



First Presbyterian Church of Naples

Service of Worship
Sunday April 18, 2010
8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Our Mission:
Serving Christ In Our Community and the World

The Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in D

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE

Welcome and Life Together

* Call to Worship

Leader: Come together on this day and our eyes shall see a heavenly light.

All: *Lead us down the path of righteousness, even if the light should blind us.*

Leader: Come together on this day and our ears shall hear a word from God.

All: *Lead us down the path of righteousness, even if the voice should deafen us.*

Leader: Come together on this day and our lives shall be linked to the cause of Christ.

All: *Lead us down the path of righteousness, even if the cause should be challenging.*

Leader: Today we travel to Damascus.

All: *What wonders await us along the way?*

* Hymn of Praise

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Our God, to Whom We Turn

- 1. Our God, to whom we turn when weary with illusion,
whose stars serenely burn above this earth's confusion,
thine is the mighty plan, the steadfast order sure,
in which the world began, endures, and shall endure.*
- 2. Thou art Thyself the truth; though we, who fain would find Thee,
have tried, with thoughts uncouth, in feeble words to bind Thee,
it is because Thou art we're driven to the quest;
till truth from falsehood part, our souls can find no rest.*
- 3. All beauty speaks of Thee; the mountains and the rivers,
the line of lifted sea, where spreading moonlight quivers,
the deep-toned organ blast that rolls through arches dim,
hints of the music vast of Thine eternal hymn.*
- 4. Thou hidden fount of love, of peace, and truth, and beauty,
inspire us from above with joy and strength for duty;
may Thy fresh light arise within each clouded heart,
and give us open eyes to see Thee as Thou art.*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayers of Confession

All: It seems Easter is over, O God. The troubles of the world have once again returned. Disasters and death dominate the nightly news while closer to home it is back to life as usual ... the same old routines, the same old priorities, and the same old fears have once again gotten a grip on us. As in the past, worries have a way of getting the best of us. Doubts continue to plague us. Yes, it seems that like last night's dreams, Easter is over...but it is not. You are not finished with your work of renewal. You have not given up on us even when it seems we may have given up on you. There are miracles happening every moment. Because of your continuing creativity hope springs eternal. Deliver us from our doubts. Free us from our fears. Startle us with the Son's rising and send us forth to bear his good news to all in need. Amen.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Sung response: **Kyrie Eleison**

UKRAINIAN CHANT

*All: Kyrie eleison, (Lord, have mercy)
Kyrie eleison,
Kyrie eleison.*

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Be glad and rejoice forever. God has brought life from death. Christ is alive.
The good news is, you are forgiven.

All: Alleluia. 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

Acts 9:1-9

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Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'⁵ He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.'⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'⁷ The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

Alleluia

HONDURAN TRADITIONAL MELODY

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

My Eternal King

JANE MARSHALL

My God, I love thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby, nor yet because who love thee not must die eternally. Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst nails and spear, and manifold disgrace; why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well? Not for the hope of winning heaven or of escaping hell; not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord! Even so I love thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing; solely because thou art my God, and my eternal king.

* 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

Acts 9:10-19

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¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' ¹¹The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' ¹³But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

The Making of a Christian

* Hymn of Commitment #532

SLANE

Be Thou My Vision

1. *Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art —
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*
2. *Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.*
3. *High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

* Commission

Leader: God sends you out to be both salt and light.

All: *We go to be Christ's followers.*

* Benediction

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. BACH, ARR. VIRGIL FOX

Preaching:

Rev. Jay McKell

Assisting:

Dr. Edward Thompson

Organist: on the Julia Thompson Smith Memorial Organ

Dr. Brice Gerlach

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. Bill Kearney (Head Usher), Sharlene Kearney, Bob Martin,
Bill and Jane Bailey, George and Jacque Coombs,
Nancy Johnson, Bob Kibler, Dottie Morse, Louise Murphy

10:00 a.m. Bob Knudson and Chuck Gomori (Head Ushers), Jim Brown, Helen Corwith,
Marilyn Currier, Al Diephouse, Bob Martin, Mike and Maureen Dunlap,
Dorothy Gomori, Al and Mary VandeVoren

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. John and Gretchen Oakley, Nick and Sara Linn, Sandy Johnson

10:00 a.m. Nina Howard, Midge Murdock, Nick and Sara Linn

Stephen Minister (Spencer Hall): 8:30 a.m. Janie Casassa

10:00 a.m. Irene M. Lichtefeld Neff

Today we welcome the Rev. Jay McKell

Jay McKell has just completed his ministry as Pastor of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Overland Park, Kansas. He serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees of Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America. He enjoys gardening, travel, teaching English as a second language to immigrants, and being "gram-pa Jay."

Donations to the Sanctuary Flower Fund have been made to the Glory of God by friends of Mae Wood in celebration of her 101st birthday.

We express our condolences to John and Gretchen Knoll on the death of John's mother, Anna Knoll on April 8.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital:

Patricia Chlumsky (5)

Judy Norton (12)

Patricia Sharp (f)

Other Concerns:

Jeff Arnold (f)

Joey Bei (f)

Gene Buis (26)

Lt. Dan Burgess (f)

Evan Carew (f)

Rene Charvet (f)

Denise Collins (f)

Chris Cromer (f)

Nancy Davies (f)

Luke Filkins (f)

Don Green (20)

Alice Hainline (22)

Bob Hand (f)

Jan Hertel (1)

Ronald Hughes (f)

Jennifer & Evan (f)

John Jervis (11)

Chris Jones (20)

Betty Jean Leader (25)

Lee LeMasters (19)

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)

Dona Rae Rutherford (24)

Margie Rustman (f)

Scott Schleicher (3)

Pat Shoellhorn (22)

Cheryl Spates (f)

Peter Stopoulos (f)

Kurt Thomas (f)

Linda Waller (f)

Joan White (26)

Joyce Whittaker (1)

Dorothy Wilson (26)

Peggy Wilson (f)

U.S. Military

Stephen Ministers and
care receivers

(#) = parish number

(f) = non-member

Adult Enrichment

Women's Bible Study

Join Mary Ann Lee for a study of the Gospel of John on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in Room 204. The Bible Study will conclude on April 22.

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. Thursday, April 22 is the last HUDDLE for the season.

Education Ministries

Summer is coming! and that means we need volunteers to help with our Sunday School classes. Each Sunday, beginning June 6, we need two teachers per class. Parents, grandparents, and members this is a great opportunity to share your time and talents with the children of the church. Please share an hour or more with our kids this summer. Representatives from Christian Education are in Spencer Hall today to help. For more information, please contact James McDonald in the Education Ministries Department at 262.1311 ext. 215 or jamesm@fpcnaples.org. Materials, lesson plans, and instruction provided.

Congregational Care

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

Hearing Aid Devices Available

First Presbyterian Church has personal hearing aid devices available in the Sanctuary for your use during worship services. Please see an usher for assistance.

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.

Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden is located in the outer West wall of the sanctuary. It provides niches for inurnment of ashes in a columbarium. Brochures are available in the church office or at the Welcome Center.

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.

Volunteers Needed

Members and friends are needed to volunteer at our reception desk on weekdays for 2-hour shifts. If you are interested, please call Kathleen Law at 262.1311 ext. 213.

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.

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch, a group of single persons over the age of fifty, gathers each Sunday after worship for fellowship over Sunday brunch. Please visit the table in Spencer Hall for more information.

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. Don't forget to sign them out on the class roster.

Preschool Playground

Safety concern – our playground is currently under renovation and is closed. Please do not take your child(ren) to the playground area today. Soon, we will celebrate and open the new playground.

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.

Middle School Youth Group

All middle school students (grades 6-8) are invited to youth group every Wednesday from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Enjoy snacks, lessons and games. For more information contact Monty Richards at 825.1682 or montyr@fpcnaples.org.

Pancake Breakfast

Next Sunday, April 25 the Mexico Mission Team will host a delicious pancake breakfast to help support their fundraising efforts for their mission trip in June. Please join us for breakfast after each of the worship services.

Elementary Fun Day

All elementary students (K-5) are invited to join us on Wednesday, April 21 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. for a fun day which includes a trip to the beach and a craft. Please RSVP to Lee Walsh at 262.1311 ext. 209 or leew@fpcnaples.org. All students must have a current Health and Information Form on file to participate. Forms can be found on our website at www.fpcnaples.org.

News and Events

Nominating Committee News

The Nominating Committee has been asked by session to proceed in gathering together nominations for a search committee for an Associate Pastor. Therefore, the Nominating Committee is asking the congregation to make nominations, from which 5 names will be presented to the congregation for election. If you would like to submit a nomination, please make certain that that nominee has given their indication to serve, and then submit a letter to the Nominating Committee care of the Church.

St. Matthew's House "13th Annual Golfathon"

The Missions Committee is once again helping to raise funds for St. Matthew's House in the 13th Annual Golfathon. Our team is attempting to play 100 holes of golf on Tuesday, April 20! You can help by sponsoring a hole or donating a specific gift. Please visit the table in Spencer Hall for sponsorship opportunities. **Checks made payable to St. Matthew's House.**

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