

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 21, 2007

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** *My God, My Portion* arr. Powell  
**CALL TO WORSHIP** Rachel Gregg, Liturgist

Liturgist: Great is the Lord, gracious and understanding!  
**People: How good it is to sing praises to our God.**  
Liturgist: Great is our God and greatly to be praised! For God's mercy and understanding are beyond measure.  
**People: Let us sing to God with thanksgiving; and put all our hope in God's steadfast love.**  
Liturgist: Let us Pray.

### PRAYER OF PRAISE

**\*HYMN No. 489** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN** (*In Unison*)  
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.  
*(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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Genesis 1:26-27 (Pew Bible, OT Section, page 1)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** Jonathan Fettig  
*(Children will be dismissed to Children's Church in Fellowship Hall)*

**ANTHEM** *The Journey Is Our Home* Pote

**SECOND LESSON:** 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 (Pew Bible, NT Section page 166)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN No. 277** *O God, Our Faithful God*

**SERMON LESSON:** Ephesians 4:22-5:1 (Pew Bible, NT Section page 179)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *When I Grow Up...* Rev. 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** *Song of Peace* Shea

**\*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. 343** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* arr. Hustad

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

### MUSICAL NOTES

**The Anthem, *The Journey Is Our Home***, by choral music legend Allen Pote, is especially appropriate when discussing discipleship and the journey we all must undertake in our lives of faith. The text calls us to awake and arise to join in the journey and celebrate God's family, *our* family.

Awake, arise, the journey's begun. We travel on together as one.  
We know not where the road will lead, but we move in faith  
Making love our creed as we follow; the journey is our home.

Good trav'lers walk with company, sharing bread with those in need.  
Giving help along the way to those who fall, who wander astray  
As we follow; the journey is our home.

Join with us in jubilee. Celebrate God's family.  
Sing together joyfully. Alleluia! Praise for evermore.

God moves with us as we go. He hears our cry, our pain He knows.  
Yet far beyond the setting sun, there shines a light of a victory won;  
The journey, the journey is our home.

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# DAILY BIBLE READING

**Isaiah 48:12-21; Psalm 45; Mark 6:1-13**

## Wednesday, January 24

Galatians 2:11-21 *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.* (v.20)

What an amazing statement! Here is Paul saying that Jesus Christ is actually living in him. He isn't saying simply that the memory of Jesus lives in him, or the teaching of Jesus lives in him, or even the help of Jesus lives in him. He is actually stating that Jesus, Himself, is living in him. Earlier, Jesus had promised He would be able to abide in people (John 15:5), and at the Bible's end He promised again that if any person opened themselves to Him, He would come into them (Revelation 3:20). Paul had done that and was now experiencing Jesus inside himself.

What was the result? Sometimes we see a sign on a business establishment: "Under New Management." That's what happens to us when Jesus enters us. He starts to remove things that are bad, odorous and poisonous, and replaces them with truth, love, joy and peace. We become His temple and from us He exerts His influence on our surroundings.

Thank You, Jesus, for entering, cleansing, filling and using a poor hovel like mine.

Isaiah 49:1-12; Psalm 119:49-72; Mark 6:13-29

## Thursday, January 25

Galatians 3:1-14 *But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.* (v.11)

As a youth, I believed I could get to Heaven by being good and by doing good deeds. I thought that after I died God would look at a list of my good deeds and my bad deeds. If I had more good deeds than bad ones, He would give me a passing mark and let me get into Heaven.

Then, in my twenties, I read this and similar verses in the Bible. And I recognized that I could not, by my good deeds, build a ladder up to Heaven. It was too high. I was trying to buy a plane ticket with outdated currency or attempting to unlock a door with the wrong key. In other words, my works wouldn't work. I needed God to come down to me and save me. And this He did when He died on the cross. Through His mercy, He helped me to put my trust in Him. And now I live by faith.

That's my testimony. Is it yours?

Isaiah 49:13-23; Psalm 50; Mark 6:30-46

## Friday, January 26

Galatians 3:15-22 *But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.* (v.22)

Suppose I go to a physician for a check-up. He looks me over and says, "You're fine. You can go home now." But then I decide to go to the Great Physician for a more thorough investigation. He looks me over and says, "I'm sorry, but you've got an awful disease. It's called sin. And it's fatal." I cry in anguish, "That's terrible! How did I get it?" He replies, "It came from your forefathers." Then I ask, "Is there anything I can do about it?" He answers, "Yes, I have a medicine here. It's free. It's called my precious Blood. But it's not enough for you just to look at it. You must believe in it and apply it to yourself. If you do that, it will cure you completely."

In thankfulness, I accepted this medicine and applied it to myself. And, wonder of wonders, that disease is under control and is being cured!

Thank You, Lord, for Your precious Blood!

Isaiah 50:1-11; Psalms 40, 54; Mark 6:47-56

## Saturday, January 27

Galatians 3:23-29 *Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.* (v.24)

"Is God's law my school teacher?" I wondered. Yet, as I thought about it, I realized four important things about a teacher.

First, a teacher is usually older than me. And the law came into force hundreds of years before I was born. Second, a teacher makes me think. And the law forces me to think about my behavior and my attitudes. Third, a teacher provides me with tests. So the law makes me realize whether or not I am living up to its standards. And fourth, a teacher—because of my mistakes, presumption and ignorance—may have to fail me. So the law of God continually points out my failures.

All this was brought home to me as I read the story of the penitent thief. He was brought to a cross because he had failed to keep the law. But there he met Christ and exercised faith in Him as he prayed "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom" (Luke 23:42).

Thank You, Lord, for Your law. May it bring us all into Your eternal presence.

Isaiah 51:1-8; Psalm 55; Mark 7:1-23

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