

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 26, 2007 10:00 a.m.
TWENTIFIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PREPARATION

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." O God, enlarge within us the sense of fellowship with all living things, our brothers the animals to whom thou hast given the earth as their home in common with us. We remember with shame that in the past we have exercised the high dominion of man with ruthless cruelty, so that the voice of the earth, which should have gone up to Thee in song, has been a groan of travail. May we realize that they live, not for us alone, but for themselves and for thee, and that they love the sweetness of life.
Liturgy of St. Basil (c. 370 AD)

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

Knowing You

-Kendrick

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 71:12, 14-16

Leader: O God, do not be far from me;

All: O my God, make haste to help me!

Leader: But I will hope continually,

All: and will praise you yet more and more.

Leader: My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,

All: of your deeds of salvation all day long...

One: Let us praise the mighty deeds of the Lord God, our Creator and Redeemer.

All: Let us praise God's righteousness, God's alone.

♪ ♪ ***HYMN** 285 *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all together)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world.

continued

*All who are able may stand

The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

***RESPONSE** 576 Gloria, Gloria

***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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Colossians 1:15-20

GOSPEL READING: Luke 15: 11-32

One: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Prodigal is Us

-Gladys Gifford

♪ ♪ *HYMN

296 Walk on, O People of God

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

We welcome Gladys Gifford to our pulpit this morning and thank her for preaching while Pastor Deb is on vacation. Ms. Gifford serves the Presbytery of WNY as Hunger Action/Stewardship of Creation Educator. In that capacity, she advocates for peacemaking through action alerts to pastors and church educators, and through displays at presbytery meetings, serves as representative of the presbytery at regional environmental and economic justice meetings, and brings resources to Presbytery committees and to individual congregations to raise awareness of hunger and environmental issues. Ms. Gifford is the first Authorized lay Preacher (ALP) in the Presbytery of WNY. Ms. Gifford earned her Master of Theology degree from Christ the King Seminary in 2006, and her Master of Church Music degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1973. She lives in Eggertsville, NY, with her husband, Alvin J. Schuster. Ms. Gifford is an ordained elder at University Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, NY.

SUNDAY NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Large print copies of the Order of Worship, The Hymnal and the NRSV Bible are available at the back of the church.

Phonic Ear hearing assistance program is available. Please see an usher for more details.

Prayer Request Cards, located, in your pew, are for any prayer requests you wish included in the Prayers of the People. If you have a prayer request, please annotate your request on the back of the card, then pass it to the end of the pew (whichever end is closer to you) for collection by the usher during the opening hymn. Please do not place the card in the offering plate, as the card suggests. "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." *Philippians 4:6*

CHILD CARE

Infant/Toddler Nursery Care during worship is provided for your children.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ 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) ♦ Jessica Grazen (The Fischers) ♦ Margie Grotevent (Marion Labby) ♦ 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) ♦ Sue Maciejewski ♦ Peter McCray (Sue Piersa) ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Josh Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ 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))

Ken and Stacey Koehler and their family as they mourn the death of their daughter Courtney.

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 ☼ Alison Lankes

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:
 Elisabeth Helman Richard & Janice Jones The Pagliaccio Family Pearl Weber

CALENDAR

Today	- August 26	10:00 a.m.	Worship –guest preacher, Gladys Gifford
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Sun.	- September 2	10:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Communion
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

Great news!!! For the month of June we collected a total of 4.23 tons of paper. We have now collected a total of 6.57 tons of paper for the months of May and June. We need to collect 6.31 more tons of paper before August 31 to earn an extra \$500 for Cornerstone Manor. Please continue to recycle newspaper, magazines, shopping catalogs, office & school papers and mail. We need **your** help to succeed!

Thanks, Tim Miller

Please note there will be no Summer Enrichment for the children today. There are purple folders & crayons in the first pew for your children to take after children's time. Inside the folders are coloring & activity sheets also, there is a pamphlet for the adults about children in worship. The folders & crayons can be placed on the table in the Narthex when church is over so they can be used another week.

<u>Attendance for August 19th</u>

Adult – 36 Children - 5
