

SPECIAL MUSIC TODAY FOR 9:30 A.M.

The Jubilee Bell Choir is taking advantage of a rare opportunity, today, to share with you a piece of music that was intended to be performed on this very day, April 20. Kevin McChesney wrote "Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace" in response to the tragedy at Columbine High School, Colorado, "when two students, lost in the shuffle, shunned by the masses, took the lives of their unsuspecting brothers and sisters."

The previous sentence warrants quotes because they are the words I shared with you, my church family, two years ago, before the first performance of this piece at Manasquan First Presbyterian in response to a different, but another, shooting on a school ground. Last year we prayed this prayer again, in response to the events at Virginia Tech, which eerily occurred this same week.

"Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace's" message is one of hope, rebirth, and victory in the face of untold trauma. The only way that message can serve its purpose is if we, as friends and Christians, make a definitive effort to honor those needlessly lost while loving, unconditionally, every single brother and sister who may enact or suffer these such tragedies again.

Every single day our children face societal walls that set them apart from one another, in a constant contest for social supremacy and popularity. This is not how we are to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Pray with the Jubilee Bells, today and every day, that those walls come tumbling down.

Andrew Tufts

SERMON NOTES

Help My Unbelief

Mark 9:2-13

Mark 9:14-32



**First Presbyterian Church
Manasquan, NJ**

April 20, 2008

Dear Friends,

Welcome to worship! If you are a visitor with us, we hope you sense our enthusiasm for what God is doing in the life of our church.

As we gather today, greet the persons around you, and then prepare your hearts for worship. During the first part of worship please take a moment to complete the **Response Cards** found in the pew racks. You are invited to share with us any prayer needs on these **cards** as well. If you have hearing limitations, an **amplifier device** is available from one of the ushers.

We look forward to greeting you in **Fellowship Hall following worship.** Please take note of the announcements in the bulletin and make yourself at home at First Presbyterian Church, where Christ's love meets your life.

Yours in Christ,
Steve Davis

EARLY BIRD WORSHIP (8:00)

***Song #113** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
First Scripture Reading Mark 9:2-13 (page 1567)
Pastoral Prayer
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Second Scripture Reading Mark 9:14-32 (page 1568)
Sermon HELP MY UNBELIEF Rev. Steve Davis
***Song #119** "The Strife is Over"
The Lord's Supper
***Song #111** "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (9:30)

Prelude
Words of Welcome
***Responsive Call to Worship (see opposite page)**
***Opening Hymn #113** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
*Prayer of Praise and The Lord's Prayer
First Scripture Reading Mark 9:2-13 (page 1567)
Ministry of Music "Giving Thanks to the Lord" Chancel Choir
Pastoral Prayer
Prayer Response "Somebody's Knocking" Chancel Choir
Life of the Church
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory "Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace" Jubilee Bells
***Doxology** Page 592
Prayer of Dedication
Second Scripture Reading Mark 9:14-32 (page 1568)

Sermon HELP MY UNBELIEF Pastor Steve Davis
***Hymn of Celebration #111** "Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing"
*Benediction
Postlude

FAMILY WORSHIP (11:00)

Prelude
***Songs of Praise** "How Great Is Our God/Holy is the Lord"
Infant Baptism Bennett David Mayer
Song "We Are One in the Bond of Love"
Children's Message
Ministry of Music "Without Complaining" Cherub Choir
Life of the Church
First Scripture Reading Mark 9:2-13 (page 1567)
Song of Praise "We Fall Down"
Second Scripture Reading Mark 9:14-32 (page 1568)
Sermon HELP MY UNBELIEF Pastor Steve Davis
***Song** "The Heart of Worship"
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Pastoral Prayer
***Hymn of Celebration** "Open the Eyes of My Heart"
*Benediction
Postlude

SEVENTY X SEVEN ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP GATHERING - 7:00 P.M.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come and Hear what the Word of God proclaims
People: Jesus Christ is our Lord.
Pastor: Christ rules over all authorities and powers
People: Jesus Christ is our Lord.
Pastor: Let us worship Him
People: Praise to the Lord Jesus Christ.

