

MORNING WORSHIP



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 18, 2010

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of Your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship You with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At this time we ask that you turn off all cell phones.

Please take a moment to sign the red booklets in your pews.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME:

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

Prelude: *Land of Rest* J. Martin
ARPC Bells

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE:

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

Introit: *Rejoice, The Lord Is King* Darwell

*Call to Worship:

Celebrant: Come, all you who are thirsty. Come to the source of living water.
People: **Some of us feel flooded – too much to do too soon. We feel in danger of going under.**
Celebrant: Come, rest beside the still waters and feel the ease of the cool stream.
People: **Some of us feel empty – always giving and pouring ourselves out with no time to tap into the Source.**
Celebrant: Come, taste the eternal springs of living water, drink deep and long.
People: **Some of us feel blocked and stagnant – judgments, denials, wounds and frustrations limiting the flow of grace.**
Celebrant: Come, be plunged deep into the healing waters and fresh rivers of God's love.
People: **We come to touch the living water and remember our baptism. Let the joyful water flow.**

*Hymn of Praise: *Shall We Gather at the River*

AN ACT OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession:

Celebrant: Like gentle rain falling down, let the waters of baptism flow over us --
People: **Water mingling with our tears of joy, soothing our worries and cares, touching an inner pool of peace, bringing refreshment to our whole being.**
Celebrant: Bringing our brokenness to the water of life, water of joy,
People: **Calling us, cleansing us, healing us, freeing us.**
Celebrant: Come, touch the renewing stream and let your joy be sung.

Prayer of Confession: (*In Unison*)

God of love, we know the fractures and splits of community. We know the painful disagreements, the harsh words, the stubborn silences, the turned backs. We know the work needed to be together, to thrive and communicate, to abide and play together.

God of hope, You have placed in us a yearning to dwell together in unity, to live by a larger vision, to believe in a deeper trust. You sent Jesus to be our example, guide and Savior. And You have sent the Spirit to work in and through us in surprising and often hidden ways - that we might be blessed and strengthened by our life together. Touch us once again with the mystery and wonder of being a community of faith. Through Jesus Christ, who holds us all in grace and love. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Lord, Hear Our Prayer Chancel Choir

*Declaration of Forgiveness: Genesis 45, Psalm 133, Romans 11
Do not be distressed or angry with yourselves, for the God who reconciled the world in Jesus Christ, can surely reconcile us. God's mercy extends to everyone. Rejoice and live in unity!

*Response: *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

*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.)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURES

Rise up people of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts
who can know the healing power of our awesome King of Love.

Psalm 133 (p. 706)
Acts 4:32 - 5:16, selected verses (p. 148)

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Let us greet the Gospel of Christ as we stand to sing: *Just As I Am*

*John 17: 20-26 (p. 136)

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Anthem: *Delight Yourself in the Lord* Williams

Sermon: **“ONENESS IN HEART AND MIND”** Dr. Ron Tippens

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE:

“Be doers of the Word and not hearers only”

*Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) (Hymnal p. 14)

The Offering and Offertory: *The Light of the World is Jesus* arr. M. Hayes

*The Doxology with Alleluias Lasst uns erfreuen

2010 Montreat Youth Commissioning:

Celebrant:

To you young people, whose vision and hearing are so much sharper than they'll ever be again, I encourage you to watch and listen for the ways God will be calling each of you at Montreat: in worship, in play, in small group discussions and informal conversations, in friendships new and old, and in the natural beauty of God's creation. But remember that God doesn't call you only as an individual but as members of the body of Christ and representatives of this congregation – and so I urge you to also listen to the voices of your adult leaders, who will be there to guide and support you, offer advice, and keep you safe.

And to you adult leaders who will accompany the youth to Montreat, I encourage you to take seriously your role as guide and support, as mentor, as protector. But I also encourage you to listen for God's particular call to you: in worship, in play, in small group discussions and informal conversations, in friendships new and old, in the natural beauty of God's creation – and in the voices of these young people.

To all of you, youth and adults: The grace poured out on you in baptism is all you need to answer your calls as Christians, because it is *God's* grace. By God's grace we are saved and given the strength to grow in faith and to serve Christ. Today, God has called you to grow in faith, learning, and fellowship by participating in the Montreat Youth Conference. Show that you intend to answer that call by answering these questions:

Celebrant: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Participants: **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Celebrant: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying His Word and showing His love?

Participants: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Do you welcome the responsibility of representing Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church, and will you seek to follow Christ in all that you do and say at Montreat?

Participants: **I will, with God's help.**

To the Congregation:

Celebrant: Do you, the members of Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to our sisters and brothers to grow in faith, learning, and fellowship by participating in the Montreat Youth Conference?

Congregation: **We do.**

Celebrant: Will you support them with your prayers while they're away, welcome them warmly when they return, and pester them enthusiastically for stories about their experience?

Congregation: **We will!**

The Celebrant continues with the Commissioning Prayer:

Faithful God, in baptism You claimed us; and by Your Holy Spirit You are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank You for leading these young people and their adult mentors to this time and place. Ground them in Your truth and guide them by Your Holy Spirit, so that in their participation in the Montreat Youth Conference, they may grow in faith, hope, and love and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray. Amen.

Friends, you are commissioned as representatives of the body of Christ in this place to the Montreat Youth Conference. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through Him. Amen.

Community Life, Morning Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

*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: *They'll Know We Are Christians*

*Postlude: *All Hail the Power*

arr. A. Page

*Please stand if able

***Latecomers may be seated by ushers

Welcome to Albemarle Road Church!

Enter in stillness ... know that the Lord is God.
Sing with delight ... it is God who hears us.
Depart in peace ... it is God's gift for you.

Listen in reverence ... it is God who has made us.
Speak with conviction ... there is no other God.
Serve with joy ... it is your gift to God.

If you are visiting with us, please know you are especially welcome. **Guests** are encouraged to complete a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate.

The Sanctuary Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Sylvia Weedman in memory of her son, Greg, for his July 5th birthday.

Nursery Volunteers today: Jenks Mackay, Jeni Carder, Erik & Maggie Blackwelder
Sunday, July 25: Ronnie & Margie White, Cam & Maria Harne

During July, ARPC members are invited to take a sabbatical from some of our activities:

Children's Church will not be held.

Committees, Session, and Diaconate will not hold their regular meetings.

Chancel Choir will not meet for their regular Wednesday evening practice.

Enjoy this month of rest!

A Great Big THANK YOU! to all who made VBS 2010 the wonderful success it was! God Bless You!

The Presbyterian Women's Council will have a light dinner and planning meeting on Monday, July 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Martha Blackmon. Please remember to bring your calendars and any ideas that you may have for Spiced Saturday.

Articles for the August edition of Focus should be submitted to the church office by Tuesday, July 20. You may email articles to newsletter@arpcusa.org and/or to Treva@arpcusa.org. Please check to be sure your article was received.

Our summer study of the Book of Acts continues next Sunday (July 25th), with Acts 5:12-42 "Expansion / Persecution / Expansion."

Mark your calendar now for ARPC's Annual Ice Cream Social (and Salad Supper) - Sunday, August 8, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Summer adventures: Mission Trip, Great Escape, Montreat, etc. will be shared.

Greeters: Bill & Myrtle Thornburg

Head Ushers: Drusilla & Jim Ingold

July Elder: Cindy Eccleston

Recent Illness: Bill Paules

ARPC's Summer Schedule:

8:00 - 8:45 a.m. Communion Worship (Outdoor Chapel)

followed by fellowship on the porch of the Family Life Center

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Morning Worship

