

*** THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Tune-Hymn 455)

Eternal are your mercies, God; your truth stands ever high and broad: Alleluia! Alleluia! Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia, alleluia!

*** THE HYMN 412** *Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds* (verses 1, 2, and 4)

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *Great Lord God! Thy Kingdom Shall Endure* Handel



Christopher A. Henry
Associate Pastor

Walter Huff
Organist/Choirmaster

WORSHIP AUGUST 22, 2010

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thank you for making sure your cell phone is off during the worship hour.

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*Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship. Should you find that your child grows restless, there is child care available. Infants are cared for in the Nursery in Room 105, toddlers 18 months through two years in Room 012.*

- Elder on call: Leslie Prince 770.377.0027
- Deacon on call: Bill Smith 404.438.6319
- Ushers: Jill and Jack Klotz, Kim Perez, and Shari Tant
- Coffee and Conversation Host: JoAnn Bertrand
- Greeters: Sanda and Bill Means
- Counters: Daisy Ottmann and Jim Armstrong
- Infant Volunteer: Laura Fillyaw
- Toddler/Two's Volunteer: Joan Starks
- Three, Four, and Five's Volunteers: Doug & Heather Scribner
- K-1st Grade Volunteers: Jim and Melanie McKelvey
- 2nd-3rd Grade Volunteer: Mary Michael
- Fellowship: Carolyn and Greg Morton

**Staff**

- Christopher Henry .....Associate Pastor/Acting Head of Staff
- Mary Miller Brueggemann.....Pastoral Assistant
- Robert Gray.....Assistant to the Minister
- Walter Huff.....Organist/Choirmaster
- Melinda Sandkam .....Program Director
- Sarah Tomaka.....Preschool Director
- Brittney Jaynes.....Children's Choir Director
- Anna Best.....Office Administrator
- Ann Benson.....Office Assistant
- Randy Young.....Facilities Manager
- Gus Restrepo.....Sexton

**THE GATHERING**

Mary Miller Brueggemann

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

**THE PRELUDE**

Walter Huff, organist

**\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you.  
People: **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy. For you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

Leader: Let the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you.  
People: **The earth has yielded its increase; let all the ends of the earth revere the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God whose saving power is known among all the nations.  
-from Psalm 67

**\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 220** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

*\*(The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.)*

## THE CALL TO CONFESSION

### THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Creator, you made us in your image so that we may love and be loved by you. You call us into right relationship with other people and all the world so that we may be channels of your peace. We sometimes forget who you made us to be. We do not love you with our whole hearts and minds. We do not love others as we love ourselves. By our actions and inactions, by our words and silence, we turn away from you. As a people we fail to live together with justice and compassion to which you call us. Forgive us, we pray, and turn us toward you from this day forward. We turn to you in silent prayer...

**A MOMENT OF SILENCE** *(for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession)*

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn 280)

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

### \* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Children ages 2-11 are invited to leave after the Baptisms for special classes. Three through five-year-olds are in Room 011; K - 1st grade in Room 001; 2nd - 3rd grade in Room 003; 4th - 7th grade Room 005.)*

### THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*(Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue friendship register pad and pass it down the pew.)*

### THE MINUTE MESSAGE

Tom Daniel

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome these children into Christ's church. We are the family of God for we are all one in Christ.

### THE CHORAL RESPONSE

*This is the Fountain of Life*

Curt Oliver

### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 56:6-8

David York

(page 645 in the pew Bible)

### THE ANTHEM

*Thou All Transcendent Deity*

Palestrina

Thou all transcendent Deity, enshrined in hidden mystery, whose majesty no eye may see, our hearts in wonder turn to Thee. Our hearts in stillness wait for Thee. Thou all in-dwelling mystery, the life of all on land and sea, of bird and flower, all one with Thee. Our hearts in stillness wait for Thee. Open our hearts to welcome Thee. Amen.

### THE SECOND LESSON

John 3:1-17

(page 88 in the pew Bible)

### THE SERMON

*Burning Questions for 21st Century Christians*

Christopher Henry

Sermon II: "Who Will Be Saved? A Theology of World Religions"

*Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. John 3:17*

### \* THE HYMN 269

*O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand*

### \* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

- from the Iona Abbey Community of Scotland

**With the whole church, we affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, and empowered by the Spirit. With people everywhere, we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong. With all creation, we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world. Amen.**

### THE OFFERTORY

*Chichester Psalms (3rd movement-Adonai, Adonai)*

Leonard Bernstein

(sung in Hebrew)

Lord, Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty, neither do I exercise myself in great matters or in things too wonderful for me. Surely I have calmed and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother, my soul is even as a weaned child. Let Israel hope in the Lord from henceforth and forever. Behold how good, and how pleasant it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity.

- from Psalm 131; Psalm 133, v.1