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World Food Day & Baptismal Sunday Sunday, October 16, 2011



Our Mission

To send our people into the world
restored, refreshed, forgiven, and joyful;
to live as Christ would have us live,
with love and justice as our goals.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

*Congregation please stand, as you are able, and join congregational responses in **bold print**.

(Listening aids are available in the narthex; large print bulletins with hymns are available from the usher's table.)

CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING

Matthew Zuke

PRELUDE:

Adagio from Symphony #3

C.M. Widor

We Gather

WELCOME

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

We Approach Our God

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

When we gather for worship, we seek encounter with God in this moment. God chooses to be here with us – and for us.

We open ourselves to Love.

When we gather for worship, we seek God's presence on the journey that lies ahead. God promises to be our companion on the way.

We open ourselves to Love.

When we gather for worship, we come in memory and hope of God's relationship. God wills to be in covenant with us.
We open ourselves to Love.

PRAYER OF APPROACH (unison):

Loving God, we gather in hope with the symbols of your presence in times past that point us to your presence in times ahead. We gather and bring signs and symbols of Love's journey with us. Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: **235**

O Worship the King

HANOVER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison):

O God, how we love to wing it and go on our own until loneliness sets in, or situations overwhelm, or we discover that we are not self-made. We are not made to stand alone, individually, or as a community. When we would succumb to thinking life is lived all by ourselves, deepen our experience of you, O God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE: **MV68**

Kyrie Eleison (Guarani)

O God have mercy, O God have mercy,
O God have mercy, have mercy on us.

*HYMN: **MV92**

Like a Rock

Wehlander/Good

CHILDREN'S TIME: A Litany of Baptism (please refer to blue
Baptismal Booklets)

We Listen for God's Word

SOLO: The Heart Worships
(Soloist: Fred Cross)

Gustav Holst

Silence in Heaven. Silence on Earth.
Silence within Thy hush, O Lord.
O'er all the world covers the din.
I do not fear to speak of thee in mortal kind.
And yet to all thy namelessness I am not blind.
Only I kneel and kneel again. Thy touch to win.
Silence in Heaven. Silence on Earth. Silence within.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:15-22 N.T. pg.24

read by Nancy Cameron

ANTHEM: I will sing of thy power
(Soloist: Jan van der Hooft)

Text: Psalm 18: 16, 9, 17
Music: Sir Arthur Sullivan

I will sing of thy power, O God, and will praise thy mercy betimes in
the morning.
For thou hast been my defence and thy refuge in the day of my
trouble.
My strength will I ascribe unto thee, for thou art the God of my
refuge.
Unto thee, O my strength will I sing, for thou, O God, art my refuge,
and my merciful God. Amen

MESSAGE: "In God's Image"

*HYMN: **681**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

FULDA

We Make Our Response

OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY:

Prelude on 'Hanover' (O worship the King) Willem Mudde

*DOXOLOGY: **537** (verse 1)

Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands KILMARNOCK

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you
everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we
share.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (VU914)

We Go Forth

*RECESSIONAL HYMN: **421**

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence LANCASHIRE

*BLESSING

*BENEDICTION: **MV212**

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

POSTLUDE:

Trumpet Tune in D major David Johnson

Our postlude music is a time for quiet reflection and listening, or it can be a time to leave the sanctuary and greet the ministers at the back of the church and begin coffee hour and fellowship with others. Please feel free to choose either option!

*We welcome this day into the family of God,
Matthew Alan Gordon Hodgson,
son of Stephen & Amanda Hodgson as well as
Evan Matthew Graumann,
son of John & Allison Graumann.
Godparents are Janine & Jared Peters.*



Please join us for coffee, tea and juice
after the service.



Welcome to Worship

We extend a special welcome to all our guests and newcomers. Please sign our guest register and introduce yourself to an usher so that we may help you feel at home. Would you like someone to phone you about St. Andrew's River Heights United Church? Please leave your phone number in the register and a representative of the Fellowship and Pastoral Care Committee will be happy to contact you.



You are welcome to take this bulletin home with you. If not, please place your bulletin in the paper-recycling bin.

Today is **World Food Day**. Here is a message from the Ecumenical Advisory Alliance, based in Geneva:

Almost one billion people in the world live in hunger, yet another billion of us consume over 60% more than what we need. The good news is that we can change this reality and ensure that everyone has enough food to live in dignity.

If you would like to read more on World Food Day, please go to <http://www.e-alliance.ch/en/s/food>. You can also read Lesley's sermon there for the EAA.

The Anthem this week

Our anthem this week comes from the height of the Romantic period in 19th century England. There are a number of anthems from this period in our library, and they are not often performed any more, being considered somewhat dated in style!

The composer is Sir Arthur Sullivan, who is best known for his collaboration with William S. Gilbert in producing the much beloved operettas of the period, such as *The Mikado*, *The Pirates of Penzance* and *H. M. S. Pinafore*. Sullivan was a prolific composer, although much of his music is no longer performed. He wrote quite a lot for the Church, including oratorios, hymns (the best known is “Onward, Christian soldiers”) and anthems.

This anthem is bright and brisk, and includes a tenor solo in the middle. If you are familiar with his operettas, you may discern a stylistic resemblance to his choruses in certain sections of the anthem.

Sunday School

The scriptures in the Sunday School this morning are Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 and Matthew 22:15-22. Across the centuries, the old stories come to us bearing images of God that still have the capacity to fill our souls with awe and inspiration. In these last weeks of the church year, we will be taking time to hear these ‘old, old stories’ and will be discussing how these stories relate to our world.

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