

# The Service for the Lord's Day

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 2008

## GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Hymn of Preparation # 657

“This is the Day.”

PSALM

118:24

#### \*Chiming of the Hour

#### \*Call to Worship

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth!

**Worship the Lord with gladness!**

Come into God's presence with singing!

**Enter the courts of the Lord with praise!**

#### \*Prayer of the Day

BENEDICT OF NURSIA

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you,  
wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you.

Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you;

eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word;

a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you;

through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### \*Hymn # 170

“O How I Love Jesus”

WHITFIELD

#### \*Call to Confession

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel, says the Lord:

I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts;

And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

I will forgive their evil deeds, and remember their sin no more.

In penitence and faith, let us confess our sins to almighty God.

#### \*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you know our weaknesses,

Fearful of the future,

we forget what you have done for us in the past.

We see scarcity where you supply abundance.

We complain when conditions challenge us,

We begrudge others their success,

allow envy to divide us,

and live lives that are unworthy of the gospel,

Generous God, forgive us,

Help us to remember your wonderful works,

trust your gracious provisions,

seek out your presence,

and strive side-by-side with others to serve you well. **For Jesus' sake. Amen.**

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

WESLEY

Love divine, all loves excelling,

Joy of heaven to earth come down,

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,

All Thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus Thou art all compassion,

Pure, unbounded love Thou art;

Visit us with Thy salvation,

Enter every trembling heart.

**Thanks be to God In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

#### \*Gloria Patri

**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.**

#### Stewardship Message

Stan Cook

#### Anthem

“Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace”

Handbell Choir

#### Special Presentation

Jeremiah Jacks

#### First Scripture Reading

**Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45**

#### A Moment with the Children

Regina Little

**THE WORD**

**Second Scripture Reading**

**Philippians 1:21-30**

**Sermon**

**“Progress and Joy”**

Marc Sherrod

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Introduction to the Offering**

Let us return to God the offerings  
of our life and the gifts of the earth.  
The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.  
the one who sows bountifully  
will also reap bountifully.

**Offering**

**“Give Me Strength, O Lord”**

WARRINER

**\*Offertory Response**  
100<sup>th</sup>

**“Doxology”**

OLD

**Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow  
Praise Him All Creatures Here Below  
Praise Him Above Ye Heavenly Host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**THE SENDING FORTH**

**\*Hymn # 381**

**“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**  
*vs. 1,3-4*

THRUPP

**\*Charge**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response # 431**

**“Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

WORLD PEACE

**Postlude**

**“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

LOWE

**\* ALL who are able please stand.**

Services of Ecumenical Worship

**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!



*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of Church Cargile &  
Joshua Jackson’s mutual birthdays – September 22<sup>nd</sup>*

Kingston United Methodist Church  
Rev. Donald Morris - Pastor

Bethel Presbyterian Church  
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Debbie Hyder – Parish Nurse  
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