

The Presbyterian Church of Palatine
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 25, 2011

10:00 a.m.

We Prepare for God's Word

*Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the Everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.*

Isaiah 40: 28

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering the Week

Celebrate God – Grow in Christ – Extend the Spirit

Opening Music

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Thompson

***Call to Worship** Psalm 78

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

People: We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and the wonders that God has done.

Leader: How in the daytime the Lord led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.

People: He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.

Leader: Let us drink deeply of the Lord's goodness as we come into God's courts with praise!

***Opening Prayer**

Loving God, we come this day to worship with so many things on our hearts and minds. We are drawn away by problems and cares. Heal our spirits. Open our hearts. Help us be your disciples. **Amen.**

***Hymn #262**

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. How often we do not do what we intended! What we confess is not how we act. We hear your word preached and we give our assent, but faith is found wanting when it comes time to obey. We are confronted by conflict; decisions are called for. Our desires are at odds with what you command and we do not do what you wish. O God, have mercy upon us and in Christ forgive us. Give us the strength to do your will. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the words of Paul when he writes that God has bestowed on Christ "the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend . . . and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." As we make our confession we have the assurance that the exalted Christ intercedes on our behalf. **Amen.**

***Song of Thanksgiving #78** (verse 1) *There Is a Redeemer*
(Lift Up Your Hearts Songbook)

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, oh, my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.
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***Passing the Peace of Christ** (The congregation may greet one another with the words "The peace of Christ" and a gesture of waving or a handshake.)

Duet

Dona Nobis Pacem

Lightfoot

Children's Moment

(please sing as the children leave the chancel)
**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

We Listen for and Proclaim the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Into our darkness send your Light, Eternal Spirit. Open our eyes that we may see you shining among us in the world today. Open our ears that we may hear you speak among all our faltering words and among the words of scripture, that, hearing and seeing, we may rise up and follow your Way to the glory of your Holy Name. **Amen.**

Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 40: 27 - 31

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Reading from the New Testament

Mark 1: 1; 40 - 45

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

Sermon

Justice-Makers

Dr. Dempsey

We Respond to the Word of God

*Hymn #434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Piano Dedication

Eternal God, who gives us voices to sing in praise of your name, we dedicate this instrument to you. Inspire us as we sing and play, pray and praise, that in our worship we may join with the heavenly choirs who forever gather around your throne singing, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts. O Holy One, you who sang the universe into being, bless this piano and every hand that will come to play it so that you might be honored in all things, and we might offer you the praise that is due. May we, congregation and choir, know the joy of music this piano will create, and may we be so filled with your Spirit that we will be transformed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Announcements

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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.

We Take God's Word into the World

*Hymn #536

Lord, Make Us More Holy

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Welcome to all who visit with us today! WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

Please sign the black friendship pads located in each pew
and pass them to others.

This Morning

Lay Reader: Carol Reagan

Ushers: Kathy Winters (Head), Terry Denton, Wendy Denton

Nursery Attendants: Bob Cameron, Melissa Cameron, Kara Strickland