

Order of Service for the Lord's Day

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ June 29, 2008

Ten O'clock, A.M.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. James E. Swanson Liturgist: Enid Dunmire
Organist & Choir Director: Beverly Antis

Our Service of Worship begins with the music of the organ. During the Prelude, kindly pass your written prayer requests to the center so they may be placed into the basket as it is passed. Your requests will be included in the Pastoral Prayer of the Day and also forwarded to the Prayer Cordon for special attention. Thank you.

THE PRELUDE *All Glory Be to God on High* Johann Pachelbel

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We yearn to be in the presence of the Holy One,
People: **To linger in the house of prayer,**
Leader: To walk beside still streams,
People: **To relax in the radiance of creation;**
Leader: But there is work to be done for the Kingdom!
People: **A sweet sacrifice of service to be offered unto God.**
Leader: Let us praise God with our melodies and prayers;
People: **Let us praise Him with hearts and minds filled with adoration and devotion.**
Leader: Grace unto you and peace from God the Father, who was and who is, and who is to come. Let us worship our God!

*THE OPENING HYMN 477

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim HANOVER

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 13:1-6 (*Pew Bible p. 478*)

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PUBLIC PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, forgive us.

Doing your will does not always flow naturally:

Convention overshadows conviction;

Bad habits die hard;

Good habits form slowly.

Doing your will is not always a spontaneous choice:

Your way is sometimes unclear;

Your direction is often unpopular;

Your path is seldom profitable.

**Help us, O God, to hold fast to the truths our ancestors taught,
and to welcome the truths that are yet to unfold today and tomorrow.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and forgive us our sins.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: We have opened our hearts wide in God's holy presence. Here and now we have offered our failures, our faults, and our secret sins, seeking divine mercy and forgiveness. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!**

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*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from: The Scots Confession

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust...

Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

Presbyterian Confession of Scotland written by John Knox, 1560

*THE GREETINGS OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP

THE NOISY OFFERING (Last Sunday of each month)

THE SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 22:1-14 *(Pew Bible p. 17)*

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

By the Waters of Babylon

Robert Lau

Michael Desnoyers, Tenor

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 6:12-23

(Pew Bible p. 147)

Liturgist: Here ends the reading of the Epistle. All: **Praise be to you, O Lord.**

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10:40-42

(Pew Bible p. 10)

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord. All: **Glory to You, O Christ.**

*THE CONGREGATIONAL CANTICLE - Hymn 241, vs. 1

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**Behold the goodness of our Lord, How blest it is to be
A company of God's beloved, In holy unity.**

THE SERMON

"THE LORD WILL PROVIDE"

Dr. Swanson

THE PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts" and debtors")

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND GIFTS

SPECIAL OFFERTORY MUSIC *I Will Sing New Songs* Antonin Dvořák
Michael Desnoyers, Tenor

*THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*THE UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**For your abounding grace and steadfast love, we give thanks, O God.
May our gifts provide for those who seek refuge from doubt, respite from
sorrow, relief from hunger and calamity. As we cheerfully give and gladly
serve, help us to grow in the true spirit of love. Amen.**

THE HYMN 444 (seated) *We Gather Here to Bid Farewell* WINCHESTER NEW

THE BIDDING OF FAREWELL AND GODSPEED *to Michael Desnoyers*

Pastor: The time has come to bid “Farewell” and “Godspeed” to a very dear member of our Covenant family of faith -- Michael Desnoyers.

Mike, for several years now, ever since you became a chorister in our choir and a regular part of our worship each Lord’s Day, we have been blessed by your songs, your smile, and your friendly touch. We have rejoiced to call you friend and brother; and we have been privileged to be adopted by you as one of your families of faith. God has smiled upon us as we walked together for awhile, but now our paths diverge.

People: **We celebrate the time we have spent together in good fellowship and in common praise for the God who now calls you to leave. Our families are one, and we rejoice in the privilege of knowing you and Stephanie and your parents.**

Pastor: Together we have shared work and play, and have heard the good news of God’s abundant love for each and every one of us. God has blessed you, Michael, and has blessed us as well. We thank you for allowing God’s light to shine brightly in your life and God’s voice to speak through your voice in tones so lovely and so clear.

People: **You have deepened our joy and lightened our sorrow. We will miss you deeply, yet we rejoice that you will now bless others as you have blessed us. Know also that our prayers will accompany you. Though you be absent from us, we will always hold you, and those whom you love, in our hearts and in our minds.**

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND SHARING OF AFFECTIONS

*All who are able, please stand
Those who wish may come forward for a laying on of hands.*

***People: Faithful God, keep, preserve and protect Michael all his days.
Grant him the happiness he seeks. Remind him of the welcome
that will be his whenever he returns.**

**Gracious God, Lord of all: as the psalmist has declared, you
preserve our going out and our coming in all the days of our lives.
Comfort this community with the knowledge that in You we are
joined together, and bring us at last to the day when peace and
harmony shall be ours in full.**

**God of the beginning, God of the end, God of all creatures, Lord of
all generations; God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob; God of the
Covenant: with love you have formed us, in love you guide us; now
bless this one whom we send on his way. Amen.**

*Barukh attah Adonai eloheinu melekh ha-olam,
zokher haberit vene'eman bivrito v'kaiyam bema'amaro.*

**Praised are you Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the world,
Who remembers the covenant, who keeps the promise,
and fulfills God's word.**

*THE CLOSING HYMN 488 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn #599

Jesus, Remember Me Jacques Berthier

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

*THE TIME OF SILENCE

*THE CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

Pastor: Now may the blessing of God rest on our heads,
And the Truth of God set us free from all dangers, real and perceived;
So that in our labor and in our leisure,
In our rising up and our sitting down,
In hours of joy or in days of sorrow,
We shall with gladness of heart
Commend our lives wholly unto Him who keeps us from falling.

People: **Through Christ, our Lord! His peace endures!**

THE POSTLUDE *Fugue in F Minor* Charles Burney

*Those who are able please stand.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Covenant Friends in honor of the 35th wedding anniversary of Pastor Jim and Karen Swanson tomorrow, June 30th.

YOU WERE GREETED TODAY by Rose and Jim Curry.

GREETINGS TO ALL this day who have come to worship.

We want to get to know you, especially if you are a visitor!

Please introduce yourself to others sitting nearby during the passing of the peace. Following the worship, everyone is invited to share a time of coffee, tea and fellowship downstairs in the Assembly Room. (exit at the rear of the sanctuary, go down the stairs and past the Library to the entrance near the Sallman painting of Christ knocking at the door.)

Public Notice:



**THE ECCLESIASTICAL
MEETING OF THE
CONGREGATION WILL BE
HELD TODAY IN THE
SANCTUARY AT THE
CONCLUSION OF WORSHIP**

The meeting should be fairly brief, leaving plenty of time for our Farewell Reception for Michael Desnoyers which immediately follows the meeting in the Assembly Room.

FAREWELL MICHAEL & STEPHANIE!

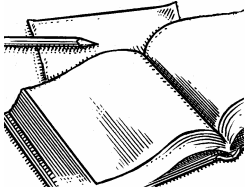


TODAY we pay tribute and bid a fond farewell to Michael and Stephanie Desnoyers who will be moving to San Francisco, California next month so that Michael can pursue his graduate degree at the prestigious San Francisco Conservatory of Music.



“ TIME WITH MICHAEL ” - A special reception to honor Michael Desnoyers will be held in the Assembly Room following today's worship service and meeting. The reception is hosted by Ann Morrison and Beverly Antis. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Please take this special opportunity to see Michael before he leaves and to thank him not only for his musical talent, but for his magnanimous personality! It will be hard to say goodbye!

Be Sure to Sign the Memory Book for Michael



A Keepsake Memory Book is being compiled to present to Mike TODAY. Please look for it in the Assembly Room and write a few lines, so that members and friends can convey their best wishes and share their fondest memories and expressions of appreciation for Michael.

Celebration of two Sacraments next Sunday, July 6th:

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated during the 10 a.m. worship service next Sunday, July 6th



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated during the 10 a.m. worship service next Sunday, July 6th when Conrad Ritts Bradrick, born October 2, 2007, son of Suzie Hammonds and Sean Bradrick, will be baptized by Pastor Swanson. Conrad's maternal grandmother is Mary Hammonds and his maternal great-grandmother is Eleanor Ritts.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed this Friday, July 4th
in observance of Independence Day.

In The Life of Our Church

Recent Prayer Concerns:

- Tracey Schlicht Now at Good Samaritan Hospice (Concordia, Cabot)
- Marian and Fred Curran Continuing health concerns
- Esther Kriess. Donna Hobaugh's sister, at Sunnyview Home for rehabilitation on her broken ankle and heel

For Continued Prayer:

Julie & Bud Bruno; Marion Campbell; Mary Elizabeth Goehring; Bob & Joan Moore; Brenda Keith; Tracey Schlicht; Dr. Thomas Stover (Mary Lee's brother in Texas); Gladys Strobel; Vernon Swanson; Bill Wilson

- Birthdays this week:***
- Ann Morrison - July 4
 - Arthur Forbes - July 4
 - David Lloyd - July 5



Special Birthday Wishes to Mark Hitchcock, son of Nancy Hitchcock and Roger Hitchcock, who celebrates his 21st birthday today, June 29th!

Anniversaries this week:

Rebecca & Gary Doyle - June 29 (Happy 1st Anniversary!)

James & Karen Swanson - June 30

Karen & Matt DeLorenzo - June 30



Covenant Cupboard Community Food Bank

July: cereal

(Baskets for your donations are located at the front entrance on E. Jefferson St.)

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY !

Covenant Church will be hosting the July 22nd meeting of Beaver-Butler Presbytery and we need DONATIONS !



(please sign the sheets in the Assembly Room)

- **Cookies**
(any kind... specify how many dozen will be given)
- **Vegetables** (uncut)
- **Dip** (any kind, specify what kind you will donate)
- **Crackers, chips**
- **Olives, pickles**
- **Fresh fruit** (uncut)
- **1 lb. chunks of cheese** (any kind)
- **Monetary donations** for the purchase of ingredients for tea sandwiches and other items

PLEASE CONTACT ELSIE IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY WITH HOSTING. BEGINNING AT 5 PM ON TUES., JULY 22. WE NEED HELPERS, GUIDES & SMILING FACES (AS WELL AS VOLUNTEERS FOR CLEAN-UP).

June 29, 2008

How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!

--Fred Pratt Green

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

--A Traditional Irish Blessing

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