

ORDER OF WORSHIP
July 1, 2007 10:00 a.m.
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PREPARATION

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign the friendship pad located at the end of the pew. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer request card and pass it to the end of the pew during the opening hymn.)

PRELUDE *Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus – Onward Christian Soldier* -arr. Mickelson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

People: that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

All: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

***HYMN** 262 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

CALL TO CONFESSION

***CONFESSING OUR FAILINGS**

Leader: Almighty God: you alone are good and holy. Purify our lives and make us brave disciples.

People: We do not ask you to keep us safe, but to keep us loyal, so we may serve Jesus Christ, who, tempted in every way as we are, was faithful to you.

Leader: Deliver us from a lack of reverence for truth and beauty; from a calculating or sentimental mind; from going along with mean and ugly things;

People: Deliver us, O God, from cowardice that dares not face truth; laziness content with half-truth; or arrogance that thinks we know it all;

continued

*All who are able may stand

Leader: Deliver us, Holy One, From artificial life and worship; from all that is hollow or insincere;

People: Save us, O Lord, from trite ideals and cheap pleasures; from mistaking hard vulgarity for humor;

Leader: Spare us and others from being dull, pompous, or rude, or from putting down our neighbors;

People: Prevent us from cynicism about others; from intolerance or cruel indifference;

Leader: Deliver us, Giver of all grace, from being satisfied with things as they are, in the church or in the world; from failing to share your indignation about injustice; and from selfishness, self-indulgence, or self-pity;

People: Save us from token concern for the poor, for lonely or loveless people; from confusing faith with good feeling, or love with wanting to be loved;

All: For everything in us that may hide your light; O God, light of life, forgive us.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new.

People: All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, for in Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE *579 Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please extend the Peace of Christ to one another)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Any children 3yrs –4th grade may leave for church school)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

O God from whose creative heart all things have come, hear the prayers of your people who this day pour out their hearts and gratitude. Send us your Spirit so that during the reading of the Scriptures we may be able to hear you speak to us heart to heart. May that word prompt us to unite our hearts with yours. Mindful of your own Son, we make our prayer through him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 77:1-2,11-20

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Galatians 5:1,13-15

SERMON "Independence and Freedom" Dr. Brown

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THE PASTORAL PRAYER

A Litany for the Nation

Leader: Mighty God: the earth is yours and nations are your people. Take away our pride and bring to mind your goodness, so that, living together in this land, we may enjoy your gifts and be thankful.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: For clouded mountains, fields and woodland; for shoreline and running streams; for all that makes our nation good and lovely;

People: **We thank you, God.**

Leader: For farms and villages where food is gathered to feed our people;

People: **We thank you, God.**

Leader: For cities where people talk and work together in factories, shops, or schools to shape those things we need for living;

People: **We thank you, God.**

Leader: For explorers, planners, statesmen; for prophets who speak out, and for silent faithful people; for all who love our land and guard freedom;

People: **We thank you, God.**

Leader: For vision to see your purpose hidden in our nation's history, and courage to seek it in human love exchanged;

People: **We thank you, God.**

Leader: *O beautiful for spacious skies.*

For amber waves of grain.

For purple mountain majesties

Above the fruited plain!

People: **O God, forgive our mindless exploitation of this bountiful land. Forgive us for fouling our air, contaminating our water, disfiguring our**

landscape. And grant us vision and courage to right these wrongs.

Leader: *O Beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!*

People: O God, forgive us for knowing so little about our heritage and for caring less. Forgive us for taking the faith and wisdom of our ancestors for granted. And grant us vision and courage to right these wrongs

Leader: *O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved.
And mercy more than life!*

People: Forgive us, O God, for having grown soft and flabby, more concerned about what our country can do for us than about what we can do for our country. Forgive us for admiring the costly sacrifices of others while inventing cut-rate excuses for ourselves. And grant us vision and courage to right these wrongs.

Leader: *O beautiful for patriot dreams
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!*

People: Forgive us, O God, our fear of dreaming grand, wonderful dreams of justice and mercy in our land and peace among the nations, Forgive our daily failures in doing what we can to make such dreams come true because what we can do seems so little in the face of needs so vast. And grant us vision and courage to right these wrongs.

All Sing: *O beautiful for spacious skies.
For amber waves of grain.
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

Leader: Eternal God: before you nations rise and fall; they grow strong or wither by your design. Help us to repent our country's wrong, and to choose your right in reunion and renewal.

People: Amen.

Leader: Give us a glimpse of the Holy City you are bringing to earth, where death and pain and crying will be gone away; and nations gather in the light of your presence.

People: **Great God, renew this nation with your vision.**

Leader: Teach us peace, so that we may plow up battlefields and pound weapons into building tools, and learn to talk across old boundaries as brothers and sisters in your love.

People: **Great God, renew this nation with your love.**

Leader: Talk sense to us, so that we may wisely end all prejudice, and may put a stop to cruelty, which divides or wounds the human family.

People: **Great God, renew this nation with your word and wisdom.**

Leader: Draw us together as one people who do your will, so that our land may be a light to the nations. Leading the way to your promised kingdom, which is coming among us.

People: **Great God, renew this nation with your leading Light.**

Leader: Great God, eternal Lord: long years ago you gave our ancestors this land as a home for free men and women. Show us there is no law or liberty apart from you; and let us serve you modestly, as devoted people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **We pray all this in the name of the one who contains in his person all the beauty in the universe, even Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all together)

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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING OF GIFT AND SELF

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (all together)

God of the heavenly vineyard, in Christ you have sown the seed of our eternal salvation. Through the Holy Spirit you have planted our Word of wisdom and might. We are surrounded by countless acts of your graciousness and are empowered in every way by your sustaining love. Receive the fruits of our labors, which we lay before you, and bless them to your glory. Amen.

***HYMN** 564 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 372 Lord, I Want to Be A Christian vs.1
Lord, I want to be a Christian In-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart. In-a my heart, In-a my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

POSTLUDE Chimed

(The congregation treats the postlude as its closing time of worship and leaves after it is completed.)

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Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Lance Brown
Layreader: Sue Piersa
Counters: Bruce & Linda Barrows
Building Check: Personnel
(July 8th – Church & Society – July 15th – Membership)

SUNDAY NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all who worship here this morning. Please join us for coffee after the worship service.

IHN hosting at Orchard Park Presbyterian is July 7th –14th. Our dinner night is Wednesday, July 11th.

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CALENDAR

Today	- July 1	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Rev. Dr. Lance Brown preaching
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Sun.	- July 8	10:00 a.m.	Worship - Mission Speaker
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Scott Bailey & his family (The Partacz family) ♦ Matt Bove (Richard Jones) ♦ Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Steve Dalin (Karen Dalin) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Lorraine Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ *Cathy Folaron* (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Debbie Goggins (Greg Goggins sister) ♦ Jessica Grazen (The Fischers) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Harold Hanna ♦ Nancy Hay ♦ *Janet H.* (Nancy Galley) ♦ Esther Hiller (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Ben Klinshaw (Rita Hanna) ♦ Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Lee Kruszka ((The Fischer's) ♦ Lynn Labby (Marion Labby) ♦ Peter McCray (Sue Piersa) ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Josh Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ Cathy Munsterman (Richard Jones) ♦ Sandy Northem ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert ♦ George Shaffer ♦ Paul Sipos (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ Joan Shockey (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ The Weez (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Kyle James Smyntek (The Fiegl's) ♦ Partick Weir (Sandy Pakehnam))
Nancy Kester and her family as they mourn the death of her mother

Chris Kalinowski ☉ Matthew Jones ☉ Bill Cenkner Jr. ☉ Patrick Baskerville ☉ Sammy Russo ☉ Kimberly Trudeau ☉ Steve Odebralski ☉ Jason Zimmerman ☉ Andrew Zalikowski ☉ Nick Turvey ☉ Kristen Pelc ☉ Ben Schauss ☉ Phillip Schott ☉ Josh Winkler ☉ Russell Molnar ☉ Pat McCullough ☉ Ryan M. Ratigan ☉ Larry Lloyd ☉ Joshua Feldman ☉ Dan Dudziak ☉ David Ferg ☉ Zachery Goggins

Each week we invite you to hold in your prayers different families and individuals in our church. As an act of faithfulness we pray for each other. This week we pray for:

Debbie Ball Nancy Galley The Messoro Family George Shaffer