

READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

Cathy Gumpert, Pastor

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
May 25, 2008
11:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

+Announcements

Prelude

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship

Psalm 131

Leader: O LORD, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

People: But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.

ALL: O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*+Hymn of Praise #494 (RIL)

“God of All Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

NATIONAL HYMN

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 131

Dear Father, we love to draw close to You, when things overwhelm us, when we are pushed to do too much too soon, too often, at too high of a price. When we take the time, You calm and quiet our souls, as tired children are quieted by their parents’ love and strength. We tend to wander away, as children wander.

We want to tackle the world, to explore, to do and to experience, as curious children do. But too often we bite off more than we can chew, we are misled, or we choose to ignore the warnings You call out, and we wind up in trouble. Bind up our hearts, comfort us, and help us to learn from our mistakes, as we grow into what You call us to be. In this way, You can send us forth, to bring healing and comfort in Your holy name, to this lost and broken world that You love so much. We ask this in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

Psalm 9:7-10

Summary of the Law

Psalm 119:33-40

*+Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Children’s Sermon

*+Hymn of Preparation

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

**Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.**

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain**

His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found;
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. **Refrain**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 5:16-21

p. 142

New Testament

Acts 2:37-41

p. 886

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

PROMISES, PROMISES

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Confession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the

Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering *(Please fill out the red pew pads at this time. Remember to PRINT your name.)*

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below, praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dedication of Gifts

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Community and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Dedication #496 (RIL) "God Bless Our Native Land" NATIONAL ANTHEM
Verses 1 & 2

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "God Bless Our Native Land" NATIONAL ANTHEM
Verse 3

Postlude

*Congregation (those who are able) will please rise.
+Latecomers and returning worshipers may be seated.
The Hymns this morning are from "Rejoice in the Lord".

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WORSHIP SERVICE: 11:00AM (10:00 A.M. Father's Day through Labor Day) Nursery Provided

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30A.M. Classes for Pre-school through adult (September through June)

Infant Nursery Provided

Our Invitation

We welcome you as we join together in prayer, in song, and in praise to God. It is our prayer that the blessing and fellowship you find here will enrich your life so that you will truly feel that you are a part of this historic, caring church. May God bless you in a very special way!

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Organized 1719

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Above all, we exist to worship God. Through the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will make the love of Jesus Christ tangible by caring for one another and those around us and will go out into the world to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ

The Rev. Cathy Gumpert, Pastor
The Rev. Donald A. McCabe, Pastor Emeritus