

vespers

6:30 p.m. Sunday May 24, 2009

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
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PRELUDE Requiescat in Pace (Rest in Peace) *Leo Sowerby*

INVOCATION

***HYMN 416** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we
have sinned against you in thought,
word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart
and mind and strength. We have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy
forgive what we have been, help us amend
what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk
in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Hear and believe the good news!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM “Praise the Lord, His Glories Show”

William Henry Monk

**Stand as you are able.*

PSALTER Psalm 1 (*responsively*) (page 463, O.T.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 17:6–19 (page 105, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION by Sarah A. Johnson
UNITED IN LOVE

***HYMN 391** “Take My Life” *Tune: HENDON*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*)

**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. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching the good news to the poor and release
to the captives, teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children, healing the sick and
binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and
believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for
blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain and giving
his life for the sins of the world. God raised this
Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us
from death to life eternal. With believers from
every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life
or in death can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

(from A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “I Will Lift up Mine Eyes” *Leo Sowerby*

*DOXOLOGY (The Hymnal, 592)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER

Minister: . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**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.**

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**O God, you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace that in everything we may
yield ourselves, our wills and our works,
as a continual thank offering to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

***HYMN 411** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" *Tune: FESTAL SONG*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Litanies *Jehan Alain*

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