

Service of the Lord's Day

September 6, 2009

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

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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

† GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

GATHERING SONG *(As the organ begins the introduction, please be seated and join the choir in singing)*

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

Fugue in A Minor

J.S.Bach

† CALL TO WORSHIP

In remembrance, we gather:
**to be with the One who teaches us
the meaning of faithfulness.**
In remembrance, we worship:
**lifting our voices to the One
who calls us to love one another.**
In remembrance, we feast:
**breaking the Bread which makes us whole,
drinking the Cup which fills us with grace.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† HYMN 376 (*Congregation Sings*) *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

INVITATION TO CONFESSION OF SIN

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION WITH TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

Too often, Holy One, we forget to love you a little bit, much less with all our heart, mind, strength, and soul. Too easily, we forget to love our neighbors, building higher and higher walls between us. Too quickly, we forget your call to servanthood, hearing instead the accolades and applause of the world.

Forgive us, God of freedom and hope. Bring us to the Table of grace, where we will be healed; fill us with your steadfast love; lift us to our feet so we might follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that ministry of servanthood and sacrifice which is our calling.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Today, receive the Bread of Life; today, hear the words of eternal hope; today, trust in the One who hears your prayers, and showers grace and forgiveness upon you.
**Today, we are set free to serve God's people, and to sing God's praises.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

† RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE (*Congregation Sings*)

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.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

*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.*

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

In Remembrance" Beryl Red

In remembrance of me, eat this bread, In remembrance of me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in.

Take, eat, and be comforted.

Drink, and remember, too, that this is my body and precious blood, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me always love.

In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

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.

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.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

is a sacrament that is seen as part of our response to the Word of God. It is an act of remembrance of Jesus, a moment of fellowship with God and with all the people for whom God cares. It is both an occasion for personal spiritual nurture and a challenge to commit ourselves to giving and service. Holy Communion is celebrated in obedience to the command of our Lord who said "Do this in remembrance of me."

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

(Pew Bible, p. 165, Old Testament)

Deuteronomy 8:1-3
One: This is the word of our Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

THE YOUNGER CHURCH

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

(Pew Bible, p. 173, New Testament)

1 Corinthians 11:23-26
One: This is the word of our Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Dr. Justo Gonzalez

† **HYMN 94** (*Congregation Sings*) *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*
Verses 1 and 2

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

ORGAN OFFERTORY

All Praise to Jesus Hallowed Name

J.S. Bach

† **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**

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

† **HYMN 94** (*Congregation Sings*) *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*
Verses 3 and 4

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SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Concerto in A Minor

Vivaldi-Bach

Please remain quietly seated for the playing of the Closing Voluntary or move quietly to the Narthex for a time of fellowship.

WORSHIP LEADERS THIS MORNING:

Dr. Justo L. González

Rev. Tom Hagood

Peggy Tompkins, Guest Organist

Columbia Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

Acolytes: Mapuia Hmar and Daniel Jackson

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Justo L. González was born in Cuba, attended United Seminary in Cuba, received his M.A. from Yale, and then went on to receive his Ph.D. He was the youngest person to be awarded the historical theology doctorate at Yale. González taught at Candler School of Theology of Emory University in Georgia for eight years followed by eight years at United Seminary. He also served as adjunct professor of history at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia and is now retired from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. He was also a member of the Rio Grande Conference of The United Methodist Church.



Columbia Presbyterian Church Session

Rev. Tom Hagood, *Moderator* Alcie Thornton, *Clerk of Session*
Charlie Cromwell, *Treasurer*

Steve Cowan <i>Mission</i>	Jennifer Gallentine <i>Evangelism</i>	Enid Steinbart <i>Christian Education</i>
Charlie Cromwell <i>Finance</i>	Russ Hiner <i>Evangelism</i>	Helen Woods <i>Fellowship</i>
Wendy Cromwell <i>Evangelism</i>	Bob Reardon <i>Building/Grounds</i>	Lyman Wray <i>Finance</i>
	Sharon Reardon <i>Congregational Care</i>	

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.

Announcements

KID'S CLUB UNDERWAY: A midweek program for Kindergarteners through fifth-graders from 4:30-5:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Children and their friends are invited to join us for Bible stories, arts & crafts, games, music, energizers, and snacks in Hazelwood Hall. Contact the church office at 404-284-2441.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a congregational meeting to elect a new class of church elders on Sunday, Sept. 13 immediately following worship. All church members are urged to be present for this important meeting.

CPC Prayer List		
Bob and Helen Golden	Dorothy Clark	Rev. Thomas Livengood
Arkeya Harris	Michael Lacey's dad	Arthur Avery
Lloyd Grizzle (Wendy Dewberry)	Ruata's family	Gloria Williams
The Mulrines (Dorothy G's sister)	Diane (Russ Hiner)	Tom Day (Kay Potter)
Bernie Granger	Laurel Stapinski	Dr. Hubert Taylor
Terry Lochman (Dru Carter's daughter)	Jan Scalaro (Marian Hassler)	Sharon Reardon's mother
Margaret Bloodworth	Earl S. (Sandy Love's brother)	Laura Bordeaux's cousin Kitty
Cora Jones (Tom Reagin)	Ruth Williams (Jerry Artopoulos)	Courtney Kimball's uncles
Carlos Cordoza-Orlandi's mother	Ricky Summers (Cromwells)	Seige Erikson
Richard Fedderm (Woods)	Earl Polk (Kay Potter)	Jean Phillips
The Dois	Arch Woodruff	Ethan -15 year old with bone cancer
Teenie Peters	Josh Wilhite (Afghanistan)	Martha Clinkscales' mother
Susan McKay (Hassler)	Rehoboth Presbyterian Church	Orlando Rachele
Eloise Jones (Woods)	The Wellers: Ethiopia	Sharon Reardon
Worldwide missionaries	The McGills: Malawi	Church Session & Staff

This Week At Columbia Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday, September 6

9:30 am Nursery opens
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Chancel Choir warm-up
11:00 am **Worship service with the Lord's Supper**

Monday, September 7 Office closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8

4:30 pm Kids Club
7:00 pm Taize worship

Wednesday, September 9

6:45 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Friday, September 11

8:00 pm AA meeting

Saturday, September 12

10:00 am Worship committee meeting
8:00 pm AA meeting

Sunday, September 13

9:30 am Nursery opens
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Chancel Choir warm-up
11:00 am **Worship service**
Noon Congregational Meeting: *Election of New Class of Elders*
12:15 pm Lunch and Learn: *Communion Discussion with Catherine Gonzalez*

Volunteers for this Week

Visitation Coordinator: Sharon Reardon

Ushers: Dave Gleim, captain; Jennifer Gallentine, Russ Hiner, Dot Smythe

Sound System: Wesley Upshur, Arnie Van Wyk