

THE GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens declare God's glory.

The firmament shows forth the work of God's hand.

One day tells its tale to another.

One night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language,

And their voices are not heard.

Their sound has gone into all lands,

And their message to the ends of the world.

Let us praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

*HYMN PH #104 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* HYMN TO JOY

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

O God of majesty, as we gather today to worship you, disquiet us and your whole creation with your peacemaking Spirit. To know you is to know justice; to know justice is to know peace. As your Son, our savior, broke bread and gave it to thousands, so call us anew to a peace marked by just distribution of your abundance, until that day when no one shall hunger nor thirst any more; through Jesus Christ we pray.

KYRIE

arr. Healey Willan, 1930



Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

GLORIA

Thomas Keesecker



Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, gloria in excel - sis De - o! - sis De-o!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (OT p. 66)

SECOND READING

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 21:33-46 (NT p. 24)

ANTHEM

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

César Franck

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,

For the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.

As our blessed ones adore you, seated at the heavenly board,

May the Church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken,

In the world to which you send us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.

SERMON

Flour/Grapes

Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #166 *The Heavens Above Declare God's Praise* CAITHNESS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls all women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit ever more;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore, Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise....

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power— and might,
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
san - na in the high - est, — ho - san - na in the high-est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

LORD'S PRAYER

The prayer, as it will be prayed this morning, begins, "Our Mother God and Father God, who art in heaven..."

AMEN!



A - men, — A - men, A - men, A - - men!

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN SNC #19

Santo, Santo, Santo
(We will sing all five verses)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the

communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Alleluia! Amen.

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News and Information

Welcome! Thanks be to God for gathering us to worship. Welcome to University Presbyterian Church. If you are worshipping here for the first time, please sign the register on the stand inside of the front door of the sanctuary. For more information on the life and work of this congregation, please contact pastor at (758-5422), by way of e-mail (rongilmer@aol.com) or visit the church's web site: www.uaupc.org.

Adult Sunday School— Oct. 12 - Christian Values, Political Ideology, and the 2008 Election - This lesson will address the connection between Christian values and the political parties and the candidates we support. - Norm Baldwin Oct. 19 - Alabama Constitutional Reform - Hill Carmichael Oct. 26 - West Alabama Food Bank - Henry Lipsey.

Belonging to God - This fall, a series is being offered for those wishing to explore their spirituality and the PC(USA). Sessions will include: (1) Who Am I?: Our Stories; (2) Our Help Is in the Name of the Lord: On Scripture and Worship; (3) More and More Light: Civil Rights and Social Justice; (4) Belonging to God in the Church and the World: The Church's Witness and Mission. The group will meet in participants' homes on Thursdays, 5:30-7 p.m., beginning October 16. Thus far, Beccy Biermann, Kendall French, Quincy Hall, Jeff Naidoo, Beth Riggs, Patrick Rish, Nicole Varnado, Rachel Walker and Denise Yanaura have signed up. If you are interested in joining them, please contact Ron Gilmer, who will be leading the series.

Break the Bread of New Creation - This Sunday, October 5, is World Communion Sunday. The PC(USA)'s annual peacemaking offering will be received. This offering will be distributed to the General Assembly (50%); synod and presbytery (25%); and Turning Point (25%).

Congregational Meeting - The session has called a congregational meeting immediately following this morning's service. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect elders and deacons to the class of 2011. Nominees include Steve Borrelli, Rob Spencer and Garry Warren to the office of Elder and Paige Miller and Torrey Ryan to the office of Deacon.

It's Not East Being Green - The Peace and Justice Committee is considering implementing a recycling program at UPC that would emphasize aluminum, newspaper and magazines. The question being discussed is, "Does the church have the volunteer base to transport the recyclables to the appropriate locations on a regular basis?" If you would be willing to assume responsibility for transporting recyclables to a recycling center one Sunday per month, please contact Gillie Presley or another member of the Peace and Justice Committee.

Election Day Transportation—The Peace and Justice Committee plans to provide transportation on election day, November 4th, for anyone who might have difficulty going to vote. If you can help provide transportation please contact one of the Peace and Justice Committee members: Gillie Presley, Norm Baldwin, Linda Grote, Robert DuPree, Bill Henderson and Ruthie Sherrill.

Children's Sunday School - Thanks be to God that we have at least 2 children in our midst. Therefore, Children's Sunday School will be an evolving activity this year at UPC. Paige Miller will be coordinating Children's Sunday School, but she needs help! If you are interested in assisting in any way (teaching, helping another teacher, etc.), please contact Paige as soon as possible. Her email address is PURPLEPC@AOL.COM and phone number is 657-0799. Thank you!

Communion of the People -Following the breaking of the bread, all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour are invited to gather at the communion table where we serve one another. In giving the bread, it is appropriate to say "the body of Christ, given for you." In giving the wine (non-alcoholic), it is appropriate to say, "the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." Appropriate responses include "Amen," "Alleluia! Amen" and "Thanks be to God!"

Communion Music -As the sacrament is celebrated, the congregation is invited to sing the following choruses: (1) Holy is the Lord; (2) Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst; and (3) Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Attendance - September 14 — 42 + 2 nursery, September 21 — 38 + 2 nursery

Sunday Assignments

October 5

Communion Rob Spencer
Reader Cathy Andreen
Ushers Becki Evans & Vanessa Llera
Welcomer John Whitehead
Greeter Kay Ellis

October 12

Communion Kay Ellis
Reader Ann Webb
Ushers Becki Biermann and Lydia Gilmer
Welcomer Adam Miller
Greeter Cathy Andreen

Lectionary Readings

October 5

Exod. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Ps. 19
Phil. 3:4b-14
Matt. 21:33-46

October 12

Exod. 32:1-14
Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23
Phil. 4:1-9
Matt. 22:1-14

Let us Pray.....

Arlee Vallery, Marie and Joe Stone, Barbara Miller, Jill Martindale, Regina Lassiter, Lucy Morgan, Robert Robinson, Lois Field, Wilma Warren, Martha Folmar, Jackie Reid, Kay VanLuvender, Carla Hall and Frederick Washington.

This Week at UPC

Sunday 9:30 Sunday School
10:15 Coffee Hour and Choir Warm-up
11:00 Worship
12:30 Strategic Planning mtg. Congregational Meeting
Monday 6-8:00 WF Bible Study and Dinner

Tuesday 11:30 Lectionary Bible Study
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 WF Men's Bible Study
Wednesday 6:30 Peace & Justice Comm mtg.
7-9 Karate Class
Thursday 7-9 Karate Class
PH window replacement begins
11:30 Finance Committee
2-6:00 WF Friday Chaos in the student center
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous
Friday UA vs. Ole Miss-Home game
Saturday

Elders

Nancy DuPree
Linda Grote
Julia Hartman
William Henderson
Adam Miller
Gillie Presley

Lena Prewitt
Annabel Stephens
Garry Warren
Ann Webb
John Whitehead

Deacons

Robert DuPree
Carla Hall
Paige Miller

Mission Statement

We come together as the body of Christ, an expression of God's grace in this community. We are bound together in God's steadfast love and in our mutual love and support for one another. We honor a special commitment to provide nurture, support and encouragement to students. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to live with compassion, to work for justice, to integrate faith and learning and to celebrate the gift of our life together. Since God's love excludes no one, our mission is to be inclusive. We trust that in God's time and by God's grace, God will destroy all barriers. We resolve to erect no barriers while working to overcome existing ones. Recognizing that we do not possess all the truth all the time, we affirm a variety of expressions of life and faith. This is an open church. You are welcome here.

Ron Gilmer, Pastor

Stated Hours: Monday 10:00-11:00 and Thursday 10:00-12:00 noon

Carolyn MacVicar, Secretary
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8-2

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Patrick Rish, Organist

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an Inclusive Church Committed to Social Justice”

October 5, 2008 – 11:00 a.m.
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time