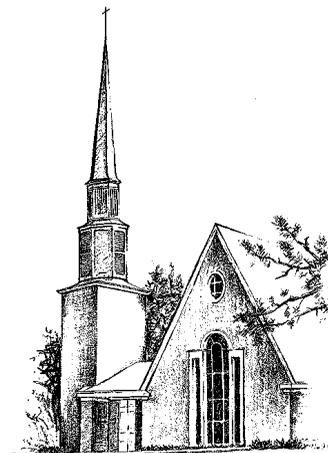
*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of John and Sylvia Parker by Anthony Parker and Mark Gansor.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Henry Williams
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Sara Raper
Crucifer



Worship at Lakeside

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