

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 14, 2006

11:00 AM

*A nursery is available during the service. An usher will be happy to assist you.
Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available upon request from an usher.*

Welcome and Announcements Moments of Friendship

PRELUDE

(Please take this time to silently prepare yourself to worship God.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 22:27-31

John Denzer, Liturgist

Liturgist: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

People: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

Liturgist: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

People: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

Liturgist: and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN No. 229 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

*CONFESSION OF SIN *(In Unison)*

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

(Let each worshipper pray silently.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI *(The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 579)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 8:26-40 (Pew Bible, NT Section, page 117)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"At Home, Let There Be Love"

R.E.Schram

Sermon Notes

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THE TRUE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

John 15:1-8

SECOND LESSON: I John 4:7-21 (Pew Bible, NT Section, page 220)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN No. 366 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

SERMON LESSON: John 15:1-8 (Pew Bible, NT Section page 101)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The True Vine and the Branches

Jonathan Fettig

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *(In Unison)*

Apostles' Creed (traditional)
The Presbyterian Hymnal p. 14

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*PRESENTATION, The Doxology *(The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 592)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN No. 361 How Firm a Foundation

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"How Firm a Foundation"

arr. E.Broughton

***Those who are able, please stand**

MUSICAL NOTES

The Anthem, *At Home, Let There Be Love*, was written by Ruth Elaine Schram in 1996, to honor her parents. This lovely piece incorporates the old familiar hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*. On this Mother's Day, this work truly speaks to the love that is such an integral part of the success of families. We sing it to honor those who have, or continue to make a difference in the lives of those who live in and visit their homes.

The text of this anthem states:

At home, let there be peace, let there be love.
May we be slow to anger and fast to forgive;
May joy and patience abound where we live;
At home, sweet home, let there be love.

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

At home, let there be peace, let there be love.
May we be kind and gentle and show self control,
Both child and parent, both young and old;
At home, sweet home, let there be love.

As families together we pray before our Father's throne;
May home be a refuge of peace and protection,
A place where Your presence is known.
At home, sweet home, let there be love.

The Postlude, *How Firm a Foundation*, is a setting of our final hymn today. The origin of this old hymn is unknown, but it first appeared in Dr. John Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, published in London in 1787. If you listen closely to this piece, you will notice the variations that are present, such as the agitated "fiery trials" and the slow, grandeur of the "firm foundation" at its end. Enjoy!