Service for the Lord’s Day
August 8, 2010
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Community of Praise and Prayer
Welcome to worship this morning. If you are a guest, please take advantage of any of our activities or programs, they are open to all, member and friend alike. If you are visiting because of medical treatment at the Clinic we offer our prayers for healing. We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship in the social hall following the 8:30 service and in the foyer following the 10:00 service.

Gathering
Prelude
Count It All Joy with ’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Colleen Adent
Lynn Polk, piano

Our worship begins with the prelude. Let the power of the music speak to you of God’s glory; let its quietness tell you of God’s peace; let its beauty lift your hearts in prayer.

Greeting and Welcome
Prayer and Blessing for a departing member (10:00)
… God has blessed you and made you a blessing in our life together.
You have deepened our joy and lightened our sorrow.
We will miss your love and support,
yet we rejoice that you will now bless others
as you have blessed us.

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship
Create a pure heart in me, O God,
And put a new and loyal spirit in me.
Give me again the joy that comes from your salvation,
And make me willing to obey you.
It was faith that made Abraham obey when God called him.
Grant us that faith, Lord, that we may be found faithful in your sight.

♦ Hymn 458

Call to Reconciliation with God (please be seated)
(8:30) Ruth Saling
(10:00) Heide Buettner
Let us approach God with confidence and hope. God will hear the confessions of our heart and give us comfort. So let us open ourselves to the forgiving spirit of God.

Silent Confession

♦ Please stand if you are able.
Hymns with 3 digits or less are found in the hardcover Presbyterian Hymnal.
Hymns with 4 digits are found in the soft-cover Sing the Faith in the pew rack.
Kyrie 2277

Lord, Have Mercy

SINGAPURA

Unison Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, you call us to paths unknown, inviting us to trust your Spirit’s leading, even when we cannot see the destination. Countless generations have borne witness that you keep your covenant promises; yet we shrink back from your call, trusting more in our own limited wisdom, than in your boundless faithfulness. Forgive our unbelief in your promises. Give us a willing heart to follow your call wherever it leads; grant that we be counted among the faithful, ever testifying of your rich goodness to all who trust in you. Amen.

Words of Life

Hear the Good News! The word of faith which we proclaim is very near to you; It is on our lips and in our hearts. Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be forgiven, according to the grace given in Jesus Christ.

Praise be to God! Amen!

♦ Gloria Patri 138 (st. 1) Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty NICAEA

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another!

The Word

Prayer for Illumination (seated) Lee J. Afdahl

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Anthem All Things Bright and Beautiful Greg Gilpin

Kaylin Polk, soprano; Lynn Polk, piano
Time for Our Young Worshippers

Hymn 2233 Where Children Belong RITCHIE
Youngsters up through third grade may go to room E206 for Children’s Activities.
Pass Prayer Cards to the aisle. An usher will collect them.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia 119 (refrain) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia VICTORY

Message Dressed and Ready To Go Rev. T. J. Parlette

** A Moment for Reflection **

Our Response

♦ Hymn 49 Once in Royal David’s City IRBY
♦ Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional) (page 14 in The Presbyterian Hymnal)

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (using ‘debts’ and ‘debtors’)

Offertory At the Offertory Concerto in G, Movement IV G. P. Telemann
Shea Polk, viola; Lynn Polk, piano

♦ Offertory Response 428 (st. 1) We Give Thee but Thine Own SCHUMANN

♦ Unison Prayer of Dedication
Lord, we present these offerings for the work of your church that it may always be ready to see you and serve you in meeting the needs of people all around us. Amen.

Sending

♦ Hymn 145 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart MARION
♦ Benediction

♦ Response 535 Go with Us, Lord TALLIS’ CANON

Postlude Sing Hallelujah! Mark Hayes
Lynn Polk, piano

Those who wish may be seated for the postlude. Our music is offered to the glory of God; if you want to express your appreciation, a spoken “Amen” or “Praise God” is appropriate.

Some of the service music was written by Lee Afdahl and is published in “Holy Is the Lord” ©2003.
For Your Information

In May we dedicated our pledges to the Debt Reduction Campaign. As of today we’ve received 189 pledge cards and $508,074 toward our goal of 400 cards and $750,000. If you haven’t returned your card yet, please do it as soon as possible. There are extra cards in the pew racks and in the office. Thanks to all of you!

First Presbyterian Church can now be found in Facebook. Find the fan page by searching “First Presbyterian Church (FPC) – Rochester, MN” in Facebook. If you select “like,” you will see regular updates from First Presbyterian in your Facebook news feed.

Among Our Faith Community

Congratulations to Grace Hallman who will celebrate her 95th birthday August 15.

Congratulations to James and Joyce Talen who will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary August 17.

MONDAY – August 16

Deadline for items for the September Good News.

SATURDAY – August 21

FPC Habitat for Humanity team will work from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or whatever hours you’re available). Contact Al Dollerschell (282-5025 or aldoller@aol.com) for the location.

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