



First Presbyterian Church of Naples

Service of Worship
Sunday March 7, 2010
8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Our Mission:
Serving Christ In Our Community and the World

The Prelude

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ARR. ROBERT ELMORE

Welcome and Life Together

Minute for Mission

JOHN OAKLEY, CHAIR OF MISSION COMMITTEE

* Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

All: *We come into the Lord's presence with thanksgiving and with songs of praise.*

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down before the Lord our Maker.

All: *We are the Lord's people, the flock that God shepherds.*

* Hymn of Praise #689 (vs. 1,2,4,5)

AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation

1. *The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation, by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

2. *Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.*

4. *'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore,
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.*

5. *Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayers of Confession

All: *O God, the light of our life and the hope of our world, we come before you with clouded minds and restless hearts. We cannot make peace with ourselves until we make peace with you. Let the sun of your love burst upon us in all its glory. Let its raging fire burn away the shame of our sin. Let its transforming light reveal the person in whose image you made us, that we might worship you as you are and serve you as we ought.*

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: Seek the Lord, while he may be found, return to the Lord, for God will abundantly pardon.
In Christ we are forgiven.

All: *We rejoice in God's mercy. 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

Isaiah 55

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Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Response **Sevenfold Amen**
Amen.

JOHN STAINER

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

The Offertory **Pavonne**

ANDREA KLOUSE

Alas; and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die? Would He, His sacred head devote to sinners such as I? Well might the sun in darkness hide His glories in, when God our maker died to pardon us from sin. Amazing pity, amazing pity! And grace unknown, and grace unknown! He suff'ered for me! Yet drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe. Here, Lord, I give myself away 'tis all that I can do. Alas, and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die. Would He, His sacred head devote to sinners such as I?

* 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

Philippians 2:1-11

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If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Coming Home for Easter!

* Communion Hymn #768 (vs. 1,2,3)

DOVE OF PEACE

I Come with Joy

- 1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.*
- 2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.*
- 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us,
makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.*

The Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Wine

*Regarding Communion, as the bread is given, please partake.
When the cup is given, please wait to drink until instructed.*

Communion Music

Aria

Chant de Bonheur

CRAIG PHILLIPS
EDWIN H. LEMARE

Prayers of Thanksgiving 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.

* Hymn of Commitment #216

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

- 1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand—
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land,
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noon-tide heat, and the burden of the day.*
- 2. Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess—
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.*
- 3. I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face,
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

* Commission

Leader: Under the cross of Christ we live.

All: Let us live bearing witness to Christ's love and salvation.

* Benediction

Postlude

Toccata

GORDON YOUNG

Rev. Ray Merz retired in 2003 after 40 years as an ordained United Methodist pastor in Ohio. During those years he tried to make a United Methodist out of his wife, but her Presbyterian roots were too deep. Since retirement she has been working to make a Presbyterian out of him, as he has trained Stephen Ministers for 4 years, and taught 9 short-term classes at Westminster Presbyterian (Sue's home church) in downtown Dayton, Ohio, plus teaching here and at Chautauqua Institution in New York. This is their fifth year to winter in Naples.

Preaching:

Dr. Edward Thompson

Assisting:

Rev. Ray Merz

Organist: on the Julia Thompson Smith Memorial Organ

Dr. Brice Gerlach

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. Jackie Cusick (Head Usher), Richard Filley, Jack Marsh,
Bob Martin, Chris Miller, 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. Larry and Jennifer Coates, Rich and Linda Miller,
Bud and Sharon Hoffman

10:00 a.m. John and Virginia Nicholson, Bob and Elle Boyd,
Bud and Sharon Hoffman

Stephen Minister (Spencer Hall): 8:30 a.m. Irene M. Lichtefeld Neff

10:00 a.m. Carolyn Smith

*Donations to the Sanctuary Flower Fund have been made
in loving memory of Hal L. Smith by his family,*

*and by Roy and Ann Riggs and family in loving memory of
Lou Carolyne, mother of Ann Riggs,*

and Barbara Henneman in loving memory of her husband, Jim,

*and in loving memory of wife, mother, and grandmother
Gail M. Clark by her husband Walt Clark and family,*

*and by Michael and Florence Calyore
in memory of husband and father John Calyore.*

*We express our condolences to the family and friends
of Margaret DeCaro, who died February 25,*

and to the family and friends of Nina Cawfield, who died on February 27.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital:

Margaret Cashion (f)
Lloyd Doerflinger (26)
Robert Merbler (f)
Bob Pash (16)
Scott Schleicher (3)
Donna Wyant (14)

Other Concerns:

Dunbar Abston (5)
Jeff Arnold (f)
Alice Bagley (22)
Joey Bei (f)
Fred Bell (17)
Lt. Dan Burgess (f)
Evan Carew (f)
Denise Collins (f)
Tom Corvin (f)
Chris Cromer (f)
Luke Filkins (f)

Don Green (20)
Kathy Greenstein (f)
Boots Halstead (f)
Bob Hand (f)
Alex Hart (12)
Jan Hertel (1)
John Jervis (11)
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
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)
Peter Stopoulos (f)
Kurt Thomas (f)
Tony Voigt (f)
Linda Waller (f)
Gitte Watanabe (f)
Virginia Weigel (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.

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.

Men's Club

Join us on Monday, March 15 for a program by Donald Gray on the Atomic Bomb and the experience of the people who dropped it. Donuts and coffee at 10:00 a.m. in Spencer Hall. Program to follow at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

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 the Parlor. For more information, contact Becky Jarrell at 262.1311 or beckyj@fpcnaples.org.

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.

Saving Terros by Dr. Dee

"Dr. Dee", a retired minister in our congregation, will be selling and signing his latest book Saving Terros in Spencer Hall after each service on March 7 and 14. It is a parable with over 120 hidden references to biblical persons, places, events and principles. Profits donated to our Mission Committee. Price - \$10 per book.

Cross Pendants Available today

Attractive Nail Cross Pendants will be sold by the Deacons today. These crosses are individually designed and handmade by deacon Jim Schubarth. Cost will be \$10.00 each and there will be provisions for additional orders to be placed with the proceeds benefiting the Deacons Benevolence Fund.

Haiti Donation Receipts

A new law was passed which will allow donors to take a deduction on their 2009 tax return for donations made after January 11 and before March 1 to the Haiti earthquake relief. If this deduction is taken on your 2009 tax return, you are not permitted to take the deduction on your 2010 tax return. If you would like a charitable giving statement showing your donations to the Haiti earthquake relief, please contact Michele Martin at 239.262.1311 or michelem@fpcnaples.org.

Feed the 5000

As you leave church today, please pick up a "Feed the 5000" grocery bag. The requested list of items is attached to the bag. Next Sunday, March 14, please bring the bags filled with the items requested to the drop site on the east side of the church on Sixth Street. This month's recipient will be St. Matthew's House.

Children and Youth

Crosswalk/Children's Sunday School

Following the Children's Time, children ages 3 through grade 5 are dismissed to Sunday School. Pre-K/K meet in Room 107. Grades 1-5 meet in Room 206. Parents, please pick up your children after the service.

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.

Elementary Party

All students in grades K through 5 are invited to a St. Patty's Day Party on Wednesday, March 17 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Learn all about St. Patrick, play games, and enjoy crafts and a snack.

News and Events

Season of Music

The Richard Zielinski Singers will present a concert TODAY 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. A reception will follow in Spencer Hall. For more information, contact Brice Gerlach at 262.1311 ext. 239 or briceg@fpcnaples.org.

Lenten Organ Recitals

Attend the Lenten Organ Recitals on Wednesdays, March 17, 24, and 31 from 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. Brice will be available for questions following each recital.

Flower Calendar

If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone, sign up in Spencer Hall. For more information, 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 the church office at 262.1311.

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.

Easter Lilies

You may purchase a lily to decorate our Sanctuary at Easter and are invited to take your lily home following the 10:00 a.m. Easter service. Visit the Welcome Center in Spencer Hall to obtain an order form. Submit the form to the church office to the attention of Lesley Frost with your check for \$15.00 made payable to First Presbyterian Church. Please indicate "Lily" on the check memo. Completed order forms and payment must be submitted to the church office no later than Monday, March 29.

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