

# MORNING WORSHIP



17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 25, 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  
ARPC Bells  
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Elizabeth Vincent

## WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE:

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

Introit: *Rejoice, The Lord Is King* Darwell

### \*Call to Worship:

Celebrant: Christ, Christ, the branch, the shoot from the tree of David, Christ, the gardener, the pruner, the One who cuts back in kindness,

Cantor: *O Lord, in all the earth,*

People: **O Lord, in all the earth,**

Celebrant: how excellent the Name,

People: **How excellent the Name of Jesus.**

Celebrant: Christ, Christ, the seed, Christ, the resurrection, the first fruit of heaven, the One who makes us and all things new,

Cantor: *O Lord, in all the earth,*

People: **O Lord, in all the earth,**

Celebrant: how excellent the Name,

People: **How excellent the Name of Jesus.**

Celebrant: Jesus Christ, branch and leaf and seed, from Whom we come, with Whom we stay, to Whom we return,

People: **You we bless, Name above all names, and excellent in all the earth. Amen.**

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\*Hymn of Praise: *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*  
(tune No. 376 in hymnal)

## AN ACT OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession:

Celebrant: Lead us to the Rock that is higher than all. Let Your tender mercies be known. Fill us with the song of salvation, and we will go dancing with these broken bones. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silent Confession*

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Prayer of Confession: *(In Unison)*

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against You, opposing Your will in our lives. We have denied Your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world You have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in Your love and serve only Your Will. Singing Triune God, we confess thick tongues and awkward lives; we are slow to sing Your praise. Give us a longing for the gospel song: the rhythm of hope, the harmony of love, the drumbeat of peace, and the passionate joy of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

\*Declaration of Forgiveness:

Celebrant: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people. Glory to God!

All: **Alleluia! Amen.**

\*Response: *How Majestic is Your Name*

\*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.

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

Acts 5: 12-42, selected verses

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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\*Let us honor and rejoice in the Gospel of Jesus Christ as we stand and sing:  
*Teach Us to Love Your Word, Lord*

Celebrant: \*Matthew 5: 11-16 (p. 5)  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Anthem: *O Sing Unto the Lord* Mingel

Sermon: **“EXPANSION / PERSECUTION / EXPANSION”** Dr. Ron Tippens

**WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE:**

*“Be doers of the Word and not hearers only”*

Community Life, Morning Prayer, The Lord’s Prayer

The Offering and Offertory Elizabeth Vincent

\*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.

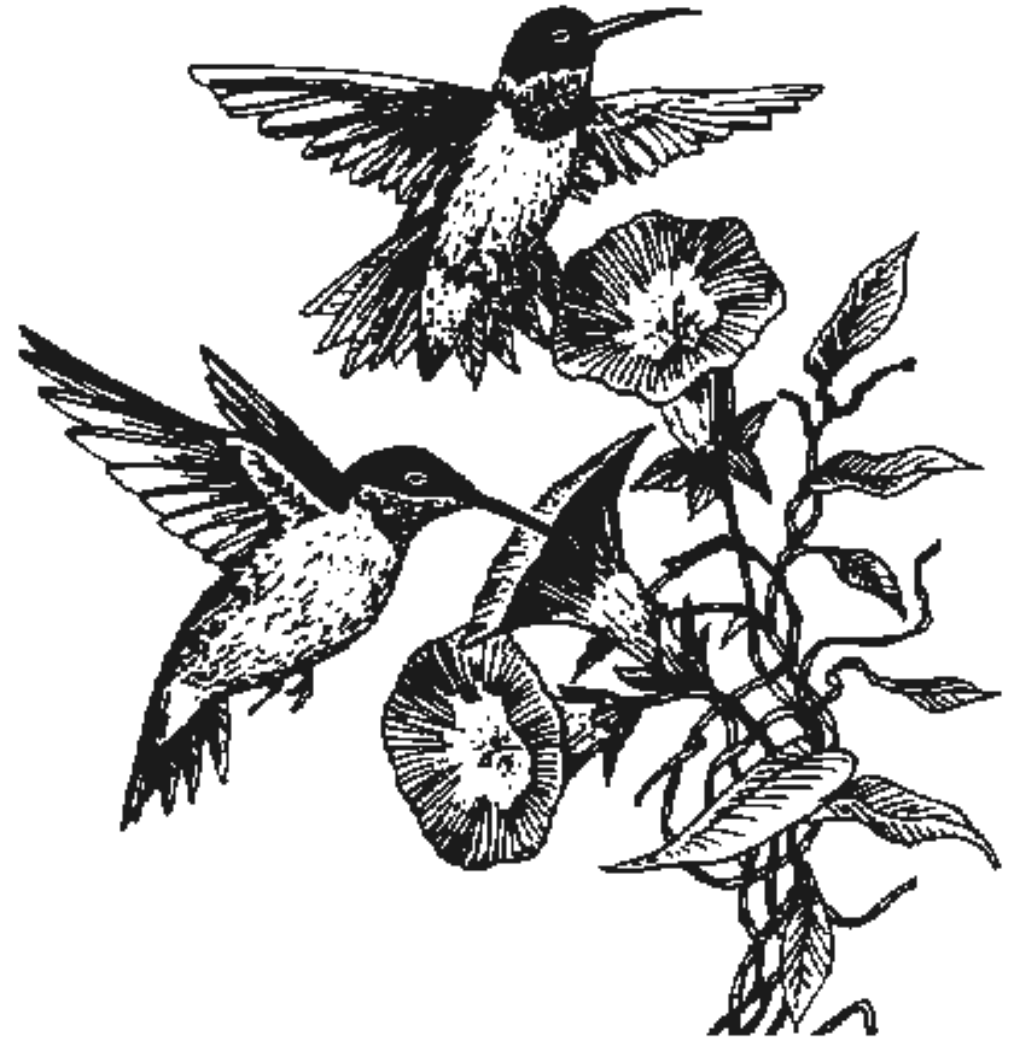
\*Hymn of Dedication No. 485: *To God Be the Glory*

\*Postlude Elizabeth Vincent

\*Please stand if able

\*\*\*Latecomers may be seated by ushers

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*Summer Worship 2010*

**Welcome to Albemarle Road Church!**

Enter in stillness ... know that the Lord is God. Listen in reverence ... it is God who has made us.  
Sing with delight ... it is God who hears us. Speak with conviction ... there is no other God.  
Depart in peace ... it is God's gift for you. 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** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Banks Massey by the Massey Family.

**Our guest organist** today is Elizabeth Vincent. We welcome her to worship and appreciate her musical gifts shared with us.

**Nursery Volunteers today:** Ronnie & Margie White, Cam & Maria Harne

**Sunday, August 1:** Bill & Diann McGuirt, Rick & Darlene Penninger

**Children's Church** will not be held today, but will resume next Sunday, August 1. Children's Church leaders August 1 will be Jeni Carder and John Fleming.

**The Book of Acts:** Our summer journey continues next Lord's Day, August 1, with Acts 6:1 - 8:1  
"Stephen, Full of Faith, Wisdom, and the Holy Spirit."

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be celebrated next Lord's Day, August 1.

**August 5¢-a-meal offerings** will be collected next Sunday.

**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.

**Presbyterian Women** are working on their annual Church Directory. Updated information is needed now to be included in the new directory. If your address; work, home or cell numbers; email addresses; etc. have changed since last year, forms are available in the narthex to complete and return to the church office or drop in the offering plate. You may also email Treva@arpcusa.org with any changes. Your help is needed to keep the directory current and useful! Please have updated information to the office by August 8.

**Greeters:** Dave & Barbara Berryhill

**Head Ushers:** Drusilla & Jim Ingold

**July Elder:** Cindy Eccleston

**Recent Illness:** Myrt Lambert, Bill Paules, Tommy Robinson

**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