

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 22, 2008



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT

ORDER OF WORSHIP
8:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.
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IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Dear Lord, I have swept and I have washed but
still nothing is as shining as it should be
for you. Under the sink, for example, is an
uproar of mice—it is the season of their
many children. What shall I do? And under the eaves
and through the walls the squirrels
have gnawed their ragged entrances—but it is the season
when they need shelter, so what shall I do? And
the raccoon limps into the kitchen and opens the cupboard
while the dog snores, the cat hugs the pillow;
what shall I do? Beautiful is the new snow falling
in the yard and the fox who is staring boldly
up the path, to the door. And still I believe you will
come, Lord: you will, when I speak to the fox,
the sparrow, the lost dog, the shivering sea-goose, know
that really I am speaking to you whenever I say,
as I do all morning and afternoon: Come in, Come in.
—Mary Oliver, “Making the House Ready for the Lord”

THE PRELUDE

(8:30 a.m.)

Improvisation on Hymn Tunes

(10:00 a.m.)

Fanfare and Processional

Douglas Wagner

THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES AND THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR (10:00 a.m.)

THE INTROIT

To God My Earnest Voice I Raise

GERMANY

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

***THE OPENING HYMN**

Sing to the tune LANCASHIRE

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| 1 O day of radiant gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness,
Most beautiful, most bright;
This day the high and lowly,
Through ages joined in tune,
Sing "Holy, holy, holy"
To the great God triune. | 2 This day at the creation
The light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation
Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day our Lord victorious
The Spirit sent from heaven,
And thus this day most glorious
A triple light was given. | 3 That light our hope sustaining,
We walk the pilgrim way,
At length our rest attaining,
Our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to You our praises,
O Father, Spirit, Son;
The church its voice upraises
To You, blest Three in One. |
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THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

The Prayer of Confession

Lector: Confident of God's grace, let us confess those things that burden us.
People: **Almighty God, forgive us when fear trumps fortitude in our hearts. Sometimes we have been silent when goodness is attacked, and we regret our lack of courage. Sometimes, in order to fit in or to get ahead, we have transgressed our own most cherished convictions, and we are sorry. Sometimes, when small people unjustly slander good reputations, we have failed to speak up in defense. Sometimes we have bowed the knee to the false gods of material advantage or widespread popularity. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to amend our ways. Make us strong to oppose evil and brave to speak out for the good. For Jesus's sake, hear our silent prayers...**

The Assurance of Pardon

The Response to the Assurance

Sing to the tune FAITHFULNESS

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10:00 a.m.)

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

Spiritual

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE PEOPLE'S TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Ritual of Friendship

The Offertory

The Lord is My Light

Frances Allitsen

The Lord is my Light and my salvation

For, in the time of trouble,

Whom, then shall I fear?

He shall hide me in His tabernacle,

The Lord is the strength of my life

Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling

Of whom, then shall I be afraid?

Shall he hide me;

Though an host of men were laid against me,

And set me up upon a rock of stone.

Yet shall not my heart be afraid;

The Lord is my light and my Salvation,

And tho' there rose up war against me,

Whom, then shall I fear?

Yet will I put my trust in Him.

*The Lord is the strength of my life
Of whom, then shall I be afraid?*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Lesson for the Day

Daniel 6:1-29

The Response of the People

Lector:

This is the word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The God of Animals, Part VII: The King of the Beasts

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

***THE CLOSING HYMN** *This Is My Father's World (inside of back cover)* TERRA BEATA

***THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

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(*Please stand if you are able. ***Latecomers may be seated.)



PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Preaching: The Reverend Dr. William A. Evertsberg, Senior Minister

The Reverend Kathryn Kibbie Laird, Associate Minister (8:30 a.m.)

The Reverend Susan L. Arner, Minister for Mission and Nurture

Kevin L. Estes, Minister of Music

Margaret Mack, Soprano Soloist

WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers. Please ask if you would like one.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this morning are given by Robert and Sheila Fuller to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bob's mother, Gwendolen (Mrs. Robert G.) Fuller.

CHILDCARE DURING SUMMER WORSHIP: Summer Outdoor Worship begins at 8:30 a.m. and is held in the Seaside Garden at Tod's Point in Old Greenwich. At this service, infants through age three will be cared for by our childcare workers. Children ages 4 – grade 5 will meet in the Story Corner. At the 10:00 a.m. service, worship is in the Sanctuary. Nursery Care is available for infants and toddlers in Room 120 and 121 (first floor to the right of the elevators). The Children's Story Corner is only at the 8:30 a.m. service in the summer (while we have two services). The Outdoor Worship 8:30 a.m. services will continue through Sunday, July 27.

THE GREETERS at the 10:00 a.m. service this morning are Lou, Christy, Ally, Mayn & Brandt Hipp; and Deacons Ted Karchuta and Amy Albright.

USHERS SERVING TODAY AT 10:00 A.M. ARE MEMBERS OF TEAM V: Phil Hahn, Captain, George Cole, Melissa Ehmann, Jack Foster, Jean Hahn, Lou Hipp, Tom Hughart, John Kuck, Sally Kuck, Luke Lohmeyer, Tony Turner, David Zadik, Jake Zadik and Vic Zimmermann.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Please keep the members and friends* of our church in your daily prayers: Dean*, Those in caring partnership through Stephen Ministry, the orphans at the Majken Broby Children's Home in Roatan, Honduras, and the children of Family Re-Entry and our project to assist them. In the Presbytery prayer calendar we pray this week for Presbyterian colleges and seminaries. If you would like to be included in this list and the regular prayers of the people during worship, please call (203) 869-8686. *non-member friends or family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY TRANSPORTATION: If you need transportation for Sunday worship, or know of anyone who needs transportation, please contact Joe Boldt at (203) 869-1774 or Boldts@aol.com.

THE WALRUS AND CARPENTER SOCIETY, a men's discussion group, will meet next Thursday, June 26, at 7:00 p.m., in the church library, to discuss *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid. Dinner (provided– please contribute \$13) will be in the Session room at 8:00 p.m. Soda, water, coffee, tea and wine provided. For other libations, bring your own. RSVP to Carolyn Hahn-Re at carolyn.hahn-re@fpcg.org or (203) 869-8686, ext. 111. Thanks for calling ahead if you plan to attend; and thanks for truly showing up if you called ahead.

BACKPACKS FOR HONDURAS! Would you like to sponsor a child? Our FISH will be taking backpacks down to each of the 23 children who live in the Majken Broby Children's Home. Each backpack should include: underwear, socks, shoes for school, a play outfit, a church outfit, a deflated soccer ball, an illustrated children's Bible and a note from your family. All backpacks should be returned no later than July 1 to the church office. Thanks in advance for your help; these backpacks were an enormous hit last year!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We need you! We still have teaching openings for the 3 year olds and the 1st Graders from Sept. 7 through Nov. 30. Our new curriculum is easy to use with little prep time needed. Grab a friend, share a class and make a difference. Contact Lee Ganshaw (Ganshaw@optonline.net) or Lisa Young (rlyoung@optonline.net) to sign up or with any questions.

FAMILY RE-ENTRY LIBRARY: You will recall our successful January gathering of clothing for the children of incarcerated fathers in Bridgeport. We have now devised additional ways for our congregation to assist these children. We are creating a children's lending library to be maintained by Family Reentry. We need donated children's books of all kinds, at reading levels for grades 2 through 8. Call Nancy Raker at 203-661-8536 for more details, and drop off books during the week.

F.I.S.H. MISSION TRIP STOCK is now available for sale. Please support our senior high youth and adults who are going to work for an orphanage in Roatán Island, Honduras this summer and help better the lives of 23 orphans. You may purchase stock from our table at coffee hour, now until we depart, in July. Questions? Please speak with Kibbie Laird—(203) 869-8686 x 119.

Our 2008 Honduras Mission Team:

Marie-Claire Bousquette	Philip Gatto	Kristen Kinnear	Leigh Purcell
Courtney Brand	Cassandra Giambo	Annie Lohmeyer	Julie Rubenstein
Alec Brumley	James Goard	Ryan McCormack	Valerie Salvo
Eric Cooper	Paul Grunow	Sarah McEvoy	Caitlin Stroili
John Cronin	Mark Hamel	Joseph Miller	Christian Wolfe
David DeWahl	Mayn Hipp	Elizabeth Niehaus	Jack Zimmermann
Taylor Evertsberg	Suzanne Joyella	Emily Niehaus	

College advisors and Chaperones:

Carolyn Cleveland	AJ Grunow	Chris Neihaus	Pam Van Hoesen
Alex Dadakis	Kathryn Kibbie Laird	Caron Ramage	
Jackie Dadakis	Holly McCarthy	Joshua Thomsen	

DIASTER RELIEF WORK: The Mission Committee voted to send \$10,000 of the annual mission budget to support the efforts of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and its work for the people in Myanmar and China. The PDA has successfully partnered with established church partnerships and has been able to provide food, clean water and supply baskets to those in need. We are glad that our church is able to contribute to the relief of our neighbors in this desperate time.

W.I.S.H. (WOMEN'S INTERGENERATIONAL SPIRITUAL HOUR) will not be meeting during the summer. Join us next fall when we will begin a new series called *Resting in God: I Need To Slow Down, But I Can't!*



We are a Stephen Ministry Church



This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA S.M.D.

Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my lis-tening ears All
2 This is my Fa-ther's world: The birds their car-ols raise, The
3 This is my Fa-ther's world: O let me ne'er for-get That

na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu-sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De-clare their Mak-er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul-er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought Of
This is my Fa-ther's world: He shines in all that's fair; In the
This is my Fa-ther's world: Why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas—His hand the won - ders wrought.
rus-tling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me ev-ery-where.
Lord is King, let the heav-ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad.

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