

Order of Worship

JUNE 20, 2004

11:00 AM

Enter the church reverently. When the music starts, if you must whisper, whisper a prayer. Before the service speak to God. During the service, let God speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Tuba Tune

C. S. Lang (1891-1971)

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

Old 113th - Harold Rohlig, 1963

The Lord of the Dance

Simple Gifts, arr. Lloyd Larson, 2000

Jim Yao Flute

John Yao, Trumpet

Introduction and Toccata
1643)

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-

PASTORAL GREETING (Psalm 118:24)

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Galilee

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,
Day by day His clear voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me."
Jesus calls us! By Thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to Thine obedience, serve and love Thee best of all.

Summer Choir

INVITATION TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

Don Nealon, Liturgist

Leader: God calls us to a new birth from above.

People: Through the transforming power of the Spirit, God calls us.

Leader: The Spirit of God operates in ways we cannot predict or fully comprehend.

People: Through Jesus, God calls us.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

* **HYMN OF PRAISE No. 253**

I'll Praise My Maker

Old 113th

• **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Beginning in Silence)

Let us confess our sins first in the silence of our own hearts and then together as a community of faith. (30 seconds)

And together as a community of faith:

We confess, Lord, that it is so much easier for us to complain about the sins of others than to recognize our own. We are deeply spiritual while they never pray outside of church. We volunteer with Habitat for Humanity while they watch The Bible Network. We study the Bible every day while they hardly seem to know the Ten Commandments. We are humble in our faith while they talk about theirs every chance they get. We know God's will for us while they seem to doubt everything. We accept the wonder and mystery of God's Grace while they take it for granted as if God signed a contract.

Forgive, Oh Lord, our arrogance and self-satisfaction. Amen.

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* **THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Responsively)

Leader: Now hear the good news. If you are in Christ, you are a new creation. The old is passed away: Behold! The new is come. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

* **GLORIA PATRI** (All Sing)

H.W. Greatorex

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH CHILDREN (followed by an interlude of music)

Yvan Kelly

(Younger children receive a worship bag with crayons; please leave on pew at end of service.)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Pg. 596) *Isaiah 12: 2*

Don Nealon

ANTHEM *Lord of the Dance*

Shaker Hymn: Simple Gifts

(See Hymn 302)

Summer Choir

Arr. by John Ferguson, 1990

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (Pg. 861)

Matthew 25: 31-46

31 "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. 34 Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? 38 And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? 39 And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' 46 And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in the sight of God who is our Strength and our Redeemer.

SERMON *Can We All Get Along?* Dr. Ronald Woodbury, Guest Preacher

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* **HYMN OF FAITH No. 358** *Help Us Accept Each Other* Baronita

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

LET US KEEP IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS ALL THOSE IN OUR CHURCH WHO BEAR SUFFERING AND PAIN, BOTH THEIR OWN AND THAT OF OTHERS. TODAY WE ARE ESPECIALLY MINDFUL OF OUR PASTOR, JOHN HUNTER, AND PEGGY HUNTER, WITH HIS SISTER FACING THE TRIALS OF LEUKEMIA.

God who is always with us, these are difficult times for all of us, Christians and non-Christians, those who believe in you and those who pretend to ignore you. But you have said that we are all your people and now we look to you and your word for guidance in this time of trouble. We are mindful today of those living in poverty around the world, in our own country, and here in St. John County. We are appalled at the daily images in our newspapers and on television of starving people in Africa. We despair of the hatred, violence, and killing undertaken in your name across India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Chechnya, Spain, the Philippines, Iraq, and even – especially – Palestine, the homeland of three great faiths, all of which proclaim your name as they kill your people.

You have shown us the way. Not even the worst of your people can be your enemy so how can they be our enemy? The followers of Jesus believed that they were resurrecting him through his word in the communities they were

constructing right then. We are still called to do the same right here and now as Jesus called us when he said:

Our Father, who art....

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 sin
As we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE COMMUNITY

This is the choir's last Sunday until the fall. We will not be without great music nor the energetic leadership of Janet Graham but we won't have the choir – even our small but mighty contingent we have today.

Let us express our thanks for their wonderful support of our worship today and always.

Scott Brown

Minute for Mission – Vacation Bible School (John Pritchard)

Cultivation of Friendship - Members and friends are asked to sign the Friendship Pad at the end of each pew. When all have registered, please return it so that we may greet each other by name at the close of the service. We invite our visitors to complete the guest card found in the pew rack and to wear the adhesive label. Thank you.

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OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory Anthem *My Song Will Be For You Forever* David Haas, 1995
(The congregation is invited to join on the Refrain – SEE MUSIC INSERT)

Soloists: Kris Kelly, Scott Johnson Scott Brown, flute

Summer Choir and Congregation

* **Doxology** (All Sing) Old Hundredth

**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. Amen.**

* **Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication** (Head Usher)

God who is always with us, we know that we have so much and that you have given it to us for a purpose. May we recognize our responsibility and by the Power of your Spirit learn to be good stewards of both what we have given and what we have kept. Amen.

• **GREETING OUR NEIGHBOR AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

WILL YOU ALL NOW GREET YOUR NEIGHBORS, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST'S RECONCILIATION AMONG ALL GOD'S PEOPLE.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 343** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*
Beecher

CHARGE, BENEDICTION Dr. Woodbury

The Grace of God is upon us. The Son of God has shown us The Way. We are one in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. By God's great mercy we have been given the chance for a new birth from above. Go out now and together do God's work.

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Micah 6:8, Jim Strathdee, 1986

(All Sing as directed)

1. (MEN) What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?
(Repeat)

2. (ALTO) Just - - - - - ice, kind - - - - - ness, walk - - - - - humbly with your God.
(Repeat)

* **POSTLUDE**