

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 27, 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**

“What about animals?” I asked finally.

“What about them?”

“It just seems like there should be someone, *something* out there that cares about them, cares that they existed, that they suffered or didn’t. Something out there ought to be watching over them.”

–Aryn Kyle, *The God of Animals*

**THE PRELUDE**

(8:30 a.m.)

*Improvisation on Hymn Tunes*

(10:00 a.m.)

*Fanfare and March*

McNeely

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

**THE INTROIT**

*We Thank You, Lord, for You Are Good*

WAS GOTT TUT

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*THE OPENING HYMN**

# 466

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

(see page 5 of bulletin)

**THE CONFESSION AND PARDON**

The Prayer of Confession

Lector: Confident of God’s grace, let us confess those things that burden us.  
People: **God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. Grant us your grace when we ourselves are quicker to show censure than to grant mercy, more impatient than longsuffering with the shortcomings of our neighbors, and hold higher expectations for others than we have for ourselves. Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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!**

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## **THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

**(10:00 a.m.)**

*Wondrous Love*

arr. Walters

## **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

*Turn Thee to Me*

Dvorak

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Lesson for the Day

Luke 16:19-31

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 XI: God and Golden Retrievers*

## **A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**\*THE CLOSING HYMN** # 384 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* ST. MARGARET  
(see page 6 of bulletin)

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**THE POSTLUDE** *Trumpet Tune* Freedman

(\*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 Susan L. Arner, Minister for Mission and Nurture  
Kevin L. Estes, Minister of Music  
Camille Gifford, Mezzo-Soprano Soloist

**WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**SUMMER WORSHIP:** Thank you for joining us this year in the Seaside Garden at Tod's Point for Summer Outdoor Worship at 8:30 a.m.. 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. Today is the last outdoor worship service of the 2008 summer season. For the remainder of the summer, worship continues with the 10:00 a.m. service, held in the FPCG Sanctuary. Nursery Care is available for infants and toddlers in Room 120 and 121 (first floor to the right of the elevators). Sunday school will resume on September 7, 2008.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** this morning are given in loving memory of Dottie and Louis M. Hipp, Jr. by their children and grandchildren.

**THE GREETERS** at 10:00 a.m. this morning are Deacons Emily Sternberg and Ted Karchuta.

**USHERS SERVING TODAY AT 10:00 A.M. ARE MEMBERS OF TEAM IV:** Bob Giambo, Captain, Griffin Dann, Taylor Evertsberg, Ted Karchuta, Doris Leonard, Eleanor Lorig, Chris Loveless, Sharon Portin Parker and Marialiisa Pettengill.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Please keep the members and friends\* of our church in your daily prayers: 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 Presbytery Commissioners in congregations. 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

**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 through August 29.

**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](mailto:Boldts@aol.com).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We need you! We still have teaching openings for the 3 year olds and the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:Ganshaw@optonline.net)) or Lisa Young ([lyoung@optonline.net](mailto:lyoung@optonline.net)) to sign up or with any questions.

**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!*

**REBUILDING TOGETHER:** FPCG is beginning a new mission initiative with a community service group called "Rebuilding Together," which, with Greenwich Social Services, finds people whose struggles with economic and health agonies have resulted in a serious deterioration of their home environment. The work we'll be doing first will involve a home that urgently needs light carpentry, general repairs, painting, clean-up, and other tasks & chores. We begin in August. If you'd like to help, call Steve Werber (203-409-6303) or Josh Thomsen at the church office (203-869-8686 x110).

**GOD'S GREEN MARKET:** FPCG and All Souls Parish (Port Chester Presbyterian) grow fresh produce for Westchester's hungriest residents. We plant, till, and harvest eggplant, beans, squash, corn, and cabbage in 16 acres of astonishingly fertile farm land near Goshen, N.Y. The freshly gathered vegetables are given away at a "free farmer's market" every Saturday at a church in Port Chester. We are looking for volunteers for two hours of rewarding work around mid-day on Saturday August 2 (and other weekends up ahead) at the farmer's market. We also need actual "farmers" to plant and harvest in the field. Call Bruce Winningham (203-226-4449) or Josh Thomsen at the church office.

# O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

AZMON CM

Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828

Charles Wesley, 1738; alt.

Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing My dear Re-deem-er's praise,  
2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease;  
3. Christ breaks the power of reign - ing sin, And sets the pris - oner free;  
4. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,

The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of God's grace!  
'Tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.  
Christ's blood can make the sin - ful clean, Christ's blood a - vailed for me.  
To spread through all the earth a - broad The hon - ors of Thy name.

# O LOVE THAT WILT NOT LET ME GO

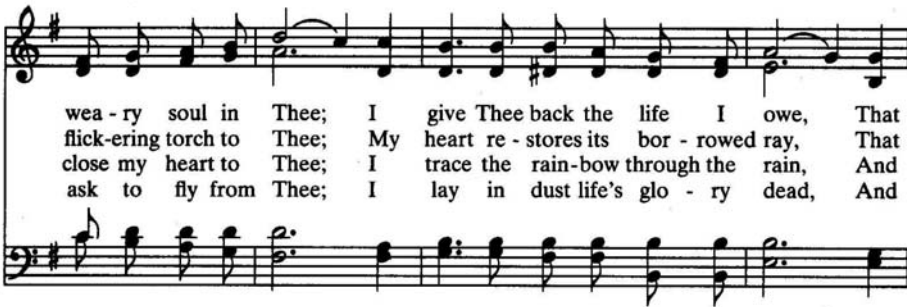
ST. MARGARET 8.8.8.6

George Matheson, 1882

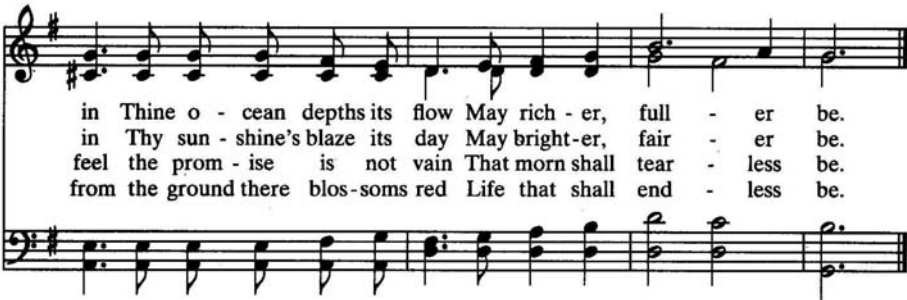
Albert Lister Peace, 1884



1. O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my  
2. O light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my  
3. O joy that seek-est me through pain, I can - not  
4. O cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not



wea - ry soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, That  
flick-ering torch to Thee; My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That  
close my heart to Thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, And  
ask to fly from Thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And



in Thine o - cean depths its flow May rich - er, full - er be.  
in Thy sun - shine's blaze its day May bright-er, fair - er be.  
feel the prom - ise is not vain That morn shall tear - less be.  
from the ground there blos-soms red Life that shall end - less be.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Church

