

Shelter Island Presbyterian Church



8th Sunday after Pentecost (Year B)

9:00 A.M. | Sunday, July 19th, 2015

*(The worship service begins with the **prelude**. Let us silently prepare our hearts and allow others the same opportunity.)*

**We invite you to rise in body or in spirit*

Chimes

Prelude: “Allegro” (Voluntaries Op. 14) Edward Elgar

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Introit: “Let All Things Now Living” Welsh Folk Melody

***Call to Worship**

The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great, *Gen. 6*
and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil.

**And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth,
and it grieved him to his heart.**

But Noah found favor in the sight of the Lord.

The Lord said to Noah, “I have determined to make an end of all flesh;
make yourself an ark...”

Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

We come to remind ourselves of God’s un-creation and re-creation.

We come to remember the weight of our sin and our violence.

We come to remind ourselves of a promise God made to stick with us.

**We come to remind God of the promise that was made;
that God’s creation has the final say.**

***Hymn No. 11** “Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud”

***Invitation to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession (Responsive)**

For the times we have forgotten your commands...**forgive us, Lord.**

For the times we have exploited your good earth...**forgive us, Lord.**

For the times we have been too quick to violence...**forgive us, Lord.**

For the times we have forced you to intervene...**forgive us, Lord.**

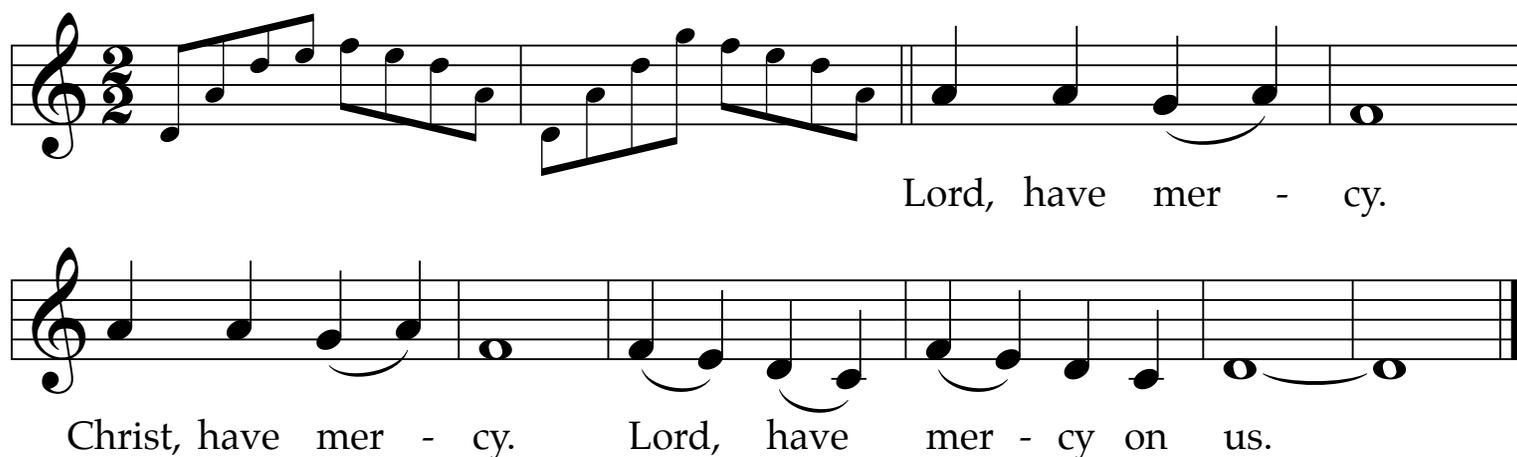
For the times we have acted on our wickedness...**forgive us, Lord.**

For the times we have broken your heart...**forgive us, Lord.**

For the times we have flooded ourselves with sin...**forgive us, Lord.**

God of the Broken Heart, hear our confession...**forgive us, Lord.**

*Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel:

Though the waters of our sin have raged and covered the earth, *Gen. 8*
though our wickedness and corruption have flooded the world,
the Spirit of God blows over the earth and the waters have subsided,
the fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven have been closed,
the relentless grace of God has yet again begun its act of re-creation.

Our sin no longer drowns us;

through the power of Jesus Christ, we have been rescued.

Our sins are forgiven!

Alleluia! Amen!

*Gloria Patri

Glory to God, No. 581

*The Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

— *Please greet those around you* —

Prayer for Illumination

God of all love, power, and holiness,

open our hearts this day,

that we may hear this story as one of grief, destruction, and re-creation.

Send your Spirit as it did upon the receding of the waters,

and send your rainbow promise to us this day

in the places of our lives where it is needed most. **Amen.**

First Reading Genesis 7:17-8:19

pew Bible pg. 7

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Peace Like A River” American Spiritual, arr. Donald Moore

Second Reading Genesis 8:20-9:17 pew Bible pg. 8
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Sermon “The Colorful Promise” Rev. Stephen M. Fearing

***Hymn No. 250** “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” PROMISE

***Affirmation of Faith (Responsive)** Rev. David Inglis

We are God's work of art—
each one of us a precious gem,
a marvelous melody,
a potter's delight.

**We are God's handiwork—
woven together in love,
shaped with infinite compassion,
painted with incredible beauty.**

We are the church of Jesus Christ—
diverse in human qualities,
but united in our call to love God
with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

**We are the Body of Christ—
living in his truth, sharing his peace,
carrying his hope, embodying his love,
throughout the world he loved so much.**

We are here to be reminded once more who we are,
whose we are and what our lives are about.

**We are here to be uplifted, renewed and empowered
to live out the miracle of who we are,
by the power of God working in and among us.**

We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new.

The Prayers of the People

Responsive Litany: “God of Creation, remember your promise.”

Call to Offering

The Offertory “Allegretto” (Op.14) Edward Elgar

****Please take a moment to fill out the friendship pads****

***The Doxology**

Glory to God, No. 606

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***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.**

***Hymn No. 39** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

***Charge & Benediction**

Choral Benediction: "Lord, Make Us More Holy" African-American Spiritual

Postlude

"Lord of All Life"

Edward Broughton

Questions for Reflection from the Interpretation Bible Study

Many cultures retell a story about an ancient flood that covered the earth. In your opinion, is the flood story one of punishment, grief, or something else? Why?

What are the conditions of God's covenant with Noah? What are the requirements of Noah and what are the promises of God?

Along with the rainbow, the image of a dove with an olive branch in its mouth is one of the most enduring from this story. What does a dove or an olive branch usually symbolize? In what contexts do we normally see those symbols? How does this story influence those contexts, and how do those contexts color this story?

In this case, it was the heart of humanity God hoped to change, yet it was the heart of God which changed. What possibilities does this story suggest for someone facing conflict or disagreement?

Information About Today's Worship Service

Today's Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Forgiveness, and Prayer for Illumination was written by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing, 2015.

Today's Affirmation of Faith is adapted from "God's Work of Art," written by the Rev. David Inglis, pastor of Henrietta (NY) United Church of Christ. Posted in Worship Resources for Human Relations Day, 2011, on the Sharing God's Gifts website of the United Methodist Church. <http://www.umcsgiving.org/>

Thank you to our worship and fellowship leaders this morning!

Assisting : Ellen Gove
Greeter: Gary Kagawa
Usher: John Miller
Coffee Hour Host: UPW

Today's flowers are given by Webster Schott in memory of Susan Schott

A very special welcome to our guests! Worship bags with activities for children are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher and we'll be happy to help you. Please join us for light refreshments and fellowship after worship today in Fellowship Hall.

This week at Shelter Island Presbyterian Church:

Sunday, July 19	Worship	9:00 a.m.
Monday, July 20	Engaging the Text	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, July 21	UPW Meeting	10:30 a.m.
	Session	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 23	Bible Study	5:00 p.m.
Friday, July 24	AA	7:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, July 26	Worship	9:00 a.m.
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SIPC Prayer List

The nations in the Middle East, our planet, the men and women in the Armed Forces and our leaders. For Ashley Sanderson, Lindsay Ehrlich, Frank Catoe, Lisa Armour, Melissa Insinga, Audrey Trotman, Jim Gienko, Ruth Mattson, Tara Chituk, Jill Tuttle Albiani, Sue Speeches-Caddle, Kim Macallister and Art Milleisen.

We will gladly list the names of any individuals in need of our prayers. You may share names with us by turning in a note from the pew or by calling the church office prior to Friday a.m. We will continue to list these names for 4 weeks and then they will be removed unless a specific request is made.

