

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT  
21 June 2009  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
ORDER OF WORSHIP



**Prelude**

(We listen to music to prepare our hearts and minds for worship. After the prelude, please STAND for the Call to Worship and the Hymn.)

The people call one another to worship...

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** The Spirit of God moves among us, binding us in covenant with faithful people of every time and place.  
**People:** **The Spirit moves within us, empowering us to proclaim the gospel to all people.**  
**Leader:** The Spirit moves through us, making us channels of God's love.  
**People:** **As we gather to worship, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the living God made known to us in Jesus Christ.**

**Hymn 427** – “God Made from One Blood”

(Please BE SEATED.)

God speaks!

**A New Testament Reading from the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Paul’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter to the Corinthians, Verses 1-13**

**Psalm 107, Verses 1-3 & 23-32** – The New Century Hymnal, page 693

(The accompanist will play the response once, followed by the congregation. The response is then sung as indicated.)

**A New Testament Reading from the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Gospel of Mark, Verses 35-41**

(Please STAND before the reading of the Gospel and respond as follows.)

**Leader:** Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the people.  
**People:** **We listen, O Holy Spirit.**

(After the Gospel, please respond as follows and then BE SEATED.)

**Leader:** This is our sacred story.  
**People:** **We praise you, O God.**

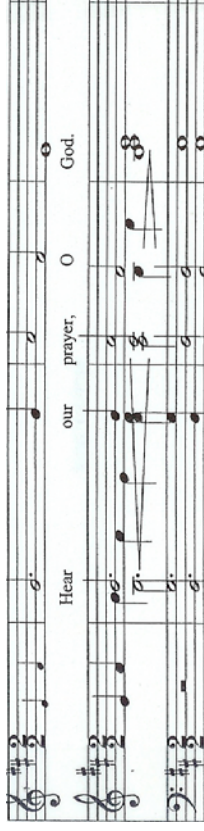
**Sermon** – “Cosmology versus Anthropology” ~ The Reverend Rita Wilbur

(Please **STAND** for the Hymn. During the Hymn the children may leave for Sunday School; afterwards those remaining in the congregation may **BE SEATED**.)

**Hymn 284** – “Joys Are Flowing Like a River”

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer**

(Following the pastoral prayer, you are invited to light a candle and offer a petition or thanksgiving, aloud or in silence. Before the individual prayers and following each petition or thanksgiving, the following response is sung. After the last prayer response, we all recite the Lord’s Prayer.)



**All:**           **Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
Now and forever. Amen.**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Minister:** Please rise as we offer our blessing and share the peace.

**All:**           **You are a beloved child of God. May God give you abundant life and eternal love. May God make you extravagant in your welcome, courageous in your witness, and through you, transform the world.**

**Minister:** The peace of God be with you.

**People:**   **And also with you.**

(Please join us as we greet each other with a handshake or an embrace, saying, "Peace be with you." Then **BE SEATED**.)

**Welcome & Announcements** (Please see page 4.)

The people rejoice!

**The Offertory**

**Leader:** God be with you.

**People:**   **And also with you.**

Leader: Open your hearts.

**People:** **We open them to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the living God.

**People:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: As we prepare the table for Christ's supper, let us present our gifts, offering ourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to God's service and pleasing to God.

(After the offering basket is passed through the congregation, please STAND as the basket and the bread and wine are brought forward and sing the following Offertory Response.)

### **Song of Offering 785 – "We Give You But Your Own"**

(Please BE SEATED.)

### **Remembrance**

Minister:

In this season we celebrate that God has bestowed upon us the Holy Spirit...  
...Bless this wine, for as the juice of the grape is poured into this cup, so your power and love are poured into us in the new covenant.

**All:** **Bless all of us in our eating and drinking, that our spirits may be nourished and our hearts refreshed by your presence with us at this meal. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Supper**

(Jesus' table is OPEN to everyone who wishes to share in this communion fellowship.)

### **The Feast**

Minister:

On the night he was betrayed ... .. Jesus assured his disciples: I will not leave you desolate. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. Today in this meal his word is fulfilled. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. All are worthy. All are welcome.

(When the bread is offered, take a piece and hold it. When the cup is offered, dip the bread into the wine and eat it. After all are served and a period of silence has been observed, please STAND for the Prayer of Thanksgiving and REMAIN STANDING for the Hymn and the "God is still speaking..." Benediction and Commission that follows.)

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Leader: Please rise as we offer this prayer.

**All:** **Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Now send us forth to be your people in the world. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your Good News in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

**Hymn 487 – "Surely No One Can Be Safer"**

God is still speaking...

## **Benediction & Commission**

**Leader:** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us join Christ in the world, healing and speaking words of freedom, revealing God's presence in the very midst of life, through the ever-flowing grace of God. Amen. The service is ended.

**People: We leave to serve the world.**

## *Announcements*

- ✪ **3rd Annual Interfaith PRIDE Service: "Celebration of Joy"** | Sunday, July 12 | 7:00 PM | Beacon Hill Presbyterian Church (1101 W. Woodlawn) | If anyone would like to participate in the service on behalf of SOP, please let Rita know ([sopucc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sopucc@sbcglobal.net)).
- ✪ **Recognizing & Living with Alzheimer's: A 3-Seminar Series sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association of San Antonio & Community UCC** | Thursdays, July 16, 23 & 30 | 3:00 PM | Community UCC | Seminar Topics: 1) The Basics of Alzheimer's; 2) Maintain Your Brain; 3) Caregiver Stress | These seminars are open to the public. To register, please contact Rita Wilbur at 210.333.1603 or Melissa Ortiz at 210.822.6449
- ✪ **Souforce & Atticus Circle Last Sunday of Solidarity** | June 28 | Groups of LGBTQ and allied people around the country will attend worship services at a church of their choice - a church that is not welcoming and affirming of openly LGBTQ members and guests. | Go to <http://www.souforce.org/sos> for more information or to sign up.
- ✪ **If you can volunteer** to be Sunday School Teacher, Worship Leader, Worship Space "Setter-upper" or Refreshment Provider some Sunday, please let Heidi know ([heidi\\_flannery@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heidi_flannery@sbcglobal.net)).
- ✪ **Moderator Floyd's Blog** | <http://moderatorfloyd.blogspot.com/>.

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**Want to know what's up with Spirit of Peace anytime, anywhere?** Go to the "Calendar of Activities" link in the navigation bar on the left side of any page of our website: <http://www.spiritofpeacechurch.org>. To add dates and events, please contact Lauryn ([lauryn7808@gmail.com](mailto:lauryn7808@gmail.com)).



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We are also a member organization of PRO San Antonio ([www.prosanantonio.org](http://www.prosanantonio.org)), an association of progressive, gay-friendly religious communities in San Antonio.

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"It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."  
--Robert F. Kennedy (1925 - 1968)