

Sunday, April 6, 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 sacrament of baptism. This sacrament is applied to believers and their children as a sign and seal of Christ's renewal and engagement to the one receiving. Children are invited to sit nearby to witness this ceremony. ♦
  - ♦ May the Lord be honored among us this day. ♦

**Preparation for Worship & Canto**

**\*Opening Hymn – O Lord, How Shall We Meet You?** *(St. Theodulph)*

O Lord, how shall we meet You, how welcome You aright?  
Your people long to greet You, our Hope, our heart's Delight!  
O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp of righteousness,  
For those with spirit lowly, upon the Savior rest!

*Love caused Your incarnation, love brought You down to me;  
Your thirst for my salvation, procured my liberty.  
O love beyond all telling, that led You to embrace,  
In love all loves excelling, our lost and fallen race.*

A glorious crown You gave me, a treasure safe on high,  
That will not fail nor leave me, as earthly riches fly.  
My heart shall bloom forever, for You with praises new,  
And from Your Name shall never, withhold the honor due.

**\*Call to Worship – Isaiah 40:8–11**

**Elder** – *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

**Congregation** – **Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;**

**Elder** – *Lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"*

**Congregation** – **Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and His arm rules for Him;**

**Elder** – *Behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him.*

**Congregation** – **He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.**

**\*Prayer of Adoration, Confession, and Assurance of Pardon**

**Song – Blessing, Honor, Glory to the Lamb**

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb,  
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.

*Death could not hold Him down – For He is risen!  
Seated upon His throne, He is the Lamb of God.*

**Old Testament Law – Exodus 3:1–6**

*(The LORD calls the shepherd Moses to become a "shepherd" to Israel.)*

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**Old Testament Prophet – Ezekiel 47:1–10**

*(A vision of the temple and a river which comes from it will revive the land of Israel.)*

**Reader** – *The word of the Lord.*      **Congregation** – **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm – 46:1–5**

*(Ellacombe)*

God is our refuge and our strength, our ever present aid,  
And, therefore, though the earth remove, we will not be afraid;  
Though hills amidst the seas be cast, though foaming waters roar,  
Yea, though the mighty billows shake, the mountains on the shore.

*A river flows whose streams make glad, the city of our God,  
The holy place wherein the Lord, Most High has His abode;  
Since God is in the midst of her, unmoved her walls shall stand,  
For God will be her early help, when trouble is at hand.*

**New Testament Gospel – Luke 5:1–11**

*(Jesus calls Peter to "follow Him," after a miraculous catch of fish.)*

**New Testament Epistle – 1 Peter 5**

*(Peter writes to fellow elders about their role as "shepherds" of God's flock.)*

**Reader** – *The word of the Lord.*      **Congregation** – **Thanks be to God.**

**Offertory – Come Let Us Worship**

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

Come let us worship and bow down,  
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God and Maker *[repeat]*

*For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture,  
And the sheep of His hand — just the sheep of His hand.*

**Affirmation of Faith – 2nd Helvetic Confession (1561)**

**Chapter 17: ...Signs of the True Church** *[edited]*

**Elder** – *... we teach that the true Church is that in which the signs or marks of the true Church are found, especially the lawful and sincere preaching of the Word of God as delivered to us in the books of the prophets and the apostles,*

**All** – **which all lead us unto Christ, who said in the Gospel: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life. A stranger they do not follow, but they flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."** *[John 10:5, 27, 28]*

**Elder** – *And those in the Church have one faith and one spirit; and therefore they worship but one God, and Him alone they worship in spirit and in truth, loving Him alone with all their hearts and with all their strength, praying unto Him alone through Jesus Christ, the only Mediator & Intercessor;*

**All** – **and they do not seek righteousness and life outside Christ and faith in Him. Because they acknowledge Christ the only head and foundation of the Church, and, resting on Him, daily renew themselves by repentance, and patiently bear the cross laid upon them.**

**Elder** – *Moreover, joined together with all the members of Christ by an unfeigned love, they show that they are Christ's disciples by persevering in the bond of peace and holy unity.*

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**All** – **At the same time they participate in the sacraments instituted by Christ, and delivered by His apostles, using them in no other way than as received from the Lord...**

**\*Hymn – My Jesus, I Love Thee**

My Jesus, I love Thee; I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

*I love Thee because Thou has first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

**Sermon:**

**From the Fire**

*(Text: John 21; message by: Rev. Kent Moorlach)*

**Pastoral Prayer with Lord's Prayer, and Elder's Response**

**\*Song of Preparation – Forsaken Once, and Thrice Denied**

Forsaken once, & thrice denied, the risen Lord gave pardon free,  
Stood once again at Peter's side, and asked him, "Dost thou lovest Me?"  
*How many times with faithless word, have we denied His holy Name,  
How oft forsaken our dear Lord; we shrunk from Him when trial came?  
We shrunk from Him when trial came?*

Though oft forsaken, oft denied, forgive our shame, wash out our sin;  
Look on us from Thy Father's side as faithful children Christ did win.  
*Come speak & wake us from our sleep, still walk beside us on the shore,  
The Shepherd's voice to His dear sheep, will follow Thee for evermore!  
Will follow Thee for evermore!*

**Sacrament of Baptism**

*[Please see reverse panel]*

**\*Closing Prayer & Hymn – O Love of God**

The love of God is greater far, than tongue or pen can ever tell;  
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;  
*The guilty pair, bowed down with care; God gave His Son to win;  
His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.*

*O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure; the saints and angels' song.*

Could we with ink the ocean fill & were the skies of parchment made,  
Were every stalk on earth a quill & every man a scribe by trade,  
*To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry.  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.*

• *Our service will conclude with prayer, the Doxology, a Benediction, & 3-fold, Amen.*  
**\*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 children and adult Sunday School classes. ♦