

The Service Of Worship

10:45 a.m.

January 20, 2008

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering

WORDS OF GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Have you understood God's thoughts toward us?

Have you listened to glad news of deliverance?

We are here to receive God's message.

Our hearts are open to the Word we will hear.

Listen, all who are near and all who are far away;

God is calling us as servants and as saints.

Usually we do not think of ourselves in that way.

We resist lowly roles, but we do not aspire to sainthood.

Do not be afraid to serve God with your whole being.

Neither fear the call to join the saints of Jesus Christ.

We trust that God will strengthen us for our tasks.

We are ready to be led into new responsibilities.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (UNISON)

How awesome it is, O Holy One, to sense that you have chosen us for great responsibilities. You give us as a light to the nations, so your salvation may reach the ends of the earth. Grant that we may reflect,

- ♦ **The Task Force for the Future, the Session, and the congregation**, as we move forward in planning for the future of our church.

Announcements...

- * We welcome **The Rev. C. Davis Young** to the pulpit today.
- * **Chronicles Deadline** is Thursday, January 24.
- * The **Prayer Chain** is available for any concerns. Contact Mary Janet Douglass at (913) 299-3138.

* Scriptures:

Jan. 27: Isa. 9:1-4; Ps. 27:1, 4-9; 1 Cor. 1:10-18; Matt. 4:12-23

Feb. 3: Exod. 24:12-18; Ps. 2 or Ps. 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21;
Matt. 17:1-9

Feb. 10 Gen. 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Ps. 32; Rom. 5:12-19; Matt. 4:1-11

Feb. 17 Gen. 12:1-4a; Ps. 121; Rom. 4:1-55, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Feb. 24 Exod. 17:1-7; Ps. 95; Rom. 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

* Upcoming Pulpit Supply:

January 27 — The Rev. George McCall

February 3, 10, 17 — The Rev. Ron Patton

A Partnership of Prayer for Heartland Presbytery

First Presbyterian Church, Pleasant Hill, MO

The Rev. Madeline Mercer, Temporary Pastor

Ms. Allison Snyder, Clerk of Session

First Presbyterian Church, Pleasanton, KS

Ms. Sarah Butler, Commissioned Lay Pastor

Ms. Verna Bright, Clerk of Session

*HYMN #263 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #535 “Go With Us Lord”
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Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Though this and every coming day.
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.

*THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
Peace be with you.

POSTLUDE

Preacher

The Rev. C. Davis Young

Lector

Nancy Bessent

Children’s Sermon

Peggy Longstaff

Keyboard

Joleen Welker

Ushers

Mary Janet Douglass
Doris Frazier

Our Prayers are With...

and not block, the illuminating grace you intend for all whose lives we touch and the multitudes we will never know. We need this hour of worship to strengthen our resolve and equip us to represent you well. Amen

*HYMN #439 “In Christ There Is No East or West”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

We come back to you, O Holy One, to renew our commitment. We confess that pride has led us to embrace false gods. We spend more time with our hobbies than with your cause. We pay more attention to our toys than to your truth. Your law is no longer in our hearts. We have neglected the spiritual gifts entrusted to us. We have forgotten that we have been named and baptized and commissioned for service. O God, bring us back to yourself.

(Silent Confession)

Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Litany: Youth, Young Adults and the Civil Rights Movement

Excerpt from the 13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
January 10, 2007, Presbyterian Center Atrium

We have come a long way on the journey to justice for all people, but a hard journey still remains. We give thanks for the children, youth and young adults who have helped challenge and guide us thus far on the way.

The journey continues, and their examples and

voices inspire us in the struggle. We remember and give thanks:

For Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, whose public roles in the struggle for justice and equality began in Montgomery when Martin was 26 and Coretta was 28;

For those who participated in Freedom Rides, the March on Washington and campaigns for voting rights in Mississippi;

For those who endured internment during World War II; for all who supported legal challenges to the internment policies;

For all engaged in efforts to achieve justice for farmworkers and all workers;

For those involved in the Trail of Broken Treaties protest and other campaigns seeking civil rights for indigenous people;

For the youth and young adults who integrated schools and colleges;

For those who participated in sit-ins and other nonviolent direct actions;

For those who care for migrants entering the United States and who seek comprehensive reform of U.S border and immigration policies;

All: We thank you for our sisters and brothers who have participated in the struggle for justice and equality in the past and who engage in that struggle today. As we give thanks for their witness, we”rededicate ourselves to the long and bitter—but beautiful—struggle for a new world.” This is our calling as God’s children. Our sisters and brothers await our response.

The Word

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

pg. 679 OT, pew Bible

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Lamb of God”

TWILA PARIS

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:29-42

pg. 92 NT, pew Bible

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“The Witness Chain”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord’s Prayer (“debts” and “debtors”)

*HYMN # “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory

*Response #577 “Glory Be to the Father”

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

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Sending