

The Service for the Lord's Day

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2008

GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn of Prayer # 474 **“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

DORSEY

Verse 1

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you.

We hear the news of the boundless riches of Christ and our hearts sing for joy.

God reveals the mysteries of the ages for those who wait.

The light of Christ illumines our way. Come, let us walk in the light of God!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts.
Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that all people may know the glorious liberty
of all the children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

***Hymn # 145**

“Morning Has Broken”

FARJEON

*Call to Confession

The Good News of God's great love for us means that we have received the gift

of reconciliation and new life. Confident now of the Gospel promise that we have been welcomed into the family of faith and peace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

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*Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us, Lord, for we know our guilt;
our sin is before us.**

**In our hearts seeds of discord grow:
fear, covetousness, anger.**

**We exercise power without humility,
knowledge without wisdom.**

Merciful God, teach us obedience and faith.

**Help us to see your hand at work in the world:
guiding us to wholeness,
tending us in love.**

*Sung Response

Lord Have Mercy

KYRIE

Christ Have Mercy

Lord Have Mercy

*Assurance of Pardon

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

If any one sins, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous;

and he is the expiation for our sins,
and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Thanks be to God. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri

First Scripture Reading

Romans 11:1-2a;29-36

Anthem

“Heavenly Sunlight”

RED

THE WORD

A Moment With The Children

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 15:21-28

(Children Dismissed to Kid's Church)

Sermon “On The Losing Side of An Argument”

Marc Sherrod

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and

Redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace

equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the

sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose

of worship and service.

We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and

in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters.

We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Introduction to the Offering

Let us return to God a portion of the abundance which God has given us.

Freely we have received, freely let us give.

Offering

“Holy Manna”

MOORE

*Offertory Resp #140

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

CHISHOLM

Chorus

THE SENDING FORTH

*Hymn # 368

“My Hope Is Built”

MOTE

*Charge

*Benediction

*Congregational Resp # 367

“He Touched Me”

GAITHER

Chorus

*Postlude

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

MONTGOMERY

**ALL who are able, please stand.*

Kingston United Methodist Church

and

Bethel Presbyterian Church

~ two communities of faith coming together,
for fellowship, study and service . . .
seeking God's peace, justice and love ~



TO OUR GUESTS, we extend a warm welcome from Kingston United Methodist and Bethel Presbyterian Churches. We have covenanted together for 2008 to share in worship, fellowship, study and service. We invite you to participate in signing the Friendship Folders (Green for Methodist – Blue for Presbyterian), adding your address and phone number and please note if you would like to receive a church newsletter or a pastoral call. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say "sins...sin against us" rather than "debts..." or "trespasses..."; prayer requests can be noted on the cards provided in the pew racks, please put those in the offering plates and both churches will be notified of your request. We are glad you are with us. Please worship with us again!

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Rev. Donald Morris - Pastor
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