

Sept. 20, 2009, 9:15 am - Fresh Spirit Worship - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I see the God in you. I greet the God in you."

Bill Wallace, New Zealand

As we gather for worship,
please introduce yourself to those around you.
There are no strangers in God's house.

CALL TO WORSHIP *So We Will Worship* Sarah Hart/Kevin B. Hipp

Nothing we could ever do could save us.
Anything we try to prove won't change us.
For by grace and grace alone you made us yours, O Lord.

*(Refrain) So we will worship. So we will praise you.
So we will bow down. So we will shout it loud.
We have been chosen, for you have spoken.
Nothing could change it, so we will worship.*

We could never say enough to thank you.
We could never give enough to repay you.
For you sent your only son to die for us for love. *(Refrain)*

What else can we do but sing our praise to you,
Fall upon our knees before the Lord of ev'rything:
You, our strength and song, you, the holy one?
For by grace and grace alone you made us yours, O Lord. *(Refrain)*

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WELCOME

REFLECTION FOR PEACE

GATHERING THE PEOPLE

One: Lord God, open unto us.
Women: *Light for our darkness and courage for our fear.*
One: Lord God, open unto us.
Men: *Hope for our despair and peace for our turmoil.*
One: Lord God, open unto us.
Women: *Joy for our sorrow and strength for our weakness.*
One: Lord God, open unto us.
Men: *Wisdom for our confusion and forgiveness for our sins.*
One: Lord God, open unto us.
All: *Love for our hates and your Self for our selves.*
One: Lord our God, open unto us. Let us worship God!

OPENING SONG (see insert) *This Is The Day* Bobby Fisher

RENEWING THE COVENANT

One: Let us pray.
All: *Lord, God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others. We have kept silence instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge. We have acted in accordance with our opinions rather than according to your commands. Within your Church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world we have not been your faithful servants. Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.*

Time for silent reflection.....

One: All loving God, you do not delight in holding our sins against us, but instead long for us to grow into greater maturity.
All: *Help us to forgive ourselves, as you forgive us, so that we may also be able to forgive others.
Thanks be to God. Amen.*

PASSING THE PEACE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(Children are invited to go to Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 90 (selected vss.) CEV

Our Lord, in all generations you have been our home.
You have always been God-- long before the birth of the mountains,
even before you created the earth and the world.

At your command we die and turn back to dust,
but a thousand years mean nothing to you!
They are merely a day gone by or a few hours in the night.

We can expect seventy years, or maybe eighty,
if we are healthy, but even our best years, bring trouble and sorrow.
Suddenly our time is up, and we disappear.

Teach us to use wisely, all the time we have.
Help us, LORD! Don't wait! Pity your servants.
When morning comes, let your love satisfy all our needs.
Then we can celebrate and be glad for what time we have left.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD

OFFERING SONG (see insert) *Turn, Turn, Turn* Music: Pete Seeger

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 NIV

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

SERMON *The Journey of Life: The Middle Years* Rev. Thomas D. York

FOCUS SONG (see insert) *How Shall I Sing to God?* Brian Wren/David Haas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

Lord Reign In Me

Brenton Brown

Over all the earth You reign on high.
Ev'ry mountain stream, ev'ry sunset sky.
But my one request, Lord, my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again.

(Refrain)

*Lord, reign in me. Reign in Your pow'r,
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour,
'cause You are the Lord of all I am,
so won't You reign in me again?*

Over ev'ry thought, over ev'ry word,
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord.
'Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing,
so won't You reign in me again?

(Refrain)

Over all the earth, You reign on high.
Ev'ry mountain stream, ev'ry sunset sky.
But my one request, Lord, my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again.

(Refrain)

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BLESSING THE PEOPLE

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Thanks to Marilyn Dunn and Doug Duckett for serving as liturgists for this morning's service.

If you feel called to serve God by researching, writing or speaking liturgy in future services, please feel free to talk with any of the worship leaders or drop a note in the offering plate.

Fresh Spirit Prayer Request cards and offering envelopes are available in the black fellowship pad folders. If you have a prayer request, concern or joy you wish to share, please fill out a card and place it in the offering bags. All concerns and joys are welcome!

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