

Sunday, March 9, 2008

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:45AM

Welcome to Communion Presbyterian!

(Announcements)

- ♦ Welcome to the worship and celebration of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ! ♦
- ♦ We invite our visitors to sign the Guest Book located on the entry table. Please also visit our information counter. ♦
 - ♦ Children are invited to stay for the entire service; however, we also provide childcare for those who desire it. Please consult an attendant wearing a blue smock for assistance. ♦
- ♦ Today we will observe the Lord's Supper. This sacrament communicates the "true communion" that believers have with God and each other. By participating with us, you are proclaiming to be a baptized and professing disciple of Jesus Christ and a member in "good standing" of a Christian church, a repentant sinner, and a "hope-filled" saint; possessing the faith of a humble child – trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. ♦
 - ♦ May the Lord be honored among us this day. ♦

Preparation for Worship & Canto

***GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP**

Minister – *We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit!*

Congregation – **Amen.**

Minister – *Let us pray.*

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise – O Worship the King # 2**

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

*O tell of His might; O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space,
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.*

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

GOD'S PEOPLE CONFESS THEIR SIN

Minister – *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, first silently before Him and thereafter, together as a congregation.*

Congregation – **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

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GOD CLEANSSES HIS PEOPLE FROM SIN

Minister – *Let each of you truly acknowledge that he is a sinner, humbling himself before God, and believe that the heavenly Father wills to be gracious unto him in Jesus Christ. To all those that repent in this way, and look to Jesus Christ alone for their salvation, in the name of God and by the authority of His word, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Congregation – **Amen.**

Minister – *Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

Congregation – **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Minister – *O Lord, open our lips.*

Congregation – **And our mouth will declare Your praise!**

***Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!*

GOD CONSECRATES HIS PEOPLE

Old Testament Lesson – Ezekiel 37:1–14; 26–28

(God prophesies that He will give His people resurrection life in the New Covenant.)

Reader – *This is the Word of the Lord.* **Congregation** – **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson – Ephesians 2:4–9

(God's people have been spiritually resurrected with Christ to show the exceeding riches of God's grace.)

Reader – *This is the Word of the Lord.* **Congregation** – **Thanks be to You, O Christ.**

Pastoral Prayer with Lord's Prayer

God's Word Preached: Resurrection Past, Present, & Future

(Text: John 11; message by: Pastor Brett Bonecutter)

Hymn of Response – The Spirit Breathes Upon the Word *(Ortonville)*

The Spirit breathes upon the Word, and brings the truth to sight;
Precepts and promises afford, a sanctifying light; a sanctifying light.

*My soul rejoices to pursue the steps of Him I love.
Till glory breaks upon my view, in brighter worlds above;
in brighter worlds above!*

***Confession of Faith – The Apostles' Creed**

Minister – *Communion of Christ, what do you believe?*

Congregation – **I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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GOD COMMUNES WITH HIS PEOPLE

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Words of Administration and Receiving

Please follow the instructions by our presiding pastor and when finished, return your empty cup to the front basket. Thank you.

{Wine is located on the table edge nearest to the cross. Grape juice is on the outside.}

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn of Thanksgiving –**

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

*And now let the weak say "I am strong." Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us; give thanks.*

Offertory – Enough

[Presenting an offering to the Lord is a meaningful act of worship. It demonstrates the sacrifice of thankful hearts by those who have been blessed by Divine provisions! Please pass the offering basket throughout your section toward the back. Thank you.]

You are my supply, my breath of life,
Still more awesome than I know.
You are my reward; worth living for,
Still more awesome than I know.

*All of You, is more than enough for,
All of me, for every thirst and,
Every need, You satisfy me,
With Your love, and all I have in You is more than enough.*

You're my sacrifice of greatest price;
Still more awesome than I know.
You're my coming King; You are everything
Still more awesome than I know.

***Gloria Patri**

*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.*

GOD COMMISSIONS HIS PEOPLE

***Benediction**

Minister – *The peace of the Lord be always with you!*

People – **And also with you!**

Minister – *Let us offer one another a sign of peace.*

[Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship and blessing such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."]

**Those who are able, please stand. – CCLI #2831635*

♦ Please remember to silence all your communication devices. Thank you ♦

♦ Please join us after the service for refreshments & fellowship. A Sunday School time for all ages will follow ♦