

HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 27, 2008

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fairfax Fair

ORGAN MEDITATION: Conditor Alme Siderum
Robert Lee, Organ

Plainsong

INTROIT: Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Wesley

Amanda Boyd, Soprano; Robin Sutherland, Mezzo-Soprano;
Rob Carlson, Tenor; Edward Caruthers, Baritone

CALL TO WORSHIP

9:30 Vernon Broyles /11:00 Dani Lacy

Leader: Jesus says, "You did not choose me, but I chose you."

People: **Jesus appoints us to go forth and do his work.**

Leader: Jesus says, "If you love me you will keep my commandments."

People: **In God's strength let us worship God, thus showing our love for God and one another.**

† **HYMN NO. 495:** We Know That Christ Is Raised

Engelberg

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lenna Soltau

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of all, we confess that we often are timid with our faith. We fail to speak up despite opportunities to testify to your grace. We shirk our responsibilities as your disciples. We allow evil to run unchecked, and are hesitant to show your love and justice in ways that are bold and faithful. Forgive our cowardice and strengthen us in our resolve to serve you unflinchingly. We ask it in Jesus' name.

Silent Prayers

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. As far as the east is from the west, so far does God in Jesus Christ remove our sin from us. Accept God's forgiveness and know God's peace.

People: **Alleluia! Amen.**

† **RESPONSE**, Hymn No. 317:

Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness [Stanza 2]

Geneva

HYMN No. 304: (11:00)

Jesus Loves Me!

Bible Buddies may leave at this time.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 9:30 Tucker Thomas/ 11:00 Ryan Perry

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31 (N. T., page 137)

One: Through these words, may we hear the Word of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: (9:30) One Spirit, One Church

Kevin Keil

Chancel Choir

(11:00) Shout for Joy

Stan Pethel

Covenant and Calvin Choirs; Mary Rapier, Piano

SECOND READING: I Peter 3:8-9, 13-17 (N. T., page 234)

SERMON: "A Charge to Keep"

Dr. Fair

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (9:30)

(From The Theological Declaration of Barmen)

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine that there are areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him. We affirm that the church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead.

‡ *HYMN NO. 344*: Christ of the Upward Way Sursum Corda

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS and SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Maren Schikler

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Sonatina in D Major Muzio Clementi

Lenna Soltau, Piano

‡ ***DOXOLOGY***, Hymn No.139:

Come, Thou Almighty King Italian Hymn

To Thee, great One in Three, The highest praises be,

Hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty

May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.

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‡ ***PRAYER OF DEDICATION*** (unison)

Gracious God, you give us every good gift. We come before you as grateful people, humbled by your generosity toward us. It is our privilege to bring these gifts to you. Accept them, we pray, and use them to show your love and mercy to all people. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

‡ ***HYMN NO. 343***: Called as Partners in Christ's Service Beecher

‡ ***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION***

‡ ***RESPONSE***, Hymn No. 432:

Canto de Esperanza (Song of Hope) Argentina

POSTLUDE: Duke Street John Hatton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy and Dennis Robertson, by their daughter, Dorissa Falk and family.

GREETERS this morning for 11:00 are Brad and Laura Devlin and Betty Smith.

USHERS this morning for 9:30 are Cedric Denny, Ken Burgess, Mike and Maureen Kirk, and Marcia Murphy; ushers for 11:00 are Terry Fontenot, Sandy Gulick, J. C. Compton, Susan Lawler, Grover Potts, and Laura Walters.

SPECIAL THANKS to Amanda Boyd, Rob Carlson, Edward Caruthers, Robert Lee, Mary Rapier, Robin Sutherland, and Lenna Soltau for blessing us in worship with their musical leadership this morning.

THE ISSUES CLASS invites you to join them each Sunday at 9:30 a.m., in the dining hall.

April 27: Congressman Ron Mazzoli will speak on “The Political Landscape for Spring 2008.”

May 4 – NO ISSUES CLASS.

May 11: Phyllis EagleTree, church member/photographer/writer, will speak about “Choices and Fulfillment” based on her book, *Roll the Wheel: The Abundant Life and Wisdom of Mae Phillips*.

May 18 – Please join us for an “Issues Class Roundtable,” to discuss presentations you have enjoyed in the past and to participate in planning next fall’s schedule. Bring your ideas for speakers or topics for a series, and let us know of any speakers you would contact on our behalf. If you can’t make this session, email your suggestions to (lethridge@ackersonlegal.com.)

CONFIRMANDS who met with and were received by the Session at its meeting on April 16 are: Meagan Anderson, Dani Lacy, Ryan Perry, Maren Schikler, and Lenna Soltau. Being baptized this morning are Meagan Anderson, Ryan Perry, and Lenna Soltau.

PEG HARVIN – At the April 21 stated meeting of Presbytery, moderated by our own Kathy Lancaster, our member, Peg Harvin, was recognized and honored for her life-long contributions to the ministries of Highland Presbyterian Church and God’s greater world. Congratulations, Peg!

PRAYER LIST -- Please remember in your thoughts and prayers Paul Frelick, John Goldsborough, Sally Riggs, and all others who are dealing with long-term illnesses and grief.

LIKE JACOB’S WELL, the history book of Highland Presbyterian Church written by Bill and Linda Raymond Ellison, has arrived! The book contains 280 pages, 160 historic photos and illustrations, and 50 color pictures of our 125th anniversary celebration. This is the story of our church, its people and their relationship with their world. Its stories include some surprising people with whom we worship every week. You can pick up your copy (or copies) in the Fellowship Hall today or in the church office during the week. Cost is only \$25.

HYMNODY TODAY – The opening hymn [#495 - We Know That Christ Is Raised] was written by John Brownlow Geyer in 1967 and was published in 1969. The text is based on Romans 6. The tune, ENGELBERG, was composed by Charles Villiers Stanford for the text, For all the Saints. The hymn of commitment [#344 - Christ of the Upward Way] was written by Walter John Mathams as a hymn for youth in around 1915 and was published in 1928. It is loosely based on Philippians 3:14. The tune, SURSUM CORDA, was composed by George Lomas for another text. The closing hymn [#343 - Called as Partners in Christ’s Service] was written by Jane Parker Huber in 1981 for the Women’s Breakfast at the General Assemblies of the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and the Presbyterian Church U.S. held concurrently in Houston, Texas. The tune, BEECHER, was composed by John Zundel and published in 1870. It is named for Henry Ward Beecher, pastor of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn.

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MEN'S BREAKFAST meets every Thursday morning at 7:00. Reservations are needed for this first Thursday of the month; please call the church office, 451-2910, and join us for breakfast, prayer and fellowship with your friends.

THE GOSPEL CHOIR begins rehearsals this afternoon from 4 - 5 p.m. in the sanctuary. The choir will lead worship on Sunday, May 18. Please contact Frank Heller at 451-2910, ext 239 or fahiii@aol.com to participate or for more information.

ARE YOU NUTS?? If so, then please join the rest of us who've got "Nicaragua Under the Skin." We're looking for people who want to help us fulfill the partnership commitment that HPC has made to the tiny village of Mirazul del Llano. (Participating in this group does NOT commit you to go on the next mission trip!) If you've got enthusiasm, a sense of adventure, great fundraising ideas, or just acute curiosity, please let Lloyd or Stacy Croft know you want to get involved: 485-1246 or stacyc@insightbb.com.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION, a monthly discussion group sponsored by Second and Highland Presbyterian Churches, invites you to join them on Tuesday, May 6, 11:30 a.m., at Vincenzo's (105 S. 5th Street, The Courtyard Room). Lunch (buffet, salad and entree, dessert and iced tea) costs \$12 (includes gratuity). The speaker will be The Rev. Dr. Cláudio Carvalhaes, Assistant Professor of Worship and Preaching at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. His topic is "The Unattended Rituals of Our Daily Lives." If you plan to attend, please notify Ann or Ivan Schell by Monday, May 5, either by phone (894-8440) or email (adschell@bellsouth.net).

RED ALERT -- PENTECOST IS COMING MAY 11 -- WEAR SOMETHING RED! In just two weeks on Sunday, May 11, everyone is encouraged to wear something red as we celebrate the birthday of the church!!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is "Rainforest Adventure." The Adventure can be enjoyed by potty-trained 3's through 5th graders, and registration forms are now available through the church office or on Sunday mornings. Volunteers are asked to contact Ann Holmes, 452-1444, or Shannon Brunner, 896-6073.

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR of Second Presbyterian Church (3701 Old Brownsboro Road) invites you to a free concert, **Requiem**, by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart this afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

THE HISTORICAL JESUS and His Parables – Dr. Perry V. Kae, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at the University of Indiana, will speak on this topic at the Biblical Studies Class of Second Presbyterian Church this evening from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All who are interested are cordially invited to attend.

PRESBYTERIAN HOMES OF LOUISVILE (2116 Buechel Bank Road) invites you to join them on Thursday, May 1, for an outside Derby Party from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be fun, food, and races in the parking lot of Rose Anna Hughes! On Friday, May 9, a Mother's Day Tea will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Rose Anna Hughes dining room (for residents and their families).

A BENEFIT CONCERT, JAMnesty, to raise money for and awareness about the Darfur conflict in the Sudan, will be held on Thursday, May 1, at The Temple on Brownsboro Road from 5:30 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. Such artists as John Gage and Harry Pickens will perform during the night.

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH will have a Service Blitz this summer on Wednesday-Friday, June 4-6. We will spend the first two days doing service projects for New Directions Housing Corp and the Neighborhood House. Then on Friday, we will have a day for fun and play at Holiday World. We need adult drivers and chaperones for these three days. Please contact Lisa Thompson, 426-3061, to volunteer.

HCM HAS BEEN AWARDED two weekly season tickets to the 37th Ryder Cup at Valhalla Golf Club, Tuesday-Sunday, September 16-21. Each weekly season ticket allows access to the grounds all six days of the event, a copy of the official Ryder Cup journal, as well as off-site parking and shuttle service to the event. All monies raised will go to support the services of HCM, and the silent auction bidding starts at \$900. If interested in bidding on these two tickets, please email hcmexecu@hotmail.com, or call 451-3695. The deadline for bidding is May 15.