

Service of the Lord's Day

June 13, 2010

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The two scoundrels came in and sat opposite him; and the scoundrels brought a charge against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king." So they took him outside the city, and stoned him to death.

1 Kings 21:13

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ORDINARY
TIME

*The periods from the Baptism of the Lord through the Transfiguration of the Lord and from Trinity Sunday through Christ the King Sunday are called ordinary time. The meaning of "ordinary" is a positive one. These Sundays are the ordinary Sundays that establish the norm for Christian worship. The Sundays of ordinary time are the foundation of the Christian year, the bedrock of the liturgical calendar. On them are built the special days and seasons that shape the liturgical pilgrimage of God's people. —Donald Wilson Stake, *The ABC's of Worship: A Concise Dictionary* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 1992), 135.*

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST *is when we become the embodiment of the "peace of Christ" that is offered to us with the forgiveness of sins.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people are called to worship God. Words from scripture are spoken or sung to proclaim who God is and what God has done. We are thus reminded that our worship centers in God and not in ourselves. "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Ps. 124:8).

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Congregation responsively reads lines in bold text.

† Those able, please stand.

As the Opening Voluntary begins, listen quietly as we prepare to worship the Lord.

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE

CHIMING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the red friendship pads down your row.

† GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

GATHERING SONG

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

As the Deer

Martin Nystrom

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.

REMEMBERING YOUR BAPTISM

† CALL TO WORSHIP

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† HYMN 469 (Congregation Sings)

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

INVITATION TO CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF
CONFESSION *is*
intended to
encourage people to
lay down any bur-
den of guilt or regret
or any sense of
failure and
inadequacy, and to
reaffirm their trust
in Christ's unfailing
love and forgiveness.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSIVE CONFESSION OF SINS *(Congregation Prays Together)*

We must admit, God our Parent, how much we are like children. We become resentful over the fact that you do not do what we think you should do. We pout when a friend decides to spend more time with someone else. We can turn sullen when our loved ones refuse to let us have our way.

You could bring disaster upon us, Loving God, but you choose to give us what we don't deserve - the grace and mercy of your heart. Pour out your tenderness upon us, so Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, might live in us, and we might offer our lives in service to others.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE *(Congregation Sings)* Hymn 356, v.4

NETTLETON

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE PSALTER

(Pew Bible, p. 490, Old Testament)

Psalm 5:1-8

One: This is the word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SUMMER HYMN-SING *Hymns of Praise and Thanksgiving*

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.*

Glorify Thy Name

*Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
glorify thy name in all the earth.*

*Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
glorify thy name in all the earth.*

*Blessed Be the Name
Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord!*

THE YOUNGER CHURCH

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Pew Bible, p. 328, Old Testament)

1 Kings 21:1-21a

One: This is the word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Where's the Good News in This?

Rev. Tom Hagood

SERMON

When the Bible has been read, its message is proclaimed in a sermon or other form of exposition of God's Word. The God who speaks in scripture speaks to us now. The God who acted in biblical history acts today. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ is present in the sermon, offering grace and calling for obedience.

† HYMN 293 (Congregation Sings) *This Is My Father's World*

TERRA BEATA

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Congregation Affirms Together)

The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

AFFIRMATION

OF FAITH is the response of the congregation to the proclamation and hearing of God's Word in Scripture and sermon and to affirm its faith in God and God's actions in Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER (Congregation Prays Together)

A time of silence will be offered during the Pastoral Prayer in which you may lift prayer concerns.

If you would rather not say your concern aloud, you may speak to the pastor or an elder following the service.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

In response to the Word, prayers are offered. In these prayers, we acknowledge God's presence in the world and in daily life.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SOLO

Nocturne

Mary Baker Eddy

Tom Reagin, tenor

Brood o'er us with Thy sheltering wing, 'Neath which our spirits blend

Like brother birds, that soar and sing, And on the same branch bend.

The arrow that doth wound the dove darts not from those who watch and love.

THE OFFERING
is also a significant part of our response to the Gospel. As we present the money which represents our commitment to the work of the church, we resolve to maintain this community of worship, fellowship and service.

THE DOXOLOGY *is sung, ascribing glory to God. It usually reflects the Trinity — praising Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

THE CHARGE
A charge to the people to go into the world in the name of Christ may be included. The charge renews God's call to us to engage in obedient and grateful ministry as God's agents to heal life's brokenness. By the power of the Spirit, we are to be in life and ministry what Christ has redeemed us to be. God calls the church to join the mission of Christ in service to the world. As the church engages in that mission, it bears witness to God's reign over all of life

If thou the bending reed wouldst break By thought or word unkind,
Pray that his spirit you partake, Who loved and healed mankind.
See holy thoughts and heavenly strain, that make men one in love remain.
Learn, too, that wisdom's rod is given For faith to kiss, and know;
That greetings glorious from high heave, Whence joys supernal flow,
Come from that Love, divinely near, Which chastens pride and earthborn fear.
Through God, who gave that word of might Which swelled creations' lay"
"Let there be light, and there was light." What chased the clouds away?
'Twas Love whose finger traced aloud a blow of promise on the cloud.
Thou to whose power our hope we give, Free us from human strife.
Fed by Thy love divine we live, For Love alone is Life;
And life most sweet, as heart to heart Speaks kindly when we meet and part.

† **DOXOLOGY** (*Congregation Sings*)

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts, praise Jesus Christ whose pow'r uplifts,
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit; Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Spirit of God

W. H. Neidlinger

Tom Reagin, tenor

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart, Wean it from earth, to joys that dwell above;
Lift me from weakness, mighty as Thou art, Teach me to love Thee as I ought to love.
(Refrain) I ask no dream, no passing ecstasies, No ceaseless dwelling in this veil of clay:
Just send Thine angel thoughts through opening skies,
And take the dimness of my soul away.

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh; Teach me the struggles of the day to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; Teach me the patience of unceasing prayer. (refrain)

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in D Major

Theodore Dubois

*You are welcome to remain seated for the playing of the Closing Voluntary
or to move quietly to the Narthex for a time of fellowship.*

WORSHIP LEADERS THIS MORNING:

Rev. Tom Hagood
Sharon Gregory, Liturgist
David Flick, Organist/Choirmaster
Tom Reagin, Tenor

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This Week At Columbia Presbyterian Church

*Please remember to recycle your bulletin
in the recycle baskets in the narthex and breezeway entrance.*

Sunday, June 13

9:30 am Nursery opens
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am **Worship service**

Tuesday, June 15

7:00 pm Taize worship

Wednesday, June 16

10:00 am Staff meeting
6:00 pm Devotion/Communion Service at Coventry Place

Thursday, June 17

11:30 am Men's lunch at Evans Fine Foods
7:00 pm Joyseekers Women's Circle

Friday, June 18

Newsletter deadline

8:00 pm AA meeting

Saturday, June 19

8:00 pm AA meeting

Sunday, June 20

Fathers' Day

9:30 am Nursery opens
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am **Worship service**

Volunteers for this Week

Visitation Coordinator: Kate Schulz

Ushers: Jerry Artopoulos, captain, Russ Hiner, Bob Reardon, Glenn Simpson

Sound System: Wesley Upshur, Arnie Van Wyk

Welcome! We are glad that you are here!

Columbia Presbyterian Church is a place where members and guests gather to worship and serve God in a caring, inspiring, mission-directed environment. We hope you feel a fresh expression of God's love for you here today.

- If you would like a large-print hymnal, please see an usher.
- Childcare is available in the nursery downstairs during worship and Sunday School.
- Children five and under may leave worship after Time with the Younger Church and go to the nursery. Children six and older are asked to stay for worship. Worship activity bags are available.

We are singing your favorite hymns this month! We will have a hymn-sing every Sunday in June, singing ones taken from the congregational hymn survey done a few years ago. Come each Sunday in June and make a joyful noise!

Our faithful Chancel Choir is taking a well-deserved vacation during the month of June. Soloists and instrumentalists will provide special music each Sunday. This morning, we welcome Tom Reagin, tenor. Thank you, Tom!

NO potluck next Sunday. Because of the conflict with Fathers' Day, our monthly potluck luncheon will be two weeks from today, **Sunday, June 27**. Plan to come to church that day with a dish or two of food to share, and stay after worship to enjoy the good food and fellowship.

Your opinion counts! At the potluck luncheon on Sunday, June 27, a brief survey will be taken. Take this opportunity to let us know your needs and desires for our church.

The deadline for our July newsletter is this Friday, June 18. To have your article or information included, please leave a note in Dorothy's box or email her at columbia-presbyterian@gmail.com. Thanks!

Would you like to receive our church newsletter by email? Send Dorothy a note at columbiapresbyterian@gmail.com and let her know. You may also access the newsletter on our website, cpcdecatur.org. Don't miss out on the news of our congregation!

COLUMBIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Sarah Schulz	Ned & Evelyn Boring	Linda Rice
Dorothy Clark	Martha Clinkscales' mother	Tom Day (Kay Potter)
Gene & Michael Doi	Seige Erickson	Dorothy Gartrell
Bernie Granger	Lloyd Grizzle (Dewberry)	Arkeya Harris
Gloria Harris	Diane (Russ Hiner)	Sarah Jones (in India)
Michael Lacey's father Elton	Ethan Patterson (15 year old with cancer)	Teenie Peters
Earl S. (Sandra Love's brother)	The Mulrine family (Gartrell)	Rehoboth Presbyterian Church
Earl Polk (Kay Potter)	Orlando Rachele	Robin Upshur's father Earl
Ruata's family	Ricky Summers (Cromwells)	Devon Wilson's mother
Jesse Wallace (Iraq)	The Family of Ruth Williams	The McGills (Malawi)
Arch Woodruff	Worldwide missionaries	
The Wellers (Ethiopia)	Church session and staff	

Decatur Cooperative Ministry

Alleviating and preventing homelessness while affirming the dignity of each family

Urgent Message

June 10, 2010

Decatur Cooperative Ministry (DCM) needs your help this summer, and we're confident (well, at least, very hopeful!) that our friends and supporters will come through.

As many a church-goer and nonprofit employee knows, summer – while hot in temperature – is not a hot month for tithes, donations, and fundraising. Even so, the need for emergency housing, financial assistance, and food remains a constant. The housing situation is becoming more pressing than ever given the continuing economic recession that is catapulting many children and their parents out of their homes and onto the streets. Contrary to some stereotypes, these losses are not always the result of being fiscally irresponsible. Sometimes it's just a matter of a simple chain of events.

“My car broke down and from that point on it was like a domino effect: I lost my jobs, my rent was behind and before I knew it, we were evicted. . . [My kids] looked at me like ‘You have a college degree with no job and on top of all of that, we are homeless.’”

These are the words of a mother who came to our transitional housing program four years ago, and it is a story that plays out again and again and again. Times are hard for many people, and despite skyrocketing demand over the past two years, the DCM Board of Directors and staff have made strategic and intentional decisions not to cut back on the level or quality of services, enabling us to help a record 2,350 individuals last year. These decisions, although we strongly believe they are the right ones for us and those we serve, have stretched our resources to the very max.

The domino effect, as it is used above, is often connotative of a negative chain of events. We want to create a positive chain of events – a good domino effect. That's where you come in. If you are able, please make a gift to DCM this summer. Any amount is very needed and is deeply appreciated. And, if you are so inclined, please pass this letter on to others you might be interested in our mission of alleviating and preventing homelessness.

Visit the [online donation form](#) on our website to make an immediate gift. From this page, you can also access more information on DCM and [volunteer opportunities](#). If you prefer to use the mail, our address is DCM, P.O. Box 457, Decatur, GA 30031.

Thank you in advance for your help and generous support.

Warmest regards,

Beth Vann

Executive Director

P.S. The family mentioned above completed our transitional housing program in 2008. Their time at DCM started a new chain of positive events, and in 2010, the mother joined our Board of Directors. The domino effect . . .