

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Chapel Windows* Richard Blake

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

LIFE AND WORK OF GOD'S PEOPLE

STRIKING OF THE BELL AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(11:00am)

ACOLYTES Katherine Boushelle and Emma Hewat

INTROIT (11:00 am) *Come, O Holy Spirit, Come* trad. Nigerian

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Hear, all people, the Sovereign One is God;
whose commandments and promises are sure.
**Teach us your statutes, O God,
and grant understanding that we may keep them.**
You shall love God with all your heart,
with all your soul, mind, and strength.
**We love in response to God's steadfast love
and rejoice in the new life Christ offers.**
God's love prompts us to love ourselves aright
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
**We will write these laws on our hearts
and teach them to our children.**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN *All That Dwells Below the Skies* PH 229

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Turn us, O God, from our vanities
so we may value the gifts you have given
and number ourselves among your children.
We confess that we have nursed our egos
in ways that are destructive and judged others
rather than loving them.
We live moment by moment
as if there were no eternal values,
and deny your presence by our inattention.
Forgive us, O God, and call us back to your ways.
(silent confession)**

*KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy, upon us.
Christ, have mercy, upon us.
Lord, have mercy, upon us.*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

PH 579

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:1-12

ANTHEM

Simple Gifts

arr. John Coates, Jr.
Mary Mann, soprano

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be;
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

Refrain

*When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed;
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come out right.*

'Tis the gift to be gentle, 'tis the gift to be fair,
'Tis the gift to wake and breathe the morning air;
And ev'ry day to walk in the path we choose,
'Tis the gift that we pray we may n'er come to lose.

Refrain

'Tis the gift to be loving, 'tis the best gift of all,
Like a quiet rain, it blesses where it falls;
And if we have the gift, we will truly believe
'Tis better to give than it is to receive.

Refrain

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

SERMON *How Do We Nurture in the Faith?*

Rev. Barry Williams

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

PH 15

*HYMN (11:00am)

I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry

from Sing the Faith

2051

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (11:00 am)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Delight in Praise

James Southbridge

*DOXOLOGY

PH 592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Receive from us, O God, the best we have to give.
All we have comes from you. We return a portion with joy
to accomplish the work we intend to do together in your
name. We bring ourselves as well, to be blessed by you,
so that while we are apart our words and deeds will continue
to be a significant offering. May our lives praise you! Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30am)

SENDING

*HYMN

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

PH 498

{Please bring your CEO (Cooperative Emergency Outreach) donations
Forward to the communion table during the last hymn.}

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Once more we have heard God's commandments
and witnessed promises that are sure.
**We have listened to God, teaching us to love,
and have learned anew the depth of God's care.**
Love God with all your heart, soul, and might,
and love your neighbor as yourself.
**The whole of God's law is in these verses;
we long to make them real in our lives.**
God writes these laws on our hearts
and grants us power to live them out.
**We will carry them with us
and will teach them to our children.**
Amen.
Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00 am)

Lord, Make Us Instruments

trad. African

POSTLUDE *Postlude on Two American Folk Hymns* Chas. Callahan

*Please stand as you are able.

Please register your attendance on the Friendship pad.

WELCOME GUESTS, we pray that our worship together will strengthen
and nurture our faith. If you are seeking a church home, please feel free
to learn more about First United Presbyterian Church by speaking to a
minister, a staff member, or a member of Session.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP PACKETS are available in the Narthex. These
include activity sheets, crayons and bookmarks.

PROFESSIONAL NURSERY CARE is provided in lower level Calvin.

**MEMBERSHIP IN FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—All are
invited** to unite with the church by profession of faith, reaffirmation of
faith, or transfer of church letter. If you have questions, please do not
hesitate to contact one of the pastors or the church office (442-4411).