

Sunday, April 27, 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

***Opening Hymn – Here, At Bethesda's Pool** (Azmon)

Here at Bethesda's pool, the poor, the withered, lame, and blind;
With waiting hearts expect a cure, and restoration, find.

*Here streams of wondrous virtue flow to heal a sin-sick soul;
To wash the filthy white as snow, and make the wounded whole.*

The silent tongue breaks forth in praise, the blind their sight receive;
The cripple runs in wisdom's ways, the dead revive, and live!

***Call to Worship – Psalm 107:20–22**

Elder – *He sent out His word and healed them,*

Congregation – **And delivered them from their destruction.**

Elder – *Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of men!*

Congregation – **And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of His deeds in songs of joy!**

***Prayer of Adoration, Confession, & Assurance of Pardon** (from Ps. 51)

Elder – *God, be merciful to me; on Thy grace I rest my plea;
In Thy vast, abounding grace, my transgressions all erase.
Wash me wholly from my sin; cleanse from every ill within.*

All – **For our sins before us rise, ever present to our eyes.
We have sinned 'gainst Thee alone, in Thy sight this evil done;
That Thy judgment may be clear, and Thy sentence just appear.**

Elder – *Lo, brought forth was I in sin; when conceived, I was unclean.
Lo, Thou dost desire to find, truth sincere within my mind;
And Thou wilt, within my heart, wisdom unto me impart.*

All – **Then with hyssop sprinkling, now from this we will be clean.
Wash us from its stain and so, we shall whiter be than snow.
Make us hear joy's cheering voice; make our broken bones rejoice.**

Elder – *From our sins hide Thou Thy face, all iniquities erase.
O our God, renew our heart, and a spirit right, impart.
Cast us not away from Thee, but by Thy Spirit set us free.*

Song – You Said

You said, "Ask and you will receive, whatever you need."
You said, "Pray and I'll hear from heaven, and I'll heal your land."
*You said, Your glory will fill the earth; like water the sea.
You said, "Lift up your eyes; the harvest is here, the kingdom is near."
(Cont'd: You said...)*

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*You said, "Ask and I'll give the nations to you."
O Lord, that's the cry of my heart.
Distant shores & the islands will see, Your light as it rises on us.*

Old Testament Law – Exodus 31:12–17

(God's law emphasizes the importance of keeping the Sabbath.)

Old Testament Prophet – Nehemiah 13:15–21

(In the day of Nehemiah, an abuse of the Sabbath led to stern discipline of the people.)

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

Psalm – 92:1,2; 4,5

(St. Columba)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing Your praise, O most High.
Declare Your steadfast love each morn', Your faithfulness by night.

*For You, O Lord, have made me glad; Your handiwork brings joy.
Your works are great; Your thoughts are deep, but foolish minds are void.*

New Testament Gospel – John 12:37–50

(When confronted by the religious leaders, Jesus states that the Father is His "authority.")

New Testament Epistle – Hebrews 1:3

(The Apostles of the church have always taught that Jesus is the "exact representation" of God.)

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Offertory – You Alone

[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.]

Affirmation of Faith – Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Song – The Wonderful Cross**

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

*See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down,
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

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*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die, and find that I may truly live.*

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
All who gather here, by grace draw near and bless Your name.*

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small,
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Sermon:

Let's Get Wholly!

(Text: John 5; message by: Rev. Kent Moorlach)

Pastoral Prayer with Lord's Prayer

Elder's Response

***Hymn of Preparation – O Would the Lord Appear** (Schumann)

O would the Lord appear, my malady to heal;
He knows how long I've languished here; and what distress I feel.

*How often have I thought, "Why should I longer lie?
Surely the mercy I have sought, is not for such as I."*

But where else can I go? There is no other pool.
Where streams of sovereign virtue flow to make a sinner whole.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The presiding minister will give direction for participation in this meal.
Please return the empty cup to the front basket when you have finished. Thank you.
{Wine is located on the table edge nearest to the cross. Grape juice is on the outside.}

***Closing Hymn – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

*O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.*

On that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothèd then in blood wash'd linen, how I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, take my ransomed soul away;
Send thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day.

***Closing prayer & 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!*

***Benediction & Threefold Amen**

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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

♦ Everyone gathered here today is invited to an All-Church fellowship and picnic after the service. ♦