

Order of Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost ~ June 8, 2008

Ten O'clock, A.M.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. James E. Swanson Liturgist: Pam Patterson

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

*Draw Us to Thee
Laudes Domine*

J. G. Walther
John Ferguson

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From God comes the wonder of creation.
People: **We gather to worship God the Creator, creating still.**
Leader: From God comes healing for the brokenness we see.
People: **We are here to worship God, our Redeemer.**
Leader: From God comes the strength to face each new day.
People: **We gather to worship God, our Sustainer and Guide.**
Leader: God is here---
People: **Let the conversation begin !**

*THE OPENING HYMN 487 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 33:1-12 *(Pew Bible p. 489)*

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: What difference has it made in our lives to have had hands laid upon us in baptism and confirmation; to have been entrusted with good news to share? Are we moving from rebellion to obedience, from strife to unity in Christ? Are we growing beyond the things of this earth to embrace the realm of heaven? Let us, with honest heart, seek God's mercy as we pray for forgiveness of sin, both corporate and personal.

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all people: we confess to you our rivalries and our deceit. We have not always lived by the best that we know. We have identified as enemies those persons who are different from us, while you call us to be family. We have closed our eyes to the needs around us, afraid of what we might lose if we become involved. We have received in abundance and made skimpy return.

You have given us life, and we have hoarded it as our own. O God, move us out of our tiny orbits of self-interest that we may dare to serve as laborers in your harvest and as healers in your name. This we pray, in the power of your spirit.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Though we be lost in sin, God never abandons us to desolation.

People: **God so loved the world that he sent his only Son:
not to condemn the world,
but so the world through him might be saved!**

Pastor: In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone!
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

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*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Contemporary Creed

**We believe in God,
Creator and Lover of the earth,
origin and destiny of us all.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ, herald of hope,
God's laughter in the face of despair.
Plunged into death and hell,
he broke free the captives
and is leading the way to a land of promise
where justice and peace will flourish.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who plants the seeds of truth,
brings us to birth as the body of Christ,
and empowers us to confront and transform
all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.**

**We believe in the coming reign of God.
In that day all will be consummated
in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven.
In that day those who have passed through
the world's deep sorrow
will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness,
and gathered into the joyous fulfillment of God's desire.**

**For the inbreaking of that day on this day,
we work and pray:
Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

*THE GREETINGS OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP

THE SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Hosea 6:1-6 *(Pew Bible p. 796)*

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

Leanne Heaton, Vocal Soloist

*I lift up my eyes. I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From whence does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord who made Heav'n and Earth.
He will not let your foot be moved.
He who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper; The Lord is your shade on your right hand.
The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life..
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore, forevermore.*

THE EPISTLE LESSON Romans 4:13-22 (*Pew Bible p. 145*)Liturgist: Here ends the reading of the Epistle. All: **Praise be to you, O Lord.***THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (*Pew Bible p.8*)Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord. All: **Glory to You, O Christ.**

*THE CONGREGATIONAL CANTICLE - Hymn 241, vs. 1 CRIMOND

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

THE SERMON “*NOT GETTING WHAT YOU DESERVE*” Dr. Swanson

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

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND GIFTS

SPECIAL OFFERTORY MUSIC: Leanne Heaton, Vocal Soloist

“Sing God a Simple Song” Stephen Schwartz / Leonard Bernstein

*Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laudē...
Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laudē...
Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things,
For God is the simplest of all.*

*I will sing the Lord a new song
To praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.
I will sing His praises while I live all of my days.
Blessed is the man who loves the Lord,
Blessed is the man who praises Him.
Lauda, Lauda, Laudē... And walks in His ways.*

*I will lift up my eyes, to the hills from whence comes my help.
I will lift up my voice to the Lord, singing Lauda, Laudē.
For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand,
And the sun shall not smite me by day nor the moon by night.
Blessed is the man who loves the Lord,
Lauda, Lauda, Laudē, and walks in His ways.*

*Lauda, Lauda, Laudē, Lauda,
Lauda di da di day... all of my days.*

*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

Use us, O God of miracles, and the offerings we have brought, to bring life and health and hope to your world. Make us generous and faithful stewards of your mysteries, as we share the bounty which you have granted unto us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

*THE CLOSING HYMN 441 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* ST. THOMAS

*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 *Postlude on "St. Thomas"* Healey Willan

*Those who are able please stand.

THE FLOWERS *in the Sanctuary are given by the Foringer Family in loving memory of Charles "Chad" Foringer who lived faithfully and departed this life on June 11, 2005 to return to the Lord.*

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.)

FELLOWSHIP HOUR follows this worship service downstairs in the Assembly Room. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Hosting today's Fellowship Hour are Grace Sechler and Mary Lee Marten.

YOU WERE GREETED TODAY by Rose and Jim Curry.

SPECIAL MUSIC: We thank Leanne Heaton for her vocal performance this morning. Leanne is the soprano section leader of the Covenant Choir.

Honor Your Father



Next Sunday is Father's Day, June 15th

Presentation of Carnation Boutonnieres to honor all the men in the congregation for their important role in the family.

Please plan to attend the 10 a.m. worship service on June 15th with your entire family!

Special Fellowship Hour:

"A High Tea for Dad", follows worship in the Assembly Room. Hosting will be Nancy Jo Moorhead and Connie Brown & Co.



The Sacrament of Baptism

for Sophie Sproat, Micah and Joelle's infant daughter (granddaughter of Rhonda Sproat) will be administered on Father's Day, next Sunday, June 15th during the 10 a.m. worship service. Elder Nancy Hitchcock will assist.

Recent Prayer Concerns:

Marian and Fred Curran . . . Marian has returned home from Denver and will follow up with her family doctor this week;
Fred is still in Detroit with his daughter
Baby Jack Foringer Pat Foringer's grandson who had surgery recently in Akron, Ohio

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); Vernon Swanson; Bill Wilson

June Birthdays:

Betty Anderson - June 7
Fred Curran - June 9
Virginia Lokovich - June 10
Mark Hitchcock - June 29

June Anniversaries:

Orville & Edna Nicholas - June 7
John & Martha Keasey - June 8
Bill & Marylou Wilson - June 13
David & Nancy Blewett - June 15

Rebecca & Gary Doyle - June 29
James & Karen Swanson - June 30
Karen & Matt DeLorenzo - June 30



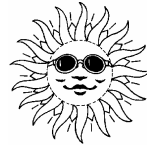
Covenant Cupboard Community Food Bank

June: dried beans or rice

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



MORAINE PARK SUMMER FESTIVAL



June 13 – 15, 2008

Moraine State Park, South Shore

*Events for the whole family—
All FREE except for paintball*

Friday, June 13

- 9 am - 4 pm Paintball (pre-registration required - call 724-775-6232)
- 5:30 pm Music by Soul Food featuring Sputzy Sparacino
- 7 pm Music by Steven Curtis Chapman & Dennis Agajanian

Saturday, June 14 -- YOUTH DAY

- Noon - 5:30 pm (sports tournaments, face painting, wrestling, soccer clinic, puppeteer, battle of the bands, rock wall climbing, etc.)
- 3 pm Music by Jessica Lee / 7 pm Music by Pillar & Manic Drive

Sunday, June 15

- Noon to 6 pm - Car Cruise
- 1:30 pm Music by Soul Food featuring Sputzy Sparacino
- 3:30 pm "Sunday Smackdown!" United Wrestling Alliance
- 5:30 pm Music by Jessica Lee
- 7 pm Music by famous country western artist, Ricky Skaggs

Food Vendors & Craft Fair - All 3 days, June 13-15

Don't forget to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

For more information

Call 724-431-2397 —OR— steveingfield.org (on the web)



The Gospel According to You

by The Rev. H. H. Ryland, Ligonier Pennsylvania

There's a Gospel according to Matthew,
To Mark, and to Luke, and John, too;
There's another that many are reading—
The Gospel according to you.

All the teachings we find in the Bible
Are but facts we believe to be true;
You must live them to make them the Gospel—
The Gospel according to you.

Every day you are writing your gospel;
In this life you may never know who
May be helped or hindered by reading—
The Gospel according to you.

Many read not the words of the Bible;
I will tell you what some of them do:
They are reading the book you are writing—
The Gospel according to you.

There's a power in the minister's preaching,
So you say; I believe this is true.
But the thing that may tell most on others
Is the Gospel according to you.

God help you to Christ to be faithful,
And to live all His teachings, so true,
So that all may be seeing His Spirit
In the Gospel according to you.

The poet here reminds us of the wisdom of Saint Francis of Assisi, who is reported to have said: "Preach the gospel at all times... and, if necessary, use words."

Thanks to Jane Hall for sharing this wonderful poem with us. It's something she has saved for many years. The lesson, of course, is as relevant and true today as it has ever been.

June 8, 2008
4th Sunday after Pentecost

As a group, Pharisees attempted to live according to the Law as perfectly as possible. They were particularly strict about purity laws and refused to associate with those (like tax collectors) who were unclean. They practiced “closed table fellowship” and shared their meals only with those who were ritually clean. Yet Jesus uses table fellowship as a parable in action: he not only declares the sick healed, the sinners forgiven, and the unclean loved, he dares to recline at table with them... what scandalous love and grace!

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