

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2006

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING

The Prelude

“Bread of the World in Mercy Broken”

Mercy Bartlett

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

We are gathered here as one community of God.
**united in love and compassion by Christ Who offers
us freedom from sin.**

Are we really ready to be chosen, blessed, broken and shared with others?

**Let us receive the blessings
and prepare ourselves for the coming of God’s new kingdom.**

There we shall renew our faith
and witness God’s loving will for us, as God is our refuge, our strength.

The Prayer of Adoration

Our praise is a song to You, O God of strength, and shouts of joy are our praise of the God of everlasting love. We raise our voices and lift our hearts to resound the adoration of Your greatness. Praising You makes us glad all the days of our lives. In the beauty of holiness we adore You, O God – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all. Amen.

*The Hymn 482

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

The Prayer of Confession

God of righteousness, You always seek us with Your persistent mercy. Yet we confess that we harden our hearts and turn away, breaking faith with You and with one another. In Your mercy, forgive our sinful ways. Melt our hearts of stone, turn us once again, and welcome us into the warmth of Your embrace as Your children and as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, the pioneer of our salvation.. .(time for silent confession).. .

*The Choral Response

“Lord, Teach Us How to Pray”

*The Assurance of Pardon

*The Gloria Patri

p. 579 in the Hymnal

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**
(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.
Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The *Old Testament* Lesson: *Esther 7:1-6, 9-10*

p. 554 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 124*

p. 703 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

Carl Schalk

The *Epistle* Lesson: *James 5:13-20*

p. 280 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 461

“God Is Here!”

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 9:38-50*

p. 55 in the pew Bible

The Communion Meditation

“The Generosity of God”
The Rev. Dr. Syngman Rhee

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

*The *Nicene Creed*

p. 15 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Dedication

The Service of Offering

The Gathering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

“Prayer for Communion”

Hugh Livingston

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER. . .

The Presbyterian Church welcomes everyone baptized in the name of Jesus Christ to partake of the sacrament of Communion.

*The Communion Hymn 515

“Now to Your Table Spread”

The Invitation

The Call To Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

. . . we proclaim your greatness and sing your praise:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of Power and Might,
Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest . . .
. . . Gladly we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. . .

The Lord’s Prayer
The Communion

p. 16 in the Hymnal

(As you receive the elements, after a moment of reflection,
you may partake of the sacrament in your own time.)

The Prayer After Communion

We thank you for Jesus, holy God, who was not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters. In Christ you have joined sisters and brothers in a holy bond of peace to one another for service to the whole world. In our gratitude, help us proclaim your name to all our neighbors so that they and we may greet one another as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Amen.

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*The Hymn 423

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Postlude

“A Song of Jubilant Praise!”

David Paxton