

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, July 20, 2008
8:45 am, Lingle Chapel; 11:00 am, Sanctuary

Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE Do Not I Love Thee, O My Lord Gardner Read

WELCOME and CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 103, selected verses

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me; bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's mercy.

*HYMN No. 293 This Is My Father's World TERRA BEATA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION adapted from *A Wee Worship Book*

Because you made the world,
and intended it to be a good place,
and called its people your children;
because when things seemed at their worst,
you came in Christ to bring out the best in us;
so, gracious God, we gladly say:

**Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness; truth is stronger than lies.**

Because confusion can reign inside us, despite our faith;
because anger, tension, bitterness, and envy distort our vision;
because our minds sometimes worry small things out of all proportion,
we want to believe:

**Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness; truth is stronger than lies.**

Because you have promised to hear us, and are able to change us,
we ask you to confront, forgive, and encourage us, as you know best.
Change our lives until we illustrate your grace which makes all things new.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Let us cherish in our hearts that which we proclaim with our lips:

**Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness; truth is stronger than lies.**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE Come, Ye Thankful People Come No. 551

**All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto God's praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy and sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Hear the Word of God

WORD FOR CHILDREN (11:00)
(Children may proceed to their childcare locations at this time.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 7:15-25a

ANTHEM If With All Your Hearts Felix Mendelssohn
(8:45) Al Sudduth, tenor
(11:00)

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

SERMON Essentially Lib McGregor Simmons

Respond to God's Word

*HYMN No. 288 I Sing the Mighty Power of God ELLACOMBE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor thing 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 our Lord. Amen.

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS (11:00)

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION and THE LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE OFFERING
(Please pass the fellowship register to the end of the pew and back at this time.)

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION No. 592

*HYMN No. 341 Blessed Assurance ASSURANCE

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE God Be With You Ralph V. Williams
**God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word Robert Powell

* Those who are able, please stand

WORSHIP NOTES

Hearing devices, large print hymnals, and large print bulletins are available at each door. Early readers may also find these helpful. If you must leave during the worship service, please be considerate of your neighbors and delay your exit until we are all standing to sing a hymn.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHER: Lib McGregor Simmons
LITURGISTS: Shelli Latham (8:45); Kathy Beach-Verhey, Bob Osborn (11:00)
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Michael Rowland
USHERS: Mary Cathey, Jeff Francis, Gerry Griffin (8:45);
Dick Burton, Peter Castoral, Frank & Ruth Gantz, Brad & Trish Jones, Ralph & Carol Quackenbush,
Margo Wehrung (11:00)
GREETERS: Dave Fagg, Judy McLean (8:45) Lynn & Marjorie Burris, Jim & Jane Elliott, Dick
& Cynthia Grove (11:00)
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WE WELCOME VISITING GUESTS TO DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH and trust that you will find God's presence here. You may pick up information about DCPC at the entrances of the chapel and sanctuary. Worship bags for children are available at the doors. You are invited to participate in all programs and ministry opportunities of the church; more information about them can be found in today's DCPC News insert and at www.dcpc.org. If you have questions about membership, please speak with the DCPC representative who will be standing at the baptismal font following today's worship service. When you cannot be here at DCPC on Sunday mornings, join our live broadcast at 11:00 on WDAV 89.9 FM or access us live on the web at www.wdav.org.

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in loving memory of Kay Kincaid by her family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING IN HARM'S WAY: Greg Hart, son of Gary and Debbi Hart. Do you have a family member, or do you know of another DCPC member who is serving in the military in Iraq or Afghanistan? Please let the church office know. We would like to keep these people in our prayers as we also continue to pray for peace throughout God's world.

THIS CONGREGATION CELEBRATES TWO GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS IN CHRIST: with the Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kikuyu, Kenya and the Kilambe communities in Jinotega, Nicaragua. Together we seek to grow in witnessing to Christ in a complex world and to learn more about how to respond as disciples to the great needs of the world.

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As Christian believers,
we gather for worship
in the strength of the Holy Spirit.
We teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
minister in His name
to the needs of those in our community,
seek the transformation of the people's lives and
equip them to reach out to the larger world
for the sake of the glory of God.

DCPC Mission Statement