

MOUNT AUBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion

SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

10:00 A.M.

A single asterisk () before the liturgy indicates that the congregation is to stand if able.
Please turn off your cell phones before the service begins.
The service begins with the prelude. This is a time for meditative prayer, silence, and centering.
Please be mindful of your neighbor's desire to prepare for worship.*

PRELUDE First movement from "Suite du Premier Ton" Clerambault

GATHERING WORDS (Responsively) Judy Cunningham

Once we were slaves, and God's word came upon us;
Now we are free in Christ Jesus!
Once we were freeborn, and God's word fell upon us;
Now we are bound to the Holy One!
Let us not return to the chains of the world,
But rejoice in our freedom, bought at such a great price!
Let us not break the fetters of the Holy One,
But give thanks for our yoke, forged by such a great love!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

***HYMN #263** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" St. Denio

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Call

Confession (Unison)

Gracious God,
we would be Your bold disciples,
but we fear suffering.
We would carry our cross,
but it weighs too much.
We count the cost of following You -
as long as there are benefits;
but to renounce all we have is a devastating prospect.
Forgive the conditions we make when we try to obey,
and free us by Your grace to forsake all and follow You.

Silent Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Response** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" Alleluia No. 1
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to Christ's name! (repeat)

***PASSING THE PEACE**

we celebrate the promise of love and life.
In the midst of sin and decay
we celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.
In the midst of death on every side
we celebrate the promise of the Living Christ.

(from Iona)

*HYMN #449

"My Lord, What a Morning"

African American Spiritual

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the welcome register and pass it to your neighbor. When all have signed pass it back so you can see the names of those with whom you are worshiping. Announcements are given by the liturgist. Those not printed in the bulletin must be handed to the liturgist before the service begins.

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call

Offertory

Second movement from "Sonata I"

Hindemith

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Old Hundredth

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Let songs rise up from earth below,
Let stars and galaxies enthrone,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.**

*Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Responsively)

God is with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts.

We open them to God and one another.

Let us give thanks.

We thank God with joy.

(The minister continues)

...With all people and all creation, we sing Your praise:

"Santo, Santo, Santo"

Mi corazon te adora!

Mi corazon te sabe decir:

Santo eres Senor!

Trans. **Holy, Holy, Holy.**

My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say, the words:

You are holy, Lord!

(The minister continues)

...Remembering Your boundless love for us in Jesus Christ,

Traditional Argentine

We offer You our praise,
As we proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

(The minister continues)

The Words of Institution (Responsively)

We give You thanks that Jesus,
on the night before he died,
took bread,
and after giving thanks to You,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat.

This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

**This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.**

Whenever you drink it,

do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering Your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from Your creation this bread and this wine
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,
as we await the day of his coming.

**With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to You
to be a living and holy sacrifice,
dedicated to Your service.**

Let us pray the prayer our brother, Jesus, taught us, saying:

Prayer of Our Savior (Unison)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-Bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven;

The hallowing of Your name echo through the universe!

The way of Your justice be followed by the peoples of Your world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we inflict and absorb from one another, forgive us,

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

**For You reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

(from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

- Part 1** **What does our God require of us;**
Part 2 **Justice, kindness, walk humbly with our God;**
Part 3 **To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.**

Prayer after the Meal

*HYMN #507	<i>"I Come With Joy"</i>	Dove of Peace
*CHARGE		
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	Caprice from <i>"Suite du Deuxieme Ton"</i>	Clerambault