

MOUNT AUBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
7th Sunday of Easter

May 20, 2012

11:00 a.m.

Large print bulletins are available from the Ushers.

A single asterisk () before the liturgy indicates that the congregation is to stand if able.*

People's response in bold.

Please turn off your cell phones before the service begins.

The service begins with the prelude. This is a time for meditative prayer, silence, and centering.

Please be mindful of your neighbor's desire to prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

INTROIT

"Come, let us worship God."

McKeever

Come, let us worship God.

Welcome everyone

To the love of God.

Rest for the weary...

Food for the hungry...

Hope for the people...

GATHERING WORDS (Responsively)

Nan Costello

Come to the birthplace, and we shall be one,
even as parent and child are one.

**We come to the God who gives us life,
whose life in the world is borne by our labor.**

Let us come singing, and we shall be one,
even as melody and harmony are one.

**We come to the God who gives us song,
and to whose lead we lend our voices.**

Let us come to the God who gives us dance,
and to whose movements we adapt our step.

We come to the birthplace, and we shall be one.

We come to our God, we shall be one!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN (printed below)

"Praise to our God the Almighty"

Lobe den Herren

**Praise to our God, the Almighty, the One of creation!
O my soul, praise God, for there is our health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to the temple draw near;
Join us in glad adoration!**

**Praise to our God, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
with wings God shelters us, and yea, so gently sustaineth!
Have you not seen how your desires e'er have been
granted in what God ordaineth?**

Praise to our God! O let everyone sing adoration!
All that has life and breath, send praise from every nation!
Let the amen sound from all people again;
Gladly we give adoration!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Confession (Unison)

As we wait impatiently for a future kin-dom,
remind us again, O Holy One,
that Jesus taught us the kin-dom of God is within us.
Open our hearts to let you rule our lives
that we may show forth your love,
and thus lead others into that glorious realm where you reign.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsively)

The good news is that Christ calls us to new life
and enables us to begin again
and again and again.

Let us stand to praise God with songs of joy!

(The people stand to sing the response.)

*RESPONSE #332, vs. 4

“Live into Hope”

Truro

Live into hope of captives freed,
From chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
To faith and hope and joy and peace.

*PASSING THE PEACE

MOMENT WITH THE YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 p.118

Psalm 1 **Hymn #158** “The One Is Blest”

Dumfermline

(Please remain seated for the congregational singing of the Psalm; from the hymnal.)

1 John 5:9-13 p.241

ANTHEM

“Thulasizwe”

South African
arr. Ursula Hofer

Chancel Choir; Jane Carter, *solo*

Trans: Be silent, don't cry, our God will protect.
God will give us freedom.

GOSPEL READING

John 17:6-21a p.111

SERMON

“Answering God's Prayers”

The Reverend Susan Quinn Bryan

MOMENT OF SILENCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe it is a matter of faith to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

We believe it is a matter of faith to recognize equally
and love all members of God's human family.

There are no exceptions to God's love.

We believe God's creation is good, beautiful and sacred;
therefore to condemn any portion of God's creation is to condemn a portion of God.

This is sin.

We believe Jesus Christ came to us to free all people from sin
and to make disciples -

people willing to live Christ's discipline of love and justice for all.

We believe the Holy Spirit is that power within us
that gives us courage and stamina to face the truth and to live it;
even to die for it, as Jesus died.

We believe in the resurrection, the victory over death,
and the truth that is life for all in Jesus name.

Glory is to God, the One in Three, Creator, Savior, and Holy Power of love.

*HYMN #418

"God, Bless Your Church with Strength!"

Ich Halte Treulich Still

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and MINUTE FOR MISSION

Please sign the welcome register and pass it to your neighbor. When all have signed pass it back so you can see the names of those with whom you are worshiping. (Please remove the signed page and place it in the offering plate). Announcements are given by the liturgist. Those not printed in the bulletin must be handed to the liturgist before the service begins.

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL FOR OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology #455, vs. 6

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

All creatures, your Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness, O sing ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Parent, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Dedication

*HYMN #423

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

Duke Street

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*Response

"Come Walk with Us"

South African

(Congregation is invited to join.)

**(Come walk with us the journey is long
the journey, the journey, the journey is long.)**

POSTLUDE