

*At CCC, we honor and celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, abilities,
sexual orientations and gender identity.*

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 20, 2008**

**Service of Worship
10:00 A.M.**

*Let us now enter fully into the Holy One's presence,
the ultimate source of power, nourishment and meaning for us.*

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Timberline Falls

Martha Sherrill Kelsey

PRAISE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Like empty jars, we have come to be filled.

Like ornamental candles, we have come to be set ablaze

Like a refreshing glass of water, we have come to be poured out.

Like weary travels, we have come to find rest.

Like friends who have drifted apart, we have come to reconciled.

Like small children, we have come to be surprised!

We have come to know God more fully.

Let us listen and sing and pray together!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (bulletin, page 5)

Jacob's Ladder/Sarah's Circle

JACOB'S LADDER

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Come into our hearts, Gracious God. Enliven our sense of trust that we might look for signs of you in all that takes place in this hour. Awaken our longing to know and be known by you. Kindle our desire to sense our belonging to you. We pray as Jesus taught...

Holy God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PENITENCE

As we look around us within our own hearts, we discover brokenness, pain and aimlessness. Our world and ourselves are in need of healing.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Together we come to God to acknowledge our need for transformation.

PRAYER OF PERSONAL AND CORPORATE CONFESSION

Patient God, it is so easy for us to focus on all the things that are wrong. We spend much time and energy harvesting the weeds of anger and sorrow, leaving behind the possibilities of hope and service to you. Ease our hearts. Forgive our willingness to get caught in the negative. Direct our steps toward positive actions that will produce growth and peace. A time of silent reflection...

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's seeds of love have already been sown into our midst. Look and see the love of God outpoured for you. You are God's beloved ones. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

THE WORD

God has come to bring us new life

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 28:10-19a
Matthew 13:24, 36-43

SERMON

What Is the Difference?

Rev. Susan A. Henderson

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.
Let us pray,

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Simple Gifts
Women's Group

Shaker tune
Arr. Hal. H. Hopson

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.**

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Harvesting God, we give back to you what you have first given us. Bless these gifts and help us use them in ways that honor you and enrich the life of this community. In Jesus' name, Amen.

LIVING IN THE NEW LIFE

God sends us forth “transformed non-conformists” to be agents of healing and reconciliation

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH #82**

AR HYD Y NOS

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

BENEDICTION

Go into God’s world with confidence and hope

God’s presence is with us in all that we do.

Be a people who plant seeds of comfort, hope and peace.

God will bring about the harvest in due season. Amen.

POSTLUDE

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Women’s Group

John Rutter
Words by Mrs. C.F. Alexander

Participating in the Service

Deacon

Bill Prindle

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Jean Minnick
in memory of Normand and Rick

Music

We thank Sam Brush and
The Women’s Group
For their gifts of music this morning

Large Print Bulletins are available. Please make your needs known to an usher.

Children’s Worship Activity Bulletins and pew packets of crayons are available each Sunday in a basket located by the doors to the sanctuary. Please return the crayons to the basket at the end of the service.

Assistive Listening Devices are available for people needing hearing assistance during worship. Ask an usher for one.

Offering Envelopes are available in the Entrance Hall or in the pew racks.

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Please turn off cell phones during the worship service.

Jacob's Ladder/Sarah's Circle

We are climbing Jacob's ladder, we are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder, sisters, brothers, all.

We are dancing Sarah's circle, we are dancing Sarah's circle,
We are dancing Sarah's circle, sisters, brothers, all.

Every round goes higher, higher, every round goes higher, higher,
Every round goes higher, higher, sisters, brothers, all.

Here we seek and find our story, here we seek and find our story,
Here we seek and find our story, sisters, brothers, all.

Every round a generation, every round a generation,
Every round a generation, sisters, brothers, all.

On and on the circle's moving, on and on the circle's moving,
On and on the circle's moving, sisters, brothers, all.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

8:45 AM Adult Education, *Contemporary Theology Class*

9:55 AM Announcements

10:00 AM Service of Worship

During the 10:00 service there will be child care for infants and toddlers and Church School for children 3 years – 3rd grade