



First Presbyterian Church of Naples

Service of Worship
Sunday March 14, 2010
8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Our Mission:
Serving Christ In Our Community and the World

The Prelude

Adagio (Concerto in D Minor)

ANTONIO VIVALDI, ARR. VIRGIL FOX

Welcome and Life Together

* Call to Worship

Leader: O Give thanks to the Lord.

All: *God's steadfast love endures forever.*

Leader: From east and west, north and south,

All: *We come to sing praise to Jesus our Lord.*

* Hymn of Praise #62

ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

- 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*
- 2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*
- 3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish — but naught changeth thee.*
- 4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayers of Confession

All: *Eternal and Almighty God, you have long sought us and we have fled. We have tied ourselves down with cares and burdens. You have forgiven us and we have complained against our sisters and brothers. Give us a conversion that turns us around to face the light; teach us a repentance that lives in works of love. Help us to follow the way of Christ. Amen.*

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Sung response: ***There's a Wideness in God's Mercy***

WELLESLEY

All: *There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.*

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Hear the word of grace, and receive the assurance of pardon: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: **Amen.**

* 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

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32, 43

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¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever. ²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble ³and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; ²⁴they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep. ²⁵For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. ²⁶They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity; ²⁷they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end. ²⁸Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; ²⁹he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. ³⁰Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. ³¹Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. ³²Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

⁴³Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Response

Woe Unto Them Who Forsake Him (Elijah)

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

SUZANNE KEEN, MEZZO-SOPRANO

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

Introit & Kyrie (Requiem)

GABRIEL FAURÉ

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis. Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion: et tibi redetur votum in Jerusalem. Exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro veniet. Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

(Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. A hymn befits thee, O God in Zion, and to thee a vow shall be fulfilled in Jerusalem. Hear my prayer, for unto thee all flesh shall come. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.)

* 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.

¹³When a moderate south wind began to blow, they thought they could achieve their purpose; so they weighed anchor and began to sail past Crete, close to the shore. ¹⁴But soon a violent wind, called the northeaster, rushed down from Crete. ¹⁵Since the ship was caught and could not be turned with its head to the wind, we gave way to it and were driven. ¹⁶By running under the lee of a small island called Cauda we were scarcely able to get the ship's boat under control. ¹⁷After hoisting it up they took measures to undergird the ship; then, fearing that they would run on the Syrtis, they lowered the sea-anchor and so were driven. ¹⁸We were being pounded by the storm so violently that on the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard, ¹⁹and on the third day with their own hands they threw the ship's tackle overboard. ²⁰When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest raged, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned. ²¹Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul then stood up among them and said, 'Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and thereby avoided this damage and loss. ²²I urge you now to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. ²³For last night there stood by me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, ²⁴and he said, "Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before the emperor; and indeed, God has granted safety to all those who are sailing with you." ²⁵So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. ²⁶But we will have to run aground on some island.' ²⁷When the fourteenth night had come, as we were drifting across the sea of Adria, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. ²⁸So they took soundings and found twenty fathoms; a little farther on they took soundings again and found fifteen fathoms. ²⁹Fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Anchors on Board!

* Hymn of Commitment

ELLACOMBE

I Feel the Winds of God Today

1. *I feel the winds of God today; Today my sail I lift,
Though heavy oft with drenching spray, and torn with many a rift;
If hope but light the water's crest, and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest, and brave another cruise.*
2. *It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears,
Until with braver thoughts shall rise the purer, brighter years;
If cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be,
Lord, let me feel thy freshening breeze, and I'll put back to sea.*
3. *If ever I forget thy love and how that love was shown,
Lift high the blood-red flag above: it bears thy Name alone.
Great Pilot of my onward way, Thou wilt not let me drift;
I feel the winds of God today, today my sail I lift.*

* Commission

Leader: In the hope of Christ, set sail.

All: *The wind of God's Spirit moves us onward.*

* Benediction

Postlude ***March in D***

ALEXANDRE GUILMANT

We welcome James McDonald as our Temporary Director of Educational Ministries. James has over twenty-four years experience in Christian Education, beginning as a volunteer Sunday School teacher here at First Presbyterian Church. Through the experiences with the CE programs here, he was called to serve as the church educator. In 1997, he was called to serve at First Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs and then to Vanderbilt Presbyterian. After eleven years at Vanderbilt, James took early retirement to serve as a Senior Consultant with Church Health Rx, a church consulting company. During his years as an educator, he acquired his certificate in Youth Ministry and Theology from Princeton Seminary, a first level certification from the Presbyterian Church USA, and completed course work in Religious Education at Eckerd College. James has served the greater church at the regional and national levels. He has provided leadership for more than thirty regional and national workshops and seminars. He is married to Linda and together they have two children, Matthew and Sean, and two grandchildren, India and Evan - they are expecting a third grandchild in September.

Preaching:

Dr. Edward Thompson

Assisting:

James McDonald

Organist: on the Julia Thompson Smith Memorial Organ

Dr. Brice Gerlach

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. Jackie Cusick (Head Usher), Richard Filley, Ken and Carol Osborn, Bob Martin, Gerry Harvatt, Bud and Marge Martin, Louise Murphy, Bill and Adeline Hoagland, George and Ann Goodnight

10:00 a.m. Norm Brown (Head Usher), Barbara Marsh, Bob Knudson, Bob Martin, Elizabeth Brown, Plyllis Kruger, Helen Corwith, Al Diephouse, Dottie Brown, Suzanne Rose, Tim Plum, Don and Kathy Grandi

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Bob and Carol Graham, Gary and Becky Jarrell, Aubrey Lovegrove

10:00 a.m. Jerry and Lisa Meloche, Don and Sharon Higgins, John and Virginia Nicholson

Stephen Minister (Spencer Hall): 8:30 a.m. Pat Schubarth

10:00 a.m. Steve Crosby

Donations to the Sanctuary Flower Fund have been made in honor of Julie M. Stagg on the occasion of her 90th birthday and in loving memory of her husband, Howard J. Stagg, III from the entire Stagg Family,

and by Chris Jones to the glory of God and in loving memory of Illa & John Sills Jones, her beloved parents,

and by Tom Lauber in honor of his wife, Betty Lauber.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital:

Donna Wyant (14)

Pat Warner (10)

Robert Merbler (f)

Other Concerns:

Dunbar Abston (5)

Jeff Arnold (f)

Alice Bagley (22)

Audra Barton (17)

Joey Bei (f)

Fred Bell (17)

Lt. Dan Burgess (f)

Evan Carew (f)

Margaret Cashion (f)

Rene Charvet (f)

Tom Corvin (f)

Chris Cromer (f)

Lloyd Doerflinger (26)

Lorraine Drake (f)

Luke Filkins (f)

Anita Gilmore (f)

Elizabeth Glattfelder (12)

Don Green (20)

Kathy Greenstein (f)

Boots Halstead (f)

Bob Hand (f)

Alex Hart (12)

Jan Hertel (1)

John Jervis (11)

Brock Lyons (f)

Robin Maloney (20)

Dianne Mansfield (f)

Stephen Mansfield (f)

Spl. David Martin (f)

Patricia McCorkle (7)

Wade McCorkle (7)

Matthew Miller (f)

Spl.4 Christopher Oberhaus

Bob Pash (16)

John Pfouts (7)

Lory Phelps (19)

Mark Rideout (f)

Sgt. Kyle Romohr (f)

Robert Rose (f)

Margie Rustman (f)

Kevin Sawyer (f)

Scott Schleicher (3)

Pat Shoellhorn (22)

Wendy Snow (f)

Cheryl Spates (f)

Peter Stopoulos (f)

Kurt Thomas (f)

Noah Trochessett (f)

Linda Waller (f)

Gitte Watanabe (f)

Virginia Weigel (f)

Dorothy Wilson (26)

Peggy Wilson(f)

U.S. Military

Stephen Ministers and

care receivers

(#) = parish number

(f) = non-member