

that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation
for the church of Jesus Christ;

that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force,
yet simultaneously a reality
which must be earnestly pursued and sought:
one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;

that this unity must become visible
so that the world may believe that separation,
enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin
which Christ has already conquered,
and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity
may have no place in the church and must be resisted;

that true faith in Jesus Christ
is the only condition for membership of this church.

***Gloria Patri (581) and Charge**

Mark 12:28-31

Which commandment is the first of all?

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with
all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

And the second is this:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no other commandment greater than these.

***The Blessing**

***Postlude**

"Salmodia para el Magnificat"

16th Century/
Antonia de Cabezon

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

The **Prayer of Confession** is from the PC(USA) resource *Call to Worship*, David Gambrell, ed.. Scripture passages are read from the New Revised Standard Version.



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Seventh Sunday in Easter

May 8, 2016, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Julian of Norwich (14th cent.)

*"As truly God is our father, so just as truly is he our mother.
In our father, God Almighty, we have our being; in our merciful mother we are remade
and restored. Our fragmented lives are knit together and made perfect man. And by giving
and yielding ourselves through grace to the Holy Spirit we are made whole."*

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Minute for Mission

Pentecost Offering/Children & Friends

Bible Presentation

Voluntary

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

HOLY MANNA
Moore/Carter

***Call to Worship**

Revelation 22:17, 20

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come?"

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says,

"Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

***Hymn 321**

"The Church's One Foundation"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of everlasting life,
we confess that we continue in the ways of death.
You have set us free to serve you, but we serve our own interests.
You have delivered us from captivity,
but we remain captive to our fear. Forgive us, God of grace.
Pour out your loving-kindness upon this whole family of believers
so that we may rejoice in our redemption;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 578 (unison)

“O Lord, Have Mercy”

Assurance of Pardon

Response 583 (unison)

“Glory to God”

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament

Psalm 97:1-2, 8-12

*Children who would like to continue with age-appropriate activities
may go with the Children's Tabernacle greeter during the hymn.*

***Hymn 183**

“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”

Reading from the Gospels

John 17:20-26

Reading from the New Testament

Acts 16:16-34

The Sermon

“What Good News Looks Like”

Keith Grogg

Prayers of the People

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.

***Hymn 232**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“Brother James' Air”

BROTHER JAMES AIR
Bain/Carter

***Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore, amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Affirmation of Faith** (responsive)

The Belhar Confession

We believe in the triune God,
who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.

**This, God has done since the beginning of the world
and will do to the end.**

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation
is made manifest in the church as the community of believers
who have been reconciled with God and with one another;**