

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD  
August 16, 2009, 10:00 am—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Prayer of St. Gregory* Alan Hovhannes  
Theresa Merrill, organ; Dan Grantham, trumpet

WELCOME  
*(Children are invited to go to Sunday School)*

TOLLING OF THE CARILLON

CALL TO WORSHIP  
One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!  
**All: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**  
One: Together, let us worship God.

+\*HYMN 132 *Come, Great God of All the Ages* Abbot's Leigh

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ADORATION  
Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us pray.  
**People: Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you, for we have done wrong. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
Leader: Hear the good news! Through Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.  
**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*+GLORIA PATRI 579

SOLO *Qui sedes ad dexteram patris* (from *Gloria*) Antonio Vivaldi  
Ivy Buterbaugh, alto  
Translation: Who sits on the right hand of the Father have mercy on us.

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 38:20-26 NIV  
Meanwhile Judah sent the young goat by his friend the Adullamite in order to get his pledge back from the woman, but he did not find her. He asked the men who lived there, "Where is the shrine prostitute who was beside the road at Enaim?" "There hasn't been any shrine prostitute here," they said.  
So he went back to Judah and said, "I didn't find her. Besides, the men who lived there said, 'There hasn't been any shrine prostitute here.' "  
Then Judah said, "Let her keep what she has, or we will become a laughing-stock. After all, I did send her this young goat, but you didn't find her."  
About three months later Judah was told, "Your daughter-in-law Tamar is guilty of prostitution, and as a result she is now pregnant." Judah said, "Bring her out and have her burned to death!"

As she was being brought out, she sent a message to her father-in-law. "I am pregnant by the man who owns these," she said. And she added, "See if you recognize whose seal and cord and staff these are." Judah recognized them and said, "She is more righteous than I, since I wouldn't give her to my son Shelah."

OFFERTORY *Wade in the Water* Spiritual arr. Burleigh  
Ivy Buterbaugh, alto

Wade in the Water children  
God's gonna trouble the water  
  
See that band all dressed in white  
God's gonna trouble the water  
The Leader looks like the Israelite  
God's gonna trouble the water  
  
See that band all dressed in red  
God's gonna trouble the water  
It looks like that band that Moses lead  
God's gonna trouble the water

\*DOXOLOGY (592) and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING Ecclesiastes 8:16-9:1 NRSV  
When I applied my mind to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done on the earth; how one's eyes see sleep neither day nor night. Then I saw all the work of God, that no one can find out what is happening under the sun. However much they may toil in seeking, they will not find it out; even though those who are wise claim to know, they cannot find it out. All this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God; whether it is love or hate one does not know.

SERMON *The Enigma of Righteousness*  
Tiffany Zents, Church Educator

\*HYMN 274 *O God of Earth and Space* Leoni

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

\*HYMN 275 *God of Our Life* Sandon

\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Rondeau* Jean-Jacques Mouret  
Theresa Merrill, organ; Dan Grantham, trumpet

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\*Please stand as you are able + Latecomers may be seated

**During the tolling of the carillon** we invite you to remember all who work for peace and justice in our world today.

**We thank** Theresa Merrill for serving as organist/pianist, Dan Grantham, on trumpet and Ivy Buterbaugh for serving as soloist today.

**We thank** Robert Maxwell for serving as liturgist this morning.

**Today's flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones of Debbie Campbell.

SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Congregation has been called for Sunday, August 30, 2009, immediately following the close of the 10:00 am service, in the sanctuary of the church, for the purposes of receiving and acting upon a report and recommendations from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee that the congregation call **Jana Rae Reister** as Associate Pastor, to approve the terms of call, to elect persons to present and prosecute the call before the Presbytery of Cincinnati and to dismiss the Nominating Committee.

WE ARE PLEASED TO INTRODUCE: JANA RAE REISTER!

Jana grew up on a farm in western Michigan, and received her undergraduate degree in psychology and sociology from Hope College in Holland, Michigan in 1988. She moved to Seattle, where she worked in the financial industry from 1989 to 1996, and there became involved in small group ministries in her church. Her sense of a call to broader service led her to join the Peace Corps. In Uganda, Jana used her agricultural background in programs to increase crop yields and farmer income, and she focused in particular on helping rural women to generate their own incomes. She became involved in a village church, with a specific approach of working alongside women in that church to break down barriers and build relationships.

When she returned to Seattle, Jana continued her work in building relationships, serving as executive director of the Professional Women's Fellowship. Jana felt more and more called to the ministry, and entered Princeton Theological Seminary in September 2004. During seminary, she worked on international missions in Peru, Belize, and Guatemala. Because of her gifts for ministry, Princeton Theological Seminary awarded her the Bryant M. Kirkland Prize for Excellence in Practical Theology and the Graduate Study Fellowship for Parish Pulpit Ministry. Upon graduation, she was chosen for the prestigious Lilly Residency at First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, where she was ordained and had the chance to further hone her skills for preaching, teaching, and pastoral care. Jana sees her gift for hospitality as key to her ministry. In Seattle and Ann Arbor, Jana came to know the power of small group fellowship for transforming lives and helping both current and potential church members discover their gifts for ministry and use them in service to the life and mission of the Church. (See bulletin announcements insert for Jana's photo.)

**YOU CAN MEET** the Rev. Jana Reister at a reception in the Knox Room on Saturday, August 29th, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Jana will preach at the traditional service at 10:00 am on Sunday, August 30th.

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