

Order of Worship for Sunday Morning

10:00 a.m. – August 1, 2010

Today's speaker: Kurt Imbach -- Worship Assistant: Charles Gordanier

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praise and Preparation

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

People: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.
(Ps. 33:20-22)

Leader: God is faithful, rewarding those who keep their hope strong, who are tenacious and enduring.

People: Trusting in the mercy and goodness of God, we come to offer praise with rejoicing, and to pray with boldness and persistence.

*HYMN #138 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Confession and Pardon

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God is our salvation, his name is glorious. Through him we are forgiven. Through him we are delivered. Let us humbly confess our sins and find new life...

ALL: Lord Jesus, we need your teaching about persistence as you did your first disciples. We are too often careless and inattentive in our relationship with you. When we are inconsistent in worship attendance, the sense of closeness and intimacy with you wanes. When we fail to regularly sit before you, we miss the blessing of your inspired word, which confronts and strengthens us. We too easily become discouraged in prayer when you seem to be distant and silent, when we feel our cries are echoing back to us unanswered. The words and ways of the world seem more accessible, and we may even entertain the temptation to give up on discipleship. Forgive our failure to keep faith and persist, learn and grow in relationship with you.

(Silence is kept for personal confession . . .)

All Sing: "Create in Me"

Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might be renewed.

So fill me, and heal me, and bring me back to you.

Create in me, a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LOVING FORGIVENESS

Leader: Our sins continue to haunt us and destroy our peace, but God's grace lifts us from the pit of self-condemnation. Through the sacrifice of Jesus, we are assured and reassured that we are forgiven and set free. Praise God who, with persistent love, seeks and finds us and gives us new life.

***People: singing...** (*"Gloria Patria"*) - Hymnal #579

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. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: With a handshake or a hug, let us greet one another with words and signs of Christ's peace.

(Congregation shares the Peace of Christ with one another.)

***Singing in response:** *"Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart"*

- Red Songbook, #251

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart, Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart. And whatever you do, in word or deed, Do it all in the name of the Lord; Giving thanks, giving thanks to God, through Christ, the Lord, Giving thanks, giving thanks to God, through Christ, the Lord."

Witness of the Word

GOD'S WORD IN THE PSALMS

Psalm 85:8-13 (*Old Test., p. 543*)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" *with Soloist Joshua Elliott by Perronet*

GOD'S WORD IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Col. 2:6-10, 16-23 (*New Test., p. 200*)

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

"We Need to Stay on Track"

*RESPONSE HYMN #359 "More Love to Thee"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*see bulletin insert*)

THE INSTITUTION

SHARING THE GIFT

The Bread – please eat the bread as you receive it, showing Christ’s death for you

The Cup – please hold the cup that we may all drink it at one time, showing the unity of all Christians in their risen Lord.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*see bulletin insert*)

Response to God’s Word

OFFERING OURSELVES IN SERVICE TO GOD

Offertory

***Offering Presentation:** “We Give Thee but Thine Own” Blue Hymnal #592

*We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

***Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

Lord Jesus, you have taught us that our creator has many children different from us, in race or color, social or economic standing, health or opportunity, many of them suffering this very day. We make our offering not only for those who know you as we do, but for any child of God in need. Bless this money and us who share it gladly.

***CLOSING HYMN #49** “Be Still and Know” Red Songbook

*BENEDICTION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (“I Come with Joy” - Hymn #507, vs. 1, 5)

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free.

In awe and wonder to recall His life laid down for me.

His life laid down for me.

Together met, together bound, we’ll go our different ways.

And as His people in the world, we’ll live and speak His praise.

We’ll live and speak His praise.

*POSTLUDE

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Please stand if you are able

