



First Presbyterian Church of Naples

Service of Worship

Sunday, July 25, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Our Mission:

Serving Christ In Our Community and the World

A Time for Meditation and Prayer

The Prelude

Chanson de Matin

EDWARD ELGAR

Welcome and Greeting Together

*Call to Worship

PSALM 118

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: *Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

People: *God's steadfast love endures forever!*

*Hymn of Praise #486

WELLESLEY

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1. *There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.*

2. *There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.*

3. *For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.*

4. *If our love were but more simple, we would take him at his word,
And our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayers of Confession

Almighty God, we have sinned against you and against one another, in thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done. Before you O Lord and Savior, we express that we are sorry and repent of our sins. Forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Confession Response:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (vs. 3)

CONVERSE

All: *Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?*

Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

* *Let all who are able, please stand.*

Words of Assurance

*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!

Children's Time

First Reading

Mark 8:27-30

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²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' ²⁸And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' ²⁹He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Response

God is my Shepherd

Jan Gazdic, *soprano*

ANTONIN DVORAK

Prayers of The People 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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

ARR. MARK HAYES

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand; Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more. Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through; Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my strength and shield. When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Bear me through the swelling current, Land me safe on Canaan's side; Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.

*The Doxology

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.

*Prayer of Dedication

**Let all who are able, please stand.*

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

Consider Jesus

*Hymn of Commitment #473

And Can It Be That I Should Gain? (vs. 1,2,3)

SAGINA

1. *And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

Refrain:

Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2. *'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies! Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.*

Refrain.

3. *He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace;
emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me.*

Refrain.

*Commission

Leader: Christ is our Lord and head of the church. In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

All: *In the power and love of Christ we live and have our being. In Christ we trust. Amen.*

*Benediction

Postlude

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CHARLES-ALEXIS CHAUVET

* *Let all who are able, please stand.*

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