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The Celebration of Worship 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2009

10:00 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.
Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care
and other church programs are available from any usher.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.
Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in Your house, ever singing Your praise.

For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; He bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in You.

Psalm 84:1-4 & 10-12

VOLUNTARY

Benedicimus a 3
Fred Gaul, organ

Nicolas Gigault

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so you may greet each other by name.
Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Blessed Be Your Name
(See insert)

Matt Redman and Beth Redman

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jim Roberts

*RESPONSE

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place

Lanny Wolfe

Sure - ly the pre - sence of the Lord is in this place.

I can feel His might - y pow - er and His grace.

I can hear the brush of an - gels' wings, I see glo - ry on each face.

Sure - ly the pre - sence of the Lord is in this place.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Hopta

All: Lord, we admit that we are too ready to fight the wrong battles.

Leader: We are ready to fight when we feel we have been unfairly treated.

People: We are ready to fight over name-calling and disagreements about who gets what.

Leader: But we wait idly when You call us to fight injustice done to others,
and we give in rather than face up to powers like greed and selfishness.

All: Forgive us, and help us to fight Your battles. Teach us to rely on the peace Jesus taught
rather than on fierce words and actions that hurt and destroy.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Barbara Hopta

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Barbara Hopta

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*HYMN 527

Near to the Heart of God

MCAFEE

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Claire Butler

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.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 579

*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.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Roberts

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.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Voluntary

William Boyce

*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

God of goodness and mercy, we bring You our offerings. We thank You for the blessings You bestow. You fill us with hope; we give You our commitment. You instill in us confidence; we offer our trust. You teach us how to sacrifice; we seek to be faithful. You call us to obey You; we pledge our allegiance. All that we have we place before You. Use us and mold us to conform to Your will. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

VOLUNTARY	Berceuse Fred Gaul, organ	Franklin Ashdown
SCRIPTURE READING	John 14:23-31, Pew Bible, NT, p. 109	Bill McCoy
SERMON	THE IMPERATIVES OF JESUS: Promises to Keep	Bill McCoy
*CONCLUDING HYMN 462	Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies	RATISBON
*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION		Bill McCoy
*HYMN OF PARTING		HYMN 540

God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.

*VOLUNTARY	March from Scipio Fred Gaul, organ	G. F. Handel
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Reminder: please return your hearing devices at the end of the service this morning.

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• *Restrooms and water fountains* are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel - please
• accompany children.

• *Childcare:* Nursery and Rooms 113 and 114

• *Elder Visitation:* Bill Mullett, Otis O'Connor, Ann Orders, Rebecca Palmer

• *The Flowers in the Sanctuary* today are given by Alice and Mike Abernethy and their children, Laura and
• Colin, for the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles and Mary Gay; and by Hester L. Covert, Anna
• Johnson and children for the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lewis, Mr. and
• Mrs. Walter Lewis, Jr. and grandson Charles M. Johnson.

• *Greeters today are:* Barbara Gessner, Lynn and Max Kuyk, Suzanne Pancake

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