

# The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 2009

*God is even kinder than you think.* MOTHER TERESA

## GOD CALLS THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Healer of Our Every Ill* ARR. KEITH KOLANDER

## TO CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WITH PRAISE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us this day to a life of joy.  
**People: With God, joy cracks through the bonds of despair and feelings of hopelessness.**  
One: The day of God is at hand.  
**People: Like a bud on a tree, God's possibilities are about to blossom.**  
One: The reign of God is very near.  
**People: We are here, watching and waiting with hope. May God bring healing and wholeness to all people this very day.**  
One: Rejoice people of God, for Christ's presence lives among us, and brings light to our world.

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 483 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDENZART

## TO CONFESS OUR SINS AND HEAR GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

The cares of this life weigh us down, and we seek escape more than insight, avoidance rather than confrontation with God's truth. God comes to us even when we are hiding from the best we know. God waits to hear our story and to restore us to life as it was meant to be. Let us come to God in prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**We confess, Surprising God, that our sense of anticipation has been dulled. We have ceased to expect any wonders from your hand. We do not see the marvels around us in the people and happenings we view as commonplace. We are not alert to your presence or your action on our behalf. Wake us up, God, lest sleep be our death. Pardon and redeem us, that we may escape the judgment we are bringing on ourselves. Send your light that it may shine through us into a world in need of healing. In the compassionate name of Jesus we pray.**

SILENT CONFESSION (*We pause now in silence to confess our personal sins before God*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Remember that in all things we are more than conquerors because of God's love. "For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus." In Christ we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God forever more. Amen.**

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Bless The Lord* TAIZE

## TO HEAR AND PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT 2 KINGS 5:1-14

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PENNIES FOR HUNGER *It Is Well With My Soul* LEE ROGERS  
**Pennies for Hunger supports the Heifer International Food Project for Developing Countries**

READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT MARK 1:40-49

SERMON *It Was Not Jesus' Nature Then or Now* KEN LETTERMAN

## TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**We trust in the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

+HYMN NO. 380 *O Christ, the Healer* ERHALT UNS, HERR

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.**

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Father of Light*  
GREGG OVERMAN, SOLO

BOERSMA/COURTNEY

+DOXOLOGY

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

OLD HUNDRETH

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**TO RESPOND TO GOD'S LEADING**

+HYMN NO. 261

*God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*

O QUANTA QUALIA

+INVITATION, CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Christ Beside Me*

BUNESSAN

+POSTLUDE

*God Will Take Care of You*

ARR. ROBERT HUGHES

THE FLOWERS ARE PRESENTED THIS MORNING  
***IN CELEBRATION OF KATE MCLAIN PRILLAMAN'S FOURTH BIRTHDAY***

The Congregational Responses this morning are from the Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Supplemental Hymnal *Sing the Faith*

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**We Welcome** all who have gathered to worship with us this day. Evergreen Presbyterian Church is a member of The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a worldwide community of Christian believers who profess their faith in Jesus Christ within the Reformed tradition. If you are without a church home or would like to explore being part of this congregation, or if you would like a visit from the pastor, please make your requests known on the Friendship Pad. The church welcomes all God's children. We hope you will consider joining with us in ministry.

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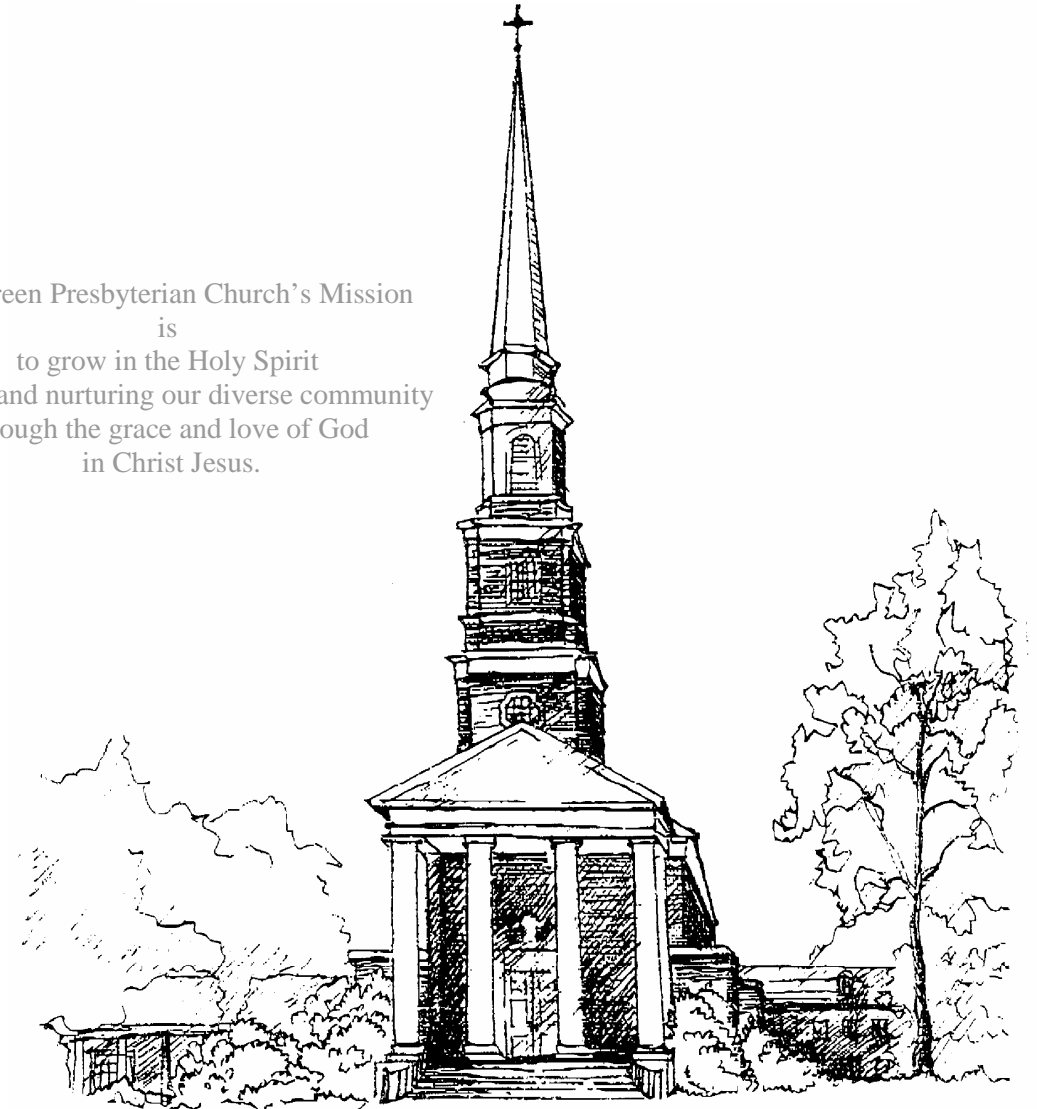


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is  
to grow in the Holy Spirit  
serving and nurturing our diverse community  
through the grace and love of God  
in Christ Jesus.



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