



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JUNE 11, 2006

8:00, 9:30 AND 11:00 AM

The Christian Year: First Sunday after Pentecost

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please turn off all communication devices.

Please, no food or drinks in the sanctuary.

Thank you.

Welcome

Mr. Brad Bradley 8:00

Mr. Tim Wilson 9:30 and 11:00

Preparation for Worship "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

Mr. Stephen Nielson, *Piano*

NO OTHER PLEA
arr. Nielson

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Romans 8.5-10

PRAISE

Call to Worship

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

People: **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.**

Minister: Bless the LORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word!

People: **Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers who do His will!
Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

Psalms 103.1-2, 20-22

***Hymns of Adoration**

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| No. 106 | "Father, Father of All Things" | FATHER OF ALL THINGS |
| No. 101 | "Come, Thou Almighty King" | TRINITY |

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Profession of Faith**

Shorter Catechism, Question 87

Minister: What is repentance unto life?

People: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 15.4-5

As there is no sin so small, but it deserves damnation; so there is no sin so great, that it can bring damnation upon those who truly repent. Men ought not to content themselves with a general repentance, but it is every man's duty to endeavor to repent of his particular sins.

***Hymn of Praise No. 529** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" BEECHER

Please be seated.

CONFESSION

Psalm 13

Mr. Tracy Taylor 8:00
Mr. Harry Hargrave 9:30/11:00
Ruling Elders

Public Confession

Spirit of God, you are the breath of creation, the wind of change that blows through our lives, opening us up to new dreams and new hopes, new life in Jesus Christ. Forgive us our closed minds, which barricade themselves against new ideas, preferring the past to what you might want to do through us tomorrow. Forgive our closed eyes, which fail to see the needs of Your world, blind to opportunities of service and love. Forgive our closed hands, which clutch our gifts and our wealth for our own use alone. Forgive us our closed hearts, which limit our affections to ourselves and our own. Spirit of new life, forgive us and break down the prison walls of our selfishness, that we might be open to Your love and open for service in Your world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Private Confession

Service of Friendship

If you are seated on the left end of the pew, please take the Service of Friendship pad, fill out the information and pass it down. When it arrives at the other end of the pew, pass it back, taking note of those who are seated in your pew.

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: He came and preached peace to those of us who were afar off and to those of us who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Ephesians 2.17-18

People: **And also with you.**

MEANS OF GRACE

*The Scripture Reading

Luke 3.1-18

Mr. Taylor 8:00
Mr. Hargrave 9:30/11:00
Ruling Elders

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.³ And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,
⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?⁸ Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.⁹ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?"¹¹And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?"¹³And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do."¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ,¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but He who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in His hand, to clear His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into His barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."

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☞ Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, continue on page 8 ☞

The Great Thanksgiving

Mr. Williams

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

People: Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and singing:

Please stand.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing**

Please be seated.

The Words of Institution

The Communion

Please come down the center aisle and go to the first available pair of elders.

Consume each element as you receive it.

Return up the side aisle with your empty cup.

During the Serving of Communion

Please use the following Scripture for private meditation:

Romans 8.26-32

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?

☞ Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00 continue here ☞

THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING

***Closing Hymn**

"Come, O Come, Quickening Spirit"
Stanzas: 1, 3, 4

NEANDER

***The Benediction**

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Postlude

Mr. Colin Howland, *Organ*

**The Congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship services this morning are given to the glory of God from the wedding of Sharon Hunt and Glauco Rizzo and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith, Mr. Glauco Falcucci, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Rizzo and Mr. Willie Louis Hunt.