



# First Presbyterian Church of Naples

Service of Worship

Sunday, May 16, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Our Mission:

**Serving Christ In Our Community and the World**

The Prelude

***Jerusalem***

HUBERT PARRY  
ARR. COLIN HAND

Welcome and Life Together

\* Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord reigns! Let the earth rejoice. Let all the coastlands shout with glee.

All: *Clouds and thick darkness are round about you; righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne.*

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous.

All: *Give thanks to God's holy name.*

\* Hymn of Praise #78 ***O God, Our Help in Ages Past***

ST. ANNE

1. *O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!*

2. *Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.*

3. *Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.*

4. *A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.*

5. *Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its years away,  
they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.*

6. *O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home!*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayers of Confession

All: *Loving God, You have shown yourself to us in Jesus, perfect in every way, compassionate and kind, faithful and loving, gracious, hospitable, open. While you direct us to follow in his way and embrace the qualities that marked his life, we confess that we have stumbled and fallen. Our sins are real, and they are many. Have mercy on us. Forgive our failings. Encourage us to start again, trusting that what we have seen in Jesus is true and nothing, not even our sin, can separate us from your love. Amen.*

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Congregational response: ***Spirit of the Living God***

All: *Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! God's mercy is poured out like a mighty river; grace flows like a never-ending stream. Believe the gospel, and give thanks!

All: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

\* 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

First Reading

Amos 5:14-15

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<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Response

***Your Will Be Done on Earth***

SOUTH AFRICAN TRADITIONAL MELODY

Prayers for Others 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 ***Slow Me Down, Lord***

DALE WOOD

*Slow me down, Lord, I'm goin' too fast, can't see my brother when he's goin' past. Miss a lot of good things, day by day; won't know a blessing when it comes my way. Everybody's rushin', everybody's rushin' all around! Slow me down, Lord!*

\* 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

2 Timothy 1:1-7

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<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon *God's Trinity of Gifts*

Solo

***Be Not Afraid***

BOB DUFFORD

Mo White, baritone

\* Hymn of Commitment #612 **How Firm a Foundation** (vs.1, 2, 5)

FOUNDATION

1. *How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*
  
2. *“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*
  
5. *“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”*

\* Commission

Leader: Rekindle the gift of God that is within you.

All: *God gave us a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline to serve the world.*

\* Benediction

Postlude **Rondo in G**

JOHN BULL

Preaching:

Rev. Fred Schulz

Assisting:

James McDonald

Organist: on the Julia Thompson Smith Memorial Organ

Dr. Brice Gerlach

Ushers: Gary Jarrell, Sandy Johnson (Head Ushers), Dorothy Douglas, Fred & Jan Garner,

Shirley Hagerson, Bob Kibler, Jr., Millie Klemp, Phyllis Kruger, Betty Mangos, Bob Martin,

Lamar Oxford, Rudy & Julie McCullough

Stephen Minister (Spencer Hall): Elle Boyd

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### **The Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz**

Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz served two churches in Southern California in the 1960’s and 70’s, and then moved to the far eastern end of Long Island, where, for 20 years, he served the 3rd oldest Presbyterian Church in the USA—the First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton—and was the Moderator of Long Island’s Presbytery in 1984. Retiring in 1993, he moved to Naples, where for two years he unexpectedly became the Interim Minister of the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in North Naples. Dr. Schulz has preached in most of the churches within the Peace River Presbytery. He also paints, writes, and fishes regularly.