

MORNING WORSHIP



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 14, 2010

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME:

"Not neglecting to meet together...but encouraging one another"

Please turn off all cell phones/pagers at this time.

*Gathering Song: *Love Lifted Me*

Welcome and Announcements of Church Life

Chiming of the Bells

Prelude: *We Are An Offering*

Silent Prayer and Prayer of Invocation

arr. Mark Hayes

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE:

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise!"

Introit: *Humble Yourselves Before the Lord*

Hopson

*Call to Worship:

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, come back from the far country, from the exile of self-contempt, or the fields of dutiful labor.

People: **For God longs to welcome and love us!**

Celebrant: God weighs neither the sad detours of our journey nor our cheerless attempts to earn favor.

People: **We who have been lost are found in the embrace of God's arms. We are found when we forgive each other, and seal our peace with joy!**

Celebrant: Let us worship God Who awaits our return with lavish love.

All: **Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise No. 280: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

Coming of the Light

AN ACT OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession:

Celebrant: If we claim that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God Who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

All: **Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.**

Prayer of Confession: (*In Unison*)

We have not loved the world, O Lord, as we should. We have not forgiven our enemies seventy times seven. We have not gladly turned the other cheek when people have offended us. We have not gone the second mile with most people, and with some not even the first. We have not befriended the stranger or spoken kindly of the foolish. Yet You have loved us with a steady and unchangeable love. You have been generous to us far beyond our worth, and merciful when we deserved no mercy. Forgive us, Lord, for seeing the faults of others and not seeing our own. Receive us again as Your followers, and teach us anew how to love and be loved. For Yours is indeed the kingdom that will be forever.

Change My Heart, O God (seated)

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*Response No. 355: *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

*The Peace

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION:

"Blessed are they that hear the word of the Lord."

Prayer of Blessing for Young Disciples

(Children are invited forward and afterward 4-6 year-olds may go to Children's Church.)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURES

"O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky: We praise You for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines from age to age!"

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 136 "For His steadfast love endures forever..." (p. 708)

Hosea 11:1-9 (p. 1032)

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Let us greet the Gospel of Christ as we stand to sing: *Gloria Patri* (Hymn No. 579)

*John 3:14-21 (p. 114)

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Anthem: *Ah! Holy Jesus* Cruger

Sermon: "THE IRRATIONAL AND ILLOGICAL LOVE OF GOD" Dr. Ron Tippens

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE:

"Be doers of the Word and not hearers only"

Concerns of the Church, Morning Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

The Offering and Offertory: *The Holy Presence*

Jim White - Piano

arr. Linken & McFadden

*The Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

*Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

(Hymnal p. 14)

*The Charge and The Benediction:

REMEMBER.....

You go nowhere by accident, Wherever you go, God is sending you.

Wherever you are, God has put you there, God has a purpose in your being there.

Christ Who indwells you has something God wants to do through you where you are.

Believe this and go in God's grace and love and power to embrace and love the community of Charlotte.

*Hymn of Dedication No. 485: *To God Be the Glory*

*Postlude: *Built on the Rock*

G. Young

*Please stand if able

***Latecomers may be seated by ushers

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STEADFAST
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LAMENTATIONS 3:22, NRSV

NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

Welcome to Albemarle Road Church on this beautiful Lord's Day!

Whether we are old or young, whether we are first-time or longtime worshipers, whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow, in this place we are all family, because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. Welcome to all of you today!

Guests are encouraged to complete a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate. **Everyone** is asked to sign the Friendship Register found on each pew and pass to all those on the pew.

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God by Ted & Rayona Black.

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Mary Ann Ogle, Kim & Adam Jackson
Scheduled for Sunday, February 21: John Fleming, Brigette McLemore, Katie Blackwelder

Acolyte training will be held immediately after worship today. All youth, grades three through middle school, are encouraged to attend.

Saints Alive! will meet Wednesday, February 17, at 10 a.m. in Calvin Hall.

The Season of Lent begins this week with our Ash Wednesday Worship Service in Calvin Hall at 7:30 p.m.
- Our Lenten Soup/Sandwich/Study begins Sunday, February 21, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Calvin Hall.
- Devotional materials for adults and children, and Sunday evening study books are available in the Narthex.

Diaconate will meet Thursday, February 18, 7:00 p.m. **Session** will meet at 7:30 p.m. February 18.

It's time to order Easter Lilies! If you would like to order lilies in honor or memory of loved ones, please pick up an order form in the narthex or church office, complete the form and place in the offering plate along with your check for \$9.50 per lily. A list of memorial and honor gifts will be placed in the Easter Sunday bulletin, and lilies may be taken home after the Easter 10:30 service.

An Inquirer's Class for prospective members will be held soon. This five-week class will meet on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour. If interested, please contact the pastor or church office.

Haiti Earthquake Relief offerings will be collected through February. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to ARPC and mark it for 'Haiti Relief.'

Childcare volunteers are still needed for the Lenten Study, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Lenten Study begins on February 21st. Please, please help us out! To date, we have only had two individuals sign up. Please contact Brenley Ogden or Annette Mayne if you can help. Thank you. Also, we need one more individual to help out with child care for the Congregational Meeting that has been changed to today.

Presbyterian Women are seeking nominations for the PW Honorary Life Membership award. If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please submit their name, along with a description of why you feel they are deserving, to Susan Culbreth or Ginger Blackwelder.

Greeters: Peggy Morgan, Rosalie Chriss

February Elder: Brenley Ogden

Head Ushers: Adam Jackson, Nichole Dissler

Recent Illness: Bill McGuirt, Rick Penninger

Come! Celebrate the Church!
at the
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

 **TODAY** 

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

*The Choir will serve Chili and Cornbread
with Banana Splits for dessert!*

Donations will be accepted toward their Montreat Retreat.

Welcome!