



First Presbyterian Church of Naples

Service of Worship
Sunday February 28, 2010
8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Our Mission:
Serving Christ In Our Community and the World

The Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Ave Maria

STEVE CROSBY, PIANO

J. S. BACH
CHARLES GOUNOD/BACH

Welcome and Life Together

* Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

All: *The Lord is the stronghold of our life; of whom shall we be afraid?*

Leader: Come seek God's face.

All: *Your face, Lord, do we seek.*

* Hymn of Praise #50

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1. *Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. My soul with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills: to God all praise and glory!*
2. *What God's almighty power has made, in mercy he is keeping; by morning glow or evening shade his eye is never sleeping. And where he rules in kingly might, there all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glory!*
3. *We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us. Our Savior saw our helplessness and came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord, who is by one and all adored: to God all praise and glory!*
4. *Let all who name Christ's holy name give God the praise and glory. Let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story. Cast every idol from its throne; the Lord is God, and he alone: to God all praise and glory!*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayers of Confession

All: *Holy God, you are our light and our salvation; whom should we fear? You are the stronghold of our life; we should not be afraid. But we are. By our fretting and speculating, by obsessing with saving ourselves, we betray your presence and forget your promises. Forgive us, deliver us, and give us vision to see your grace and love in our world. Amen.*

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Sung response: **Jesus, We are Here**

PATRICK MATSIKENYIRI

All: *Jesus, we are here,
Jesus, we are here,
Jesus, we are here,
We are here for you.*

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In Christ we are forgiven.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

* Gloria Patri #805

GREATOREX

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!

Children's Time (10:00 a.m.)

First Reading

Ezekiel 47:1-12

PEW BIBLE PAGE 714

8:30 A.M. ANN GOODNIGHT,
CLERK OF SESSION

10:00 A.M. SHIRLEY HAGERSON, DEACON

¹Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there, water was flowing from below the threshold of the temple towards the east (for the temple faced east); and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. ²Then he brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and the water was coming out on the south side. ³Going on eastward with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits, and then led me through the water; and it was ankle-deep. ⁴Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was knee-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was up to the waist. ⁵Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. ⁶He said to me, 'Mortal, have you seen this?' Then he led me back along the bank of the river. ⁷As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on one side and on the other. ⁸He said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah; and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. ⁹Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish, once these waters reach there. It will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes. ¹⁰People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-eglaim; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. ¹¹But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. ¹²On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Response

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Amen.

Prayers of The People and The Lord's Prayer

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings (Please pass the friendship pads.)

The Offertory

Wondrous Love

ROBERT SCHOLZ

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul? When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I am, while millions join the theme, I will sing: What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Second Reading

Matthew 5: 1-16

PEW BIBLE PAGE 785-786

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. ¹³You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Re-measuring

* Hymn of Commitment #209

RATHBUN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

- 1. In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.*
- 2. In the cross of Christ I glory, there for all was grace made free, none deserving, yet receiving life thro' death at Calvary.*
- 3. When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me. Lo! It glows with peace and joy.*
- 4. When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.*
- 5. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that thro' all time abide.*

* Commission

Leader: Go and be salt and light.

All: *With God's help and in Christ's name, we go.*

* Benediction

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso (Water Music)

G. F. HANDEL

Preaching: Dr. Edward Thompson
 Assisting at 8:30: Ann Goodnight, Clerk of Session
 Assisting at 10:00: Shirley Hagerson, Deacon
 Organist: on the Julia Thompson Smith Memorial Organ Dr. Brice Gerlach
 Ushers: 8:30 a.m. Don and Phyllis Preston (Head Ushers), Bob Martin, Eric Holt, Ruth Pence,
 Mildred Klemp, Gary and Donna Tincu, Roberta Imbrie, Dee Clark,
 Shirley Hagerson
 10:00 a.m. Bill Stafford (Head Usher), Stephen and Cynthia Anderson, Jim Brown,
 Helen Corwith, Tom and Marion DeLessio, Whitney Dunlap,
 Keith and Gloria Kersch, Bob Martin, Gerald Neff, Kathy Peterson,
 Tim and Betty Plum
 Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Rex Storter, Terri Bass, Gary and Mary Ann Helms
 10:00 a.m. Rex Storter, Terri Bass, Gene McCree, Bill and Mildred Morgan
 Stephen Minister (Spencer Hall): 8:30 a.m. Irene M. Lichtefeld Neff
 10:00 a.m. Martha Rambie

*Donations to the Sanctuary Flower Fund have been made
 to the glory of God and in celebration of Ed & Dottie Bartsch's sixty-seventh wedding anniversary
 on February 27, from their daughters and families,*

*and by Chuck Gomori in honor of
 all of the Head Ushers and Ushers of First Presbyterian Church.*

Prayer Concerns

Hospital:

Jane McCarthy (26)
 Scott Schleicher (3)
 Virginia Weigel (f)

Other Concerns:

Dunbar Abston (5)
 Jeff Arnold (f)
 Alice Bagley (22)
 Joey Bei (f)
 Fred Bell (17)
 Lt. Dan Burgess (f)
 Evan Carew (f)
 Nina Cawfield (30)
 Denise Collins (f)
 Tom Corvin (f)
 Chris Cromer (f)
 Margaret DeCaro (19)
 Luke Filkins (f)
 Don Green (20)

Boots Halstead (f)
 Bob Hand (f)
 Alex Hart (12)
 Jan Hertel (1)
 John Jervis (11)
 Larry Jones (f)
 Evelyn Lambert (12)
 Robin Maloney (20)
 Dianne Mansfield (f)
 Stephen Mansfield (f)
 Spl. David Martin (f)
 Alex McAslan (23)
 Patricia McCorkle (7)
 Wade McCorkle (7)
 Spl.4 Christopher Oberhaus
 Bob & Dorothy Pash (16)
 John Pfouts (7)
 Betty Quillman (12)
 Mark Rideout (f)

Sgt. Kyle Romohr (f)
 Robert Rose (f)
 Margie Rustman (f)
 Kevin Sawyer (f)
 Wendy Snow (f)
 Cheryl Spates (f)
 Dan Stellema (26)
 Peter Stopoulos (f)
 Kurt Thomas (f)
 Tony Voigt (f)
 Linda Waller (f)
 Gitte Watanabe (f)
 Dorothy Wilson (26)
 U.S. Military
 Stephen Ministers and
 care receivers
 (#) = parish number
 (f) = non-member

Adult Enrichment

Breakfast Bible Study for Men: The Gospel of John

Bible study led by Dr. Edward Thompson continues every Monday through March 29 from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. with a hot breakfast in Spencer Hall.

Women's Bible Study

Join Mary Ann Lee for a study of the Gospel of John. The class has resumed on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in Room 204. Contact Mary Ann at 239.384.9549.

HUDDLE

A weekly men's Bible study of the book of Acts continues this Thursday at noon in Spencer Hall. Bring your lunch and Bible.

Men's Club

Join us tomorrow, March 1 for the program "Celtic Christianity" by Dr. Edward Thompson. Donuts and fellowship at 10:00 a.m. and program promptly at 10:30 a.m. All are invited to attend.

Presbyterian Women's Gathering

Wednesday, March 3 at noon in Spencer Hall our guest speaker will be Marianne Larimer of the Cancer Alliance of Naples. The center provides counseling, services and financial aid for Naples residents who are coping with cancer. Our mission focus in March is the Birthday Offering begun in 1922 to celebrate our heritage of mission giving. Luncheon Tickets (\$7) and Birthday Offering envelopes available today in Spencer Hall after both services at the Presbyterian Women table.

BIBLE FACILITATORS meet on Monday, March 1, 9:00 a.m., Room 202.

Church Women United

All women are invited to celebrate Spring Friendship Day on Friday, March 12 at Grace Place, 4300 21st Avenue SW, Golden Gate. Registration at 9:30 a.m. Program, "Living the Vision" at 10:00 a.m. is followed by a salad luncheon. For more information contact Bonita Krauss at 435.0462.

Prime Timer's Baseball Game

Tickets can be picked up in Spencer Hall today. The church vans will be leaving on March 9 at 11:00 a.m. sharp from the church parking lot. Any questions, please call Tom or Marion De Lessio at 354.4421.

Congregational Care

Becky Jarrell, Director of Congregational Care
beckyj@fpcnaples.org

New Member Coffee

A New Member Class will be held on **Wednesday, March 10 at 4:00 p.m.** in Spencer Hall. For more information, contact Becky Jarrell at 262.1311 or beckyj@fpcnaples.org.

Congregational Invitation to Special Stephen Ministry Event

Dr. Marian Dolan will lead an insightful 90 minute workshop on March 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the Choir Room. Marian is a former professor of theology and the arts at Emory University, and she is now the artistic director of The Choir Project here in Naples. All participants are advised to bring copies of their five favorite hymns. We will work together with these five tunes and texts to explore our own "sung theology."

Volunteer Ministry Opportunity

If you enjoy working with beautiful flowers, please call Becky Jarrell to indicate your interest in helping with the rearrangement of our lovely worship flowers into smaller bouquets for special remembrances. Schedules are extremely flexible and time involved is approximately 15-20 minutes per Sunday. This is one of many Deacon responsibilities and they would be grateful for your help!

Children and Youth

Crosswalk/Children's Sunday School

Children in grades 2-5 will remain in worship this morning. Clipboards with Bible lesson activities for your child can be found at the church entrances. Pre-K through grade 1 will attend their regular Sunday School.

Support the High School Summer Mission Trip to Mexico

Stop by the Mexico Mission table in Spencer Hall to meet some of the students participating in this year's trip and to learn more about the many ways you can help – from prayer to sponsorship to so much more. For more information, contact Monty Richards at 825.1682 or montyr@fpcnaples.org.

News and Events

A Season of Music

The Richard Zielinski Singers will present a concert on Sunday, March 7 at 4:00 p.m. Consisting of 40 professional singers, the chorus inspires audiences with programs of contemporary American choral works as well as great choral classics. The program will include the well known *Alleluia* by Randall Thompson as well as *The Seal Lullaby* by Eric Whitacre, one of the most popular and frequently performed living choral composers. A reception will follow in Spencer Hall. For more information, contact Brice Gerlach at 262.1311 ext. 239 or briceg@fpcnaples.org.

Stewardship Update

We are on our way to completing a joyful stewardship season. Our hope and goal is to exceed last year's commitment with pledges to date of \$1,122,364 (only \$32,739 short of last year).

Flower Calendar

If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person, sign up on the flower calendar in Spencer Hall. For more information about available flower dedication dates, contact Lesley Frost at 262.1311 ext. 236 or lesleyf@fpcnaples.org.

FPC Mission Tour

The Mission Committee invites you to visit three local agencies the church supports. Vans will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. Monday, March 15. We will learn about programs at Grace Place, have a tour and lunch at St. Matthew's House, and visit the Shelter for Abused Women and Children, returning to the church about 2:00 p.m. Sign up today in Spencer Hall or call Kathleen Law at 262.1311 ext. 213.

Snow Bird Coffee

If you are a "snowbird" in our midst for a few weeks or longer, we cordially invite you to an informal fellowship coffee on Friday, March 12 at 9:30 a.m. in Spencer Hall. No RSVP required.

Worship CDs and DVDs

CDs and DVDs of our services of worship are available by calling the church at 262.1311. Suggested donation is \$1 for CDs and \$2 for DVDs. You can also access the services on our website at www.fpcnaples.org.

Visitors – Welcome

We invite you to stop by our Welcome Center, located in Spencer Hall, to learn more about First Presbyterian Church. A special gift awaits our first-time guests.

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