

Sunday Traditional Worship

9:00 & 10:30am

August 30, 2009

Gathering Music

"Fantasia in G minor"

Johann Pachelbel

Lighting Of The Candles

Welcome

Please sign & pass the welcome/attendance pads down the rows and back, then hand to the ushers as they receive the offering.

Prelude

"Christ, Be Our Seed"

Carl Schalk

Call To Worship (*Those who are comfortable may stand)

Leader: Look to the mountains; look to the hills!

ALL: Love comes to us with joy!

Leader: The world is filled with beauty.

ALL: Flowers appear on the earth, birdsong brightens the day.

Leader: Crops yield their produce in abundance, the air is filled with sweetness.

ALL: The summer of God's love is with us.

Leader: Let the oil of gladness anoint your souls.

ALL: Arise and sing for joy!

***Hymn** #187 "Rise, Shine, You People"

Scripture Luke 6:37-42 (The Message Translation)

³⁷⁻³⁸"Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults— unless, of course, you want the same treatment. Don't condemn those who are down; that hardness can boomerang. Be easy on people; you'll find life a lot easier. Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity."

³⁹⁻⁴⁰He quoted a proverb: "'Can a blind man guide a blind man?' Wouldn't they both end up in the ditch? An apprentice doesn't lecture the master. The point is to be careful who you follow as your teacher.

⁴¹⁻⁴²"It's easy to see a smudge on your neighbor's face and be oblivious to the ugly sneer on your own. Do you have the nerve to say, 'Let me wash your face for you,' when your own face is distorted by contempt? It's this I-know-better-than-you mentality again,

playing a holier-than-thou part instead of just living your own part. Wipe that ugly sneer off your own face and you might be fit to offer a washcloth to your neighbor.

Matthew 23: 1-7, 25-28 (New Living Translation)

Jesus Criticizes the Religious Leaders

¹ Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ² "The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees are the official interpreters of the law of Moses. ³ So practice and obey whatever they tell you, but don't follow their example. For they don't practice what they teach. ⁴ They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden.

⁵ "Everything they do is for show. On their arms they wear extra wide prayer boxes with Scripture verses inside, and they wear robes with extra long tassels. ⁶ And they love to sit at the head table at banquets and in the seats of honor in the synagogues. ⁷ They love to receive respectful greetings as they walk in the marketplaces, and to be called 'Rabbi.

²⁵ "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and self-indulgence! ²⁶ You blind Pharisee! First wash the inside of the cup and the dish, and then the outside will become clean, too.

²⁷ "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people's bones and all sorts of impurity. ²⁸ Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Message

Got Questions? "When Christians Get it Wrong"

Pastor Karen Bruins

Prayer Of Confession (Unison)

God of justice and righteousness, your call beckons to us: to live faithful lives, to turn from wickedness, to walk in your ways; yet it is so easy to turn aside: to speak a thoughtless word, to ignore those in need, to strike out in anger, to forget your ways. Forgive us. Implant your word in our hearts, and cleanse us from all evil. By the power of your love, save us, that we might faithfully serve you. Amen.

Silent Prayer, Prayers Of The People

Words Of Assurance (Worship Leader)

God's word has the power to save your soul.

God has anointed you with gladness.

You are forgiven to live in joy!

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Invitation

Offering Prayer (Worship Leader)

Holy God, we are grateful for your constant presence in our lives. We acknowledge that every perfect gift in our lives is a gift from you. We have listened to your guidance, directing us to offer you our first fruits. So, we now join in this generous act of giving. We pray that these resources may care for your children everywhere who are experiencing distress. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Music during the Offering "Ave Maria"

Franz Abt
Devan Luth, soloist

**Doxology #94*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Hymn* #415 "Take Up Your Cross"

Announcements / Share A Greeting

Children's Time

**Closing Hymn* #571 "Go, Make of All Disciples"

Blessing

Go forth to be the people of God, in word and in deed.
Show God's love, God's mercy and God's grace to all whom you meet.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

"Fantasy on LANCASHIRE"

Michael Helman

***Please stand if you are able.**

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 30, 2009

**9:00AM
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First wash the inside of the cup and dish,
and then the outside will become clean too!

Matthew 23:26



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