



Spirit of Peace Church
UNITED CHURCH of Christ

An Open & Affirming, Progressive Christian Congregation Seeking Justice and Peace

Summer HymnSing: A Service of Family & Song

Sunday, 22 June 2008

Order of Worship

(You are invited to stand at †. Hymn numbers refer to the New Century Hymnal.)

Prelude

(We listen to music to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.)

† *Call to Worship*

Leader: We gather in the presence of the God in whom every family in heaven and on earth receives its name.

People: **We come in the prayer that the peace of Christ might dwell in our families.**

Leader: We come in the prayer that the peace of God might fill the life of the human family.

People: **May the love of Christ fill our hearts, our lives, and our world, to the glory of God!**

† *Praise God!*

Hymn 28 – “For the Beauty of the Earth” – All Verses (Kate sings verse 1; people join on verse 2.)

(Please be seated.)

A Reading from the 6th Chapter of Paul's Letter to the Galatians, Verses 9 & 10

† *The Gospel*

Hymn (See insert.) – "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" – All Verses

Hymn 386 – "The Church's One Foundation" – Verses 1 & 4

(Please be seated.)

Contemporary Words

"The Family" – from *Losing Moses on the Freeway: The 10 Commandments in America* by Chris Hedges (Read by Cylia)

"Jacob's Well" – a poem written & read by Pete

Witness

Hymn 451 – "Be Thou My Vision" – Verses 1 & 4

Hymn 547 – "Amazing Grace" – Verses 1 & 4

Prayer

Hymn 505 – "Sweet Hour of Prayer" – Verse 1

Hymn (See insert.) – "Living for Jesus" – All Verses

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.

† *The Peace*

Leader: The peace be of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Please stand and greet those around you with a handshake or embrace, saying, "Peace be with you." Then please be seated.)

Welcome & Announcements

June Movie Event: "The Golden Compass" | Saturday, June 28 (**Note: this is a change of date.**) | Harold's Home | We will get-together about 1:00 PM for swimming, followed by ice cream @ 3:00-ish and the movie around 5:00. Afterwards using materials from www.thethoughtfulchristian.com, we'll discuss our reactions. Check your E-mail for the Harold's Evite or contact him if you haven't received an invitation (harmarch@yahoo.com).

Can you volunteer to be Sam-Sitter, Sunday School Teacher, Worship Leader, Worship Space "Setter-upper" or Refreshment Provider some Sunday? Please let Heidi know (heidi_flannery@sbcgloba1.net).



Hymn 128 – "In the Bleak Midwinter" – Verses 1, 3 & 4

The offering

Leader: God's generosity prompts us to be generous in return. The opportunity to share is a blessing for which we are thankful. So let us respond to God with joy as we present our tithes and offerings.

offertory Music

Hymn 402 – "De colores" – A Mexican Folk Song (Sung by Kate)

Holy Communion

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

† *The Invitation*

Minister: At the last supper, Jesus foretold his death, breaking bread and pouring wine even as his body would be broken and his life poured out. Here in this meal, we remember the paradox of the cross, an instrument of death that was transformed into the power of abundant life and eternal love.

(Please be seated.)

Hymn 195 – "The Old Rugged Cross" – Verses 1 & 4

Minister: So we remember that on the last night of his life, Jesus met one final time with his disciples. Taking the bread he blessed it and broke it and said, "This is my body, broken for you. Do this as often as you eat it in remembrance of me." In the same way after supper he took the cup, and pouring it out gave it to them and said, "This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me." The cross turns our despair into hope, our defeat into triumph. All are welcome to this table. All are worthy to share in the feast.

(When the bread is offered, take a piece and hold it. Then, when the cup is offered, dip the bread into the wine and eat it. A period of silence follows.)

Hymn (See insert.) – "The Love of God" – All Verses

† *The Benediction*

Leader: May we live now in love, for we live now in God. May God the Creator and Christ our Brother make our homes their home. May the Holy Spirit so fill our houses that every room is filled with the goodness of God. And now may God dwell in us and through us and with us, now and forevermore. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

Hymn 438 – "When Peace Like a River" – All Verses

† *The Commission & Recessional Hymn*

Leader: The service is ended.

People: We leave to serve the world.

Hymn 439 – "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" – Verses 1 & 4

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Today's hymns are offered in remembrance & honor of our families:

1. "For the Beauty of the Earth" – Kate's mother
2. "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" – Pete
3. "The Church's One Foundation" – Liz's mother & father
4. "Be Thou My Vision" – Jo's mother
5. "Amazing Grace" – Diane's mother; Harold's mother & father
6. "Sweet Hour of Prayer" – Sean's
7. "Living For Jesus" – David P.
8. "In the Bleak Midwinter" – Rich & Ian's dad
9. "De colores" – Kate's grandmother

10. "The Old Rugged Cross" – John K.'s mother
11. "The Love of God" – Ed's mother
12. "When Peace Like a River" – Sarah's father
13. "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" – Ed's father