

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 29, 2008



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ONE WEST PUTNAM AVENUE
GREENWICH, CT 06830

ORDER OF WORSHIP - JUNE 29, 2008
8:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home;
for the wide sky and the blessed sun,
for the salt sea and the running water,
for the everlasting hills and the never-resting winds,
for trees and the common grass underfoot.

We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds,
and see the splendor of the summer fields,
and taste of the autumn fruits,
and rejoice in the feel of the snow,
and smell the breath of the spring.

Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;
and save our souls from being so blind
that we pass unseeing when even the common thornbush
is aflame with your glory,
O God our creator,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

–Walter Rauschenbusch (1861-1918)

THE PRELUDE

(8:30)

Improvisation on Hymn Tunes

(10:00)

Flute Tune

Thomas A. Arne

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

THE INTROIT

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

John Calvin (1509-1564)

***THE OPENING HYMN**

For Beauty of Meadows
(see inside back cover of bulletin)

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THE OPENING COLLECT (8:30) *Walter Rauschenbusch

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP (8:30)

THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

(10:00)

The Prayer of Confession

Psalm 51 is a penitential prayer for God's mercy. We will sing this setting to the haunting tune ABERYSTWYTH, named for a sea resort in Wales on Cardigan Bay, by Welsh composer Joseph Parry (1879). The music can be found in The Presbyterian Hymnal, #303

Lector: Confident of God's grace, let us confess those things that burden us.
Together, let us sing.

People: **God, be merciful to me; on thy grace I rest my plea.
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace, and provoked thee to thy face.**

**Wash me, wash me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin;
I confess thy judgments just; speechless I thy mercy trust.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, thy grace bestow; make me thus thy mercy know.**

The Assurance of Pardon

The Response to the Assurance

People: **Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
From my sins I hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.
Cast me not away from thee: let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart; steadfast make my willing heart.**

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

(10:00)

With What Shall I Come before the Lord

Estes

*With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow down before the exalted God?
Shall I come before God with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?*

*Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?*

*Our God has shown us that which is good.
And what does the LORD require of us?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with our God. Micah 6:6-8*

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE PEOPLE'S TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Ritual of Friendship

The Offertory Solo

God Is in Everything

Joseph W. Clokey

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

The Prayer for Illumination

The Lesson for the Day

Psalm 50

The People's Response

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon *The God of Animals, Part VIII: The Cattle on a Thousand Hills*

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

*THE CLOSING HYMN

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD

The music can be found in The Presbyterian Hymnal, #467

**O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
Refrain**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
Refrain**

***THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

All Things Bright and Beautiful

(*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)
Susan L. Arner, Minister for Mission and Nurture
Kevin L. Estes, Minister of Music
Scott Toperzer, Baritone Soloist

WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.

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

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this morning are given by John and Sally Kuck, in thankfulness for fifty years of marriage, family and friends.

THE CHANCEL ROSE this morning is placed in honor of the birth of Owen Charles Kunschner, born June 18, 2008, son of John and Emily Kunschner, and grandson of Faith and Barrie Sommerfield. God bless the Kunschner and Sommerfield families, and their new arrival!

THE GREETERS at the 10:00 a.m. service this morning are Leo, Lily, Jeff, Parker, Doogie & Melissa Eng; and Deacons Emily Sternberg and Ted Karchuta.

USHERS SERVING TODAY AT 10:00 A.M. ARE MEMBERS OF TEAM VI: George Hallenbeck, Captain, Sandy Brumley, Tolman Geffs, Betsy Harper, Teri James-Brumley, Dan McLeod, Colin Munro, Max Parker, Candee Weed and Hearst Zhang.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Please keep these 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 all clergy in the Presbytery of Southern New England.

*non-member friends or family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Please remember that our summer office hours are 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. The summer schedule runs June 30 – August 29. The office will be closed July 4, 2008 for Independence Day.

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.

BACKPACKS FOR HONDURAS! The names of all 23 children who live in the Majken Broby Children's Home have been chosen by FPCG sponsors. Our FISH will be taking donations of generously filled backpacks down to Honduras in July on their mission trip to Roatan Island. Each child will receive a backpack including: underwear, socks, shoes for school, a play outfit, a church outfit, a deflated soccer ball, an illustrated children's Bible and a note from their sponsoring family. **All backpacks should be returned no later than July 1 to the church office.**

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 (lyoung@optonline.net) to sign up or with any questions.

FAMILY RE-ENTRY: Thank-you to all of you who generously supported the book collection for the Champions Mentoring Program / Family Re-entry in Bridgeport. Due to your kindness over 600 books will be available for the children's enrichment. A very special thank-you to Georgia Fike and Betsy Morgenroth for organizing and packing the books.

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 any of the people listed below.

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

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.

For Beauty of Meadows

1 For beau - ty of mead - ows, for gran - deur of trees,
2 As stew - ards of beau - ty re - ceived at your hand,
3 Teach us once a - gain to be gar - deners in peace;

for flow - ers of wood - lands, for crea - tures of seas,
as crea - tures who hear your most ur - gent com - mand,
all na - ture a - round us is ours but on lease;

for all you cre - at - ed and gave us to share,
we turn from our waste - ful de - struc - tion of life,
your name we would hal - low in all that we do,

we praise you, Cre - a - tor, ex - tol - ling your care.
con - fess - ing our fail - ures, con - fess - ing our strife.
ful - fill - ing our call - ing, cre - at - ing with you.

WORDS: Walter H. Farquharson (1936-)

MUSIC: Welsh melody

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