

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 25, 2010

11:00am

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

THE PRELUDE

Joanna Bailey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

KC Clarke

MINUTE FOR MISSION

+CALL TO WORSHIP

after Psalm 23:1-2

L- *The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.*

P- I have discovered that I am not alone; that help is always at hand. I have learned by hearing and by doing that I will never really be in need of anything.

L- *He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;*

P- When I find myself at peace and infused with tranquility, I realize that I have left off leading myself and turned it all over to the Shepherd.

+HYMN OF PRAISE 274 O God of Earth and Space

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, all of this is far too much to consider. It is better that we not try to number all of the ways that, through thought and act, or thoughtlessness and inaction, we have failed you. It is easier for us to live in denial, especially when we are responsible for the pain of other people. Forgive our unwillingness to be accountable for by ignoring our wrongs, we cannot embrace repentance. Clearly we need your help. Help us! Forgive us!

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L- *Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The people may move about the sanctuary offering and receiving the peace of Jesus Christ from each other.

A FAVORITE HYMN

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Grant again O God, open hearts and minds that are alert, souls that search for Spirit and embrace the arrival of that same Spirit in wisdom and in truth. Amen

A LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Acts 9:36-43

THE SERMON Generation upon Generation Rev. Don Smith

+HYMN 477 Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

+THE CREED from A Brief Statement of Faith II. 52-79

L- *We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.*

P- The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believes in the one body of Christ, the Church.

L-The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

P- In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

L- In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

ALL- With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE SERVICE OF GIVING

The Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Signing the Friendship Register

+THE DOXOLOGY

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE ANTHEM Bring Forth the Kingdom

Spenser

+THE CHARGE

+THE BENEDICTION

+ THE POSTLUDE

+ All who are able may stand