

Sunday, September 22, 2013 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### WE GATHER

#### **Opening Voluntary**

Vigil

Eugene Butler

# Call to Worship

Leader: It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

People: We declare your steadfast love in the morning.

Leader: It is good to sing praises to your name.

People: We proclaim your faithfulness by night.

Leader: For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work;

People: at the work of your hands we sing for joy!

## **Gathering Prayer**

Lord our God, you are just and holy, and yet you are patient and tolerant with us. We are but slow-learning students of our one Teacher, Jesus Christ. He saw people's faults but he came not to condemn but to forgive and save. Give us clear eyes to look into our own hearts and consciences, but dim them with the shades of love when we see the faults of those around us. We ask you this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \*Opening Hymn 244

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

MONKLAND

## \*Call to Confession

Reader 1: As a tree is known by its fruit,

Reader 2: so we are known by our words.

Reader 1: We are known by our words

Reader 2: for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

Reader 1: Let us confess the brokenness that is in our hearts and our speech.

#### \*Prayer of Confession

(Unison)

O God, our Rock, in you there is no unrighteousness, but we have sinned against you and our neighbor. We call upon your name and then go our own way, apart from your purposes. We are quick to see the fault in others, but do not see our own failings.

Forgive us, we pray, for any haughtiness or hypocrisy in us. Correct our hearts, we pray, that we may correct our mouths and our actions. Forgive

us for putting our trust in shallow things, and give us faith to trust the sure foundation you have established.

We pray in the name of the One who sees us clearly and loves us well, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

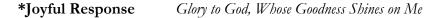
Out of a heart of abundance God spoke, and the Word came into the world. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, not to judge us but to save us. Believe the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

# \*Passing of the Peace of Christ

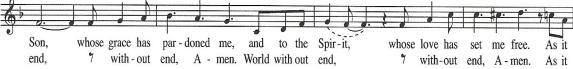
Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

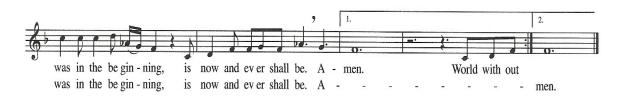
People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.









Children are always welcome in worship at Faith Des Peres. Nursery Care (ages 4 & under) and Sunday School (ages 5 & up) are available at this time.

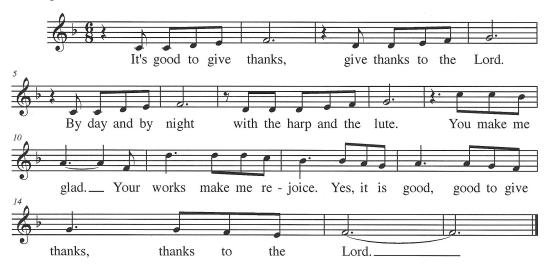
#### **WE PROCLAIM**

### Prayer for Illumination

# Scripture Lesson

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Antiphon



Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

People: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

Leader: to the music of the lute and the harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

People: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands I sing for joy. (Sing antiphon)

Leader: The righteous flourish like the palm tree,

and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

People: They are planted in the house of the Lord;

they flourish in the courts of our God.

Leader: In old age they still produce fruit;

they are always green and full of sap,

People: showing that the Lord is upright;

he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. (Sing antiphon)

**New Testament Reading** 

Luke 6:39-49

Sermon

"Logs and Specks"

Rev. Dr. Anne Epling

#### WE RESPOND

\*Hymn 316

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

## **Pastoral Prayer**

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Petition (congregation responds "Lord, hear our prayers.")

### Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Offering Our Gifts to God (Please sign the friendship pad.)

**Offertory Anthem** 

God Be in My Head

Victor C. Johnson

\*Dedication of Gifts

"Doxology"

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

### \*Prayer of Dedication

#### WE ARE SENT

\*News of the Church

\*Closing Hymn 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

\*Benediction

\*Closing Voluntary

Joyful Praise

Eugene Butler

# We welcome you to Faith Des Peres for worship!

Following the Closing Voluntary please join us for refreshments in the Gathering Space at the front of the church.

### Remember in Prayers:

Joanna Gerst Jasmine Reece Helen Barks Sam Taylor

Toy & Jerry Kircher

Mallorie and Mackenzie Prophete

Brenda Modrell and family

# With Appreciation to:

Steve & Mary Dingus and Rufus & Judy

Sisson, worship team

Rufus Sisson, liturgist Rachel Neuner, cantor

Leslie Barnes, refreshments Bernie & Leila Davis, flowers

#### Here's how to write Helen —

Longtime Faith Des Peres Church secretary Helen Barks is in Barnes Jewish Extended Care following a fall at her home. Cards may be sent to the following address:

Barnes-Jewish Extended Care, Room 208A

401 Corporate Park Drive, Clayton, MO 63105

Phone: (314) 273-0213

## Older & Wiser Lunch today:

Everyone is welcome to brunch together following worship. Join us at Zodiac Restaurant in Neiman Marcus at Plaza Frontenac. All are welcome. See Barb Wright with questions.

### It's Buddy Pack Time and we need you!

Sign-ups are underway now to fill several teams of buddy pack volunteers for this school year. For the past 2 years, Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church has been preparing bags of groceries; enough for breakfast, lunch, dinner and a snack for the weekend, which we deliver to students who are on subsidized breakfast and lunch programs through schools. Studies have shown that often those students have very little to eat on the weekends.

Information and sign-up sheets to help are in the Gathering Space this morning. Or see Elizabeth Pribor or Erica Abbett to learn more about how you can help with this important ministry of our church.

#### Join us Tuesday at Sweet Tomatoes!

Tuesday, September 24, 5-8 p.m., Faith Des Peres will gather for an evening of food and fellowship at Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant in Crestwood, which features an all-you-can-eat buffet, including fresh salads, homemade soups, pasta and more! We'll also be raising funds for Lydia's House, helping abused women and their children in St. Louis. Friends are welcome! You must bring the enclosed flyer to participate.

## Kids, invite your friends to join us in Sunday School --

Held every Sunday from 10:40-11:30, except for October 6, November 3 and December 1, when we celebrate communion and children attend worship for the entire service. Nursery care for children under kindergarten age is available 10:00-12:00 with a trained, professional caregiver. Note: A special class for Tweens (grades 4-6) meets next Sunday, the 29th!

#### Faith Des Peres Women's Retreat 2013 — Save the date!

The 2013 women's retreat is scheduled for October 19, 2013. By popular demand, the leaders this year will be Jan Stocking and Diza Velasco who led our 2012 retreat at Mercy Center. This year we will be going to Rockhaven Ecozoic Center near House Springs, MO, where Jan and Diza are co-directors, and this year the retreat will be a one day event. For those who prefer to stay overnight, arrangements can be made for the night of either the 17th or the 18th. Stay tuned for more information.

# In Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Phil and Dianne Modrell and their family on the death of Phil's brother, Tony Modrell, on September 3. A memorial service with both military and police department honors was held on September 10 in Blue Springs, MO.

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR:		
Sun, 09/22	9:00 am	Adult Discussion Group
	10:00 am-Noon	Childcare
	10:30 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	11:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship
	12:00 pm	Older & Wiser Brunch (Zodiac Restaurant)
Mon, 09/23	5:30 pm	Tai Chi
Tues, 09/24	5-8 pm	SWEET TOMATOES FUN-RAISER
Wed, 09/25	9:30 am	Presbyterian Women Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Mission & Ministry Committee
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun, 09/29	Adult Discussion Group does not meet.	
	10:00 am-Noon	Childcare
	10:30 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Sunday School (*Tweens Class meets)
	11:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship

#### About the Music

In medieval times, monks and nuns were required to observe the Divine Office (prayer services at several specific times of the day). The Office consisted primarily of psalms supplemented by hymns and readings which changed with the liturgical season. Lay people who wished to incorporate elements of monasticism into their devotional life often used a "book of hours," which contained an abbreviated form of the Office liturgies practiced in monastic life. An English-language book of hours was sometimes called a *primer*.

Today's anthem text comes from the *Book of Hours* (Cambridge, England, 1514). It was republished in 1558 in the *Sarum Primer* (Sarum is the Latin name for Salisbury, England).

#### The text reads:

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in my eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and at my departing.

The composer of today's anthem also includes verses from Psalm 139:1, 23-24 in his setting of the text.

The question of singing only psalms or including "hymns of human composure" was only one of many controversies about music in the church throughout its history. What were some others? See an upcoming About the Music.

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