

Order of Service for the Public Worship of God

July 29, 2007

Ten O'clock, A.M.

Pastor: Dr. James E. Swanson

Liturgist: Orville Nicholas

Organist: Miss Beverly Antis

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP BEGINS WITH THE MUSIC OF THE ORGAN

*“Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,
always giving thanks to God the Father for everything.”
Ephesians 5:19-20*

THE PRELUDE

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Prelude in E Flat Major*

Heinrich Fleischer
Orlando Di Lasso

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness;

People: **Come before Him with joyful singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord Himself is God;

People: **It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

People: **We give thanks to Him and bless His name; for the Lord is good.
His loving kindness is everlasting,
And His faithfulness to all generations.**

*THE OPENING HYMN 446 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE LITANY OF CONFESSION

Pastor: O God, you search us out and know us; all that we are is open to you. We confess that we have sinned.

People: ***In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.***

Pastor: When we use our power to dominate, and our weaknesses to manipulate:

People: ***In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.***

Pastor: When we evade responsibility and fail to confront evil:

People: ***In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.***

Pastor: When we are seduced by fashionable dreams and pursue selfish desires at the expense of others:

People: ***In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.***

Pastor: When we despair of changing the world and neglect to change even ourselves:

People: ***In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.***

Pastor: When we fail to integrate spirit and flesh
and forfeit our wholeness and dignity:

People: ***In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.***

Pastor: We turn to you, O God of infinite mercy;

People: ***We renounce evil;
We claim your love;
We choose to be made whole.***

Pastor: Hear us as we pray...

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: ...Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

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*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Questions 122-123 from the PC(USA) Study Catechism

Leader: [122] How does God respond to our prayers?

People: **God takes all our prayers into account, weighing them with divine wisdom, and responding to them by a perfect will. Although for the time being God's answers may seem beyond our understanding, or sometimes even bitter, we know nonetheless that they are always determined by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God answers our prayers, particularly for temporal blessings, only in ways that are compatible with the larger purposes of God's glory and our salvation. Communion with God is finally the answer within the answers to all our prayers.**

Leader: [123] What encourages us to pray each day?

People: **The God who has adopted us as children is the God who encourages and commands us to pray. When we pray, we respond with love to that greater love which meets us from above. Before we enter into prayer, God is ready to grant all that we need. We may turn to God with confidence each day, not because we are worthy, but simply because of God's grace. By praying we acknowledge that we depend on grace for all that is good, beautiful, life-giving and true.**

*THE GREETINGS OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP

THE SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE READING OF THE PSALM Psalm 138: 1-8 (*Pew Bible p. 552*)

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

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Mullan/Richards

Logan Olszewski, Vocal Soloist

THE EPISTLE LESSON Colossians 2: 6-15 *(Pew Bible p. 188)*

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

*THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 11: 1-13 *(Pew Bible p. 68)*

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

*THE CONGREGATIONAL CANTICLE - Hymn #333 SEEK YE FIRST

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Al-le-lu, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Al-le-lu, alleluia!**

THE SERMON “ *WE NEED TO TALK* ” Dr. Swanson

THE PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER (using “debts”)

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, GIFTS & NOISY OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC *My Tribute* Andraé Crouch
Logan Olszewski, Vocal Soloist

*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 142 *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!* CORONATION

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Go with Us, Lord TALLIS’ CANON

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.*

*THE TIME OF SILENCE

*THE CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

Leader: Remember this week to take time to enjoy life’s rich blessings of beauty and joy. Claim God’s time for your own, a time not measured in hours

and minutes and seconds alone, but by the ebb and flow of seasons and by the hunger of the soul.

People: **So may it be 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.**

Leader: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE

Fugue in F Major a 3

G. F. Handel

* Where indicated, those who are able, please stand.

GREETINGS to all this day who worship the God of past, present and future. We want to get to know you. Please introduce yourself to others sitting nearby during the passing of the peace.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR immediately follows this worship service downstairs in the Assembly Room. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Hosting today's Fellowship Hour are Helen Ferguson and Romaine MacDonald.

YOU WERE GREETED TODAY by Ann Morrison.

OUR GUEST SOLOIST - We welcome Logan Olszewski to this morning's worship service. Logan is the daughter of Bill and Suzie Olszewski and a voice student of Kathy Sawyer.

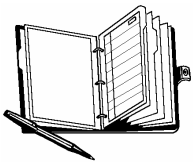
CELEBRATING TWO SACRAMENTS - Sunday, August 5th

- The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper - Sunday, August 5 @ 10 a.m.
- The Sacrament of Baptism - The two-month old daughter of Michelle (VanDeusen) Foringer and great-granddaughter of Doug VanDeusen will be baptized during the 10 a.m. worship service on August 5th.



A special thank-you to Elder Nancy Blewett for handling the job of worship leader during last week's service while Pastor Jim was recuperating from surgery.

ADDRESS UPDATE - Current Address



The Rev. Dr. & Mrs. W. Carl Bogard (Alice)
300 Willow Valley Lakes Dr.
West Lampeter, PA 17584
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*Eleanor Ritts
"Happy 100th Birthday!"*

You Are Invited to a Very Special 'Open House'

Congratulations to Eleanor Ritts who will be turning 100 years old on August 2nd!

To celebrate this milestone birthday, Eleanor's family is having an

**Open House for family and friends
on Friday, August 3rd from 4 – 7 p.m.
at Eleanor's home, 223 W. Fulton St.**

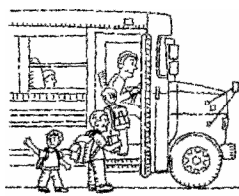
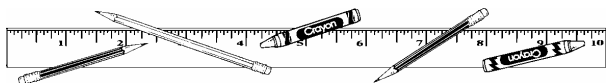
*Everyone is cordially invited to attend and to share memories and to convey their best wishes to Eleanor on her 100th birthday!
No gifts please - cards and well-wishes welcomed!*



Covenant Cupboard: August - spaghetti or spaghetti sauce

Baskets for your food donations are located at the front entrance on E. Jefferson St. Monetary donations are always welcomed and appreciated. Please make checks payable to Covenant Cupboard.

*Covenant Cupboard Back To School
Clothing & Food Drive (See Insert)*



There's a whole lot of paintin' goin' on !

The Session has hired Tim Hortert Painting Co. of Butler to pressure-wash and paint the sanctuary building this summer. For the next few weeks, please take care when navigating the grounds to avoid injury. Your patience is appreciated!

*Thank you to Connie Brown and all her "helpers"...
for hosting the luncheon last Thursday for the delegation
from Taiwan (led by Dee Demby). It was truly delightful!*

In The Life of Our Church

Prayer Concerns: Joan Moore, Zachary Kupec, Herb Enyeart,
Ellie Walchesky, Dorothy Hitchcock, LaRose Black,
Muriel Thompson, Brenda Keith

Celebrating birthdays this week.

Nancy Hitchcock - July 30
David Daugherty - July 30
Erin Snyder - August 1
Eleanor Ritts - August 2 (100 yrs. old)
Paul Baxter Hoffman - August 3
C. Andrew Schlicht - August 4 (Jeanne & Chuck's son)

Celebrating anniversaries this week: Dave & Jean Lloyd - July 29

The LORD'S Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, also known as the *Our Father* or *Pater Noster*, is probably the best-known prayer in Christianity. On Easter Sunday 2007 it was estimated that two billion Protestant, Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox Christians read, recited, or sang the short prayer in hundreds of languages in houses of worship of all shapes and sizes. Although many theological differences and various modes and manners of worship divide Christians, according to Fuller Seminary professor Clayton Schmit "there is a sense of solidarity in knowing that Christians around the globe are praying together..., and these words always unite us."

Two versions of the Lord's Prayer occur in the New Testament -- in the Gospel of Matthew 6:9-13, a section of the Sermon on the Mount, and also in the Gospel of Luke 11:2-4. The prayer is absent from the Gospel of Mark (cf. the Prayer for forgiveness of 11:25-26). The context of the prayer in Matthew is as part of a discourse attacking people who pray simply for the purpose of showing off and being seen to pray in public. Matthew describes Jesus as instructing people to pray after the manner of this prayer. Taking into account the prayer's structure, flow of subject matter and emphases, many scholars interpret the Lord's Prayer as a guideline on how to pray rather than something to be memorized and repeated by rote. Some disagree, suggesting that the prayer was intended as a specific prayer to be used in public worship. The New Testament reports Jesus and the disciples praying on several occasions; but as it never describes them actually using this prayer, it is uncertain how important it was originally viewed as being.

There are similarities between the Lord's Prayer and both Biblical and post-Biblical material in Jewish prayer. "Hallowed be thy name" is reflected in the *Kaddish*. "Lead us not into sin" is echoed in the "morning blessings" of Jewish prayer. A blessing said by some Jewish communities after the evening *Shema* includes a phrase quite similar to the opening of the Lord's Prayer: "Our God in heaven, hallow thy name, and establish thy kingdom forever, and rule over us for ever and ever."

Mediterranean and American Prayer

by John J. Pilch, Georgetown University

In general, prayer is a form of communication with someone who is considered to be in charge of life. For most believers, God is in charge of life and everything. Americans, who take pride in their scientific abilities and achievements, have gradually reduced the areas of life of which God is in charge. Only in extreme cases do Americans turn to God regarding needs that are pressing in the economy, military actions, health, space conquest, and so on. This is one reason why American believers sometimes find it difficult to pray.

In the Mediterranean world of our ancestors in the Faith, peasants—constituting about 90 percent of the population—realized only too well that they were not in charge of anything. Nature determined their weather and climate. The landowners determined what they might plant and how much they might keep. Rome determined the taxes they should pay—in crops, not in cash! What could a peasant do?

Given limited options, about the only thing the peasant could do was to pray, that is, “communicate” with someone in charge—including God—who was controlling one or another part of life and hope to obtain benefits from that person. In other words, prayer is a form of communication intended to influence the decision of a patron, someone who looks upon and treats a client, the one praying, as if that one were a member of the family. This is what the disciples ask Jesus to share with them. “Teach us how you communicate with and have an influence upon God.”

Jesus encourages the disciples to address God as “Father,” just as he himself does (see Luke 10:21; 22:42). In other words, Jesus says: “Consider God as a Father, as one who is as near as and behaves just like a father toward his children.” In the Middle East this kind of relationship is called “patronage” and someone who behaves like a father to people who are not his children is a “patron.” The patron can get things for clients that the client could not obtain by personal ability, or on better terms than the client could manage by him or herself. This is the appropriate context for interpreting the five petitions of Luke’s version of the Lord’s Prayer.

Praise of the Father/patron. The first two petitions praise God as children would praise a father. These first two petitions concern things no human could achieve but that God can easily achieve with divine power. “To hallow one’s name” is to “be in truth all that you really are” -- Father, patron, truly in charge of life. “Your kingdom come” urges God to achieve and establish kingly dominion once-and-for-always, definitively, over all of life.

Three human needs. The plurals in these petitions give the prayer a communal rather than an individual dimension. This accords with the Mediterranean cultural preference for groups over individuals. Having praised God, the community can now ask for daily sustenance, forgiveness of sins, and preservation from temptation to apostasy. Jesus encourages petitioners to present these petitions with confidence that they will be granted. (1) Give us each day our daily bread, (2) Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us, and (3) Lead us not into temptation.

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Pater noster, qui es in caelis:
sanctificetur Nomen Tuum;
adveniat Regnum Tuum;
fiat voluntas Tua,
sicut in caelo, et in terra.
Panem nostrum cotidianum da nobis hodie;
et dimitte nobis debita nostra,
Sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris;
et ne nos inducas in tentationem;
sed libera nos a Malo.

The Lord's Prayer, in Latin

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