

Summerville Presbyterian Church



July 7, 2013

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacrament of Communion

Preparation for Worship (for silent meditation)

The church exists within political communities.
Throughout its history the church has struggled
to be faithful to God in political situations:
under persecution,
or as an established arm of the state,
or in separation from it.

God rules over both political and religious institutions.
We must confuse either with the kingdom of God.
We must not equate the Christian faith
with any nation's way of life
or with opposition to the ideologies of other nations.

We hold Christians are to be law-abiding citizens
unless the state commands them to disobey God,
or claims authority that belongs only to God.

We must not allow governments
to impose Christian faith by legislation,
Nor should we demand undue advantages for the church.
The church must be free to speak to civil authorities,
neither claiming expert knowledge it does not have,
nor remaining silent when God's Word is clear.

From A Declaration of Faith

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering hymn 416 "God of Grace and God of Glory" (Stanzas 1-3)

Minister: Who are you?

People: **I am a child of God.**

Announcements We invite visitors to sign the pew register.

Prelude

Call to Worship *Isa. 66:10-14; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20*

L: The kingdom of God has come near.

P: **The Lord says, "I will make peace flow like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flood."**

L: As a mother comforts her child, so the Lord comforts us.

P: We will see, we will rejoice, we will flourish like grass.
L: The Lord's power will be revealed to all servants.
All: Alleluia—the kingdom of God has come near!

Prayer of Confession (In Unison) *Gal. 6:(1-6) 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20*

O Lord of the harvest,
 you have called us to work for the good of all,
 to not grow weary in doing what is right,
 and to pray for laborers to be sent into your harvest.
 We confess, however,
 that we have allowed self-concern
 to encumber our service,
 and sin to cloud our vision of your new creation.
 Forgive us, O God, and grant us grace
 to bear the cross of Christ with courage,
 to sow seeds for the Spirit,
 and reap a harvest for eternal life.

***Declaration of Pardon**

***Gloria Patri**

Epistle Reading: Galatians 6:7-116

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination

Tanakh Reading: Isaiah 31:1-3

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon:

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed p. 564

Joys and Concerns and Prayer of Intercession

***Hymn of Reflection** 366 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" (Stanzas 1, 2, and 5)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 568

The Bread and the Cup (**The Bread and the Cup** *(When we receive the bread and the cup we hold it until all are served and we eat and drink together after words from the pastor.)*)

Prayer after communion: ... "Our Father..."

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn of Going Forth** 2184 "Sent Out in Jesus' Name" (2 times)

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

The pastor will greet you at the main entrance doors following worship. For the benefit of those who wish to listen to the postlude, please refrain from visiting with your neighbors until you have left the Sanctuary, or until the Postlude is concluded.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Rev. Ballard can be reached** at home at 563-6744, by cell phone at 865-223-3773 or by email at tballard4603@rochester.rr.com.
- **The SESSION has called for a congregational meeting following worship on July 14th. The purpose of this meeting is to hear the report of the Church Officer Nominating Committee, to elect members of the Pastor Nominating Committee, and to hear a report from the Finance Committee with discussion on the issues raised.**
- All are invited to join us for lemonade served on the lawn, hosted today by _____ . In case of inclement weather, lemonade will be served in Fellowship Hall.

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 7 th	Worship @ 9:15 a.m. Lemonade on the lawn Who Are These Presbyterians conclusion	Sanctuary
Monday, July 8 th	AA @ 6:00 p.m.	Rooms 10/14
Thursday, July 11 th	Finance @ 7:00 p.m.	Memorial Lounge
Friday, July 12 th	Taco/Burrito Fundraiser	Fellowship Hall/kitchen
Next Sunday, July 14 th	Worship @ 9:15 a.m. New Members, Baptism, Congregational Meeting Deacons @ 10:30 a.m. Lemonade on the lawn	Sanctuary Memorial Lounge

CONCERNS

Congregational Concerns

Janey Butler, daughter-in-law of Lois and Gerry Butler (1)
 Maeve Feeney, (Boston) daughter of friends of Jeri Powell (10)
 Joan Gibbs, (SC) friend of Lou and Tom Ballard
 Royetta Pulver (15)
 Jan Shrine, friend of Stephanie Aldersley-Polowe (12)
 Bobbi Tobin, friend of Jane Kleehammer, former pastor at IPC (11)
 Paul White, friend of Jeri Powell (10)
 Eileen Wilkinson (7)

Greeter: _____

Usher: _____

Elders serving Communion: Jennifer DeVoe and Doug Caine

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