

**Welcome to this service of worship.** As Jesus Christ welcomes each one of us, we hope you sense the friendly welcome of this congregation of God's people.

[\*]If you are comfortable doing so, it is appropriate to stand.  
**Bold type** signifies congregational response.

### WE GATHER IN JESUS' NAME

PRELUDE                      *Aria in F Major*                      Handel  
   *Recit de tierce*                      Couperin

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Love the Lord your God.  
**We come with love and hope!**  
Love your neighbors, too.  
**We come with loving hearts.**  
Love even yourself.  
**We come in humble trust.**  
With hope and trust, let us worship God.

\* HYMN #274                      *O God of Earth and Space*

\*PRAYER OF PRAISE

**God of Arabs and Americans, Muslims and Jews, friends and foes, help us to see the humanity of the foreigner, hurt and broken. Help us to overcome our fear of strangers, and to respond to the needs of all around us. Remind us that we are all your children, and that you love us all deeply. Amen.**

\*PRAYER RESPONSE #579                      *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.**

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SOLO *Prelude from Solo Suite for Violoncello No.1 in G Major*  
Bach

Yun Yang Lin, cello

SCRIPTURE                      Luke 8:40-55                      Pew Bible NT p. 68

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE                      "Reaching Across Separations"                      Rev. Russ Feroe

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* HYMN # 307                      *Fight the Good Fight*

COMMISSIONING OF DELEGATES TO THE TRIENNIUM

Marissa Cort, Karen Spears, Holly Billings from FPC  
with Perri Finnican and Henry Richardson.

The Presbyterian Youth Triennium is an event sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches (CPC and CCPCA) for the purpose of gathering Presbyterian and Reformed young people over the United States and the world together for worship, prayer, play and community.

The theme for the 2010 event is "For Such a Time as This" — a powerful cry from the book of Esther. "For Such as This" is an encouragement to be courageous, to be faithful and to be attentive to God. To listen deeply to God and respond with the extraordinary gifts given to young people, to a world in need of Jesus' story and the gospel meanings that inspire us to act. And in particular, for YOUNG PEOPLE in the Presbyterian Church to be aware of their call to act as agents of healing, hope, and holy transformation in this world and in this church!

MINUTE FOR MISSION                      Presbyterian Promise                      Keith Rhoden, Jr.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER  
*The Lord's Prayer is found on the top of page 16 of the Hymnal, traditional version using "debts" and "debtors"*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY                      *Sarabande from Solo Suite for Violoncello No.1 in G Major*                      Bach

\*RESPONSE #592 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous, loving God, bless the gifts we have given. As we give of ourselves, bless our hearts, that our love may increase. Through our gifts, may the stranger find welcome, the broken find healing, and the discouraged find hope, in Jesus' name, Amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*(those with announcements are asked to move to the front pews at this time.)*

\*HYMN #447                      *Lead On, O King Eternal*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May you be strengthened with God's power.  
**May we be humble with God's grace.**  
May you face the challenges with courage.  
**May we slow down and notice the strangers.**  
May your hearts overflow with God's blessings.  
**Alleluia! Amen!**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #540

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

**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 *Dialogue sur les grands jeux* Couperin

**SERVICE**

**Flowers:** The flowers are given today by the Tamburini Family in memory of Helen Watson Boldi on what would have been her 90th birthday.

**Liturgist:** TBA

**Greeters:** Shirley Dudley, Pam Hauburger

**Ushers:** June O'Neil; Clifford Riley; Keith Rhoden, Jr.;  
Pauline Robertson



Members, friends, and visitors are invited to join us as our guests for refreshments and fellowship in Hodge Hall immediately following worship.

*This is a welcoming Church,* embracing sisters and brothers without regard to age, race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, family status, economic situation or theological viewpoint. We want our visitors to feel a part of the family.

*“Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA).”*

There is a variety of materials near the entrance to acquaint you with the Church. We encourage you to sign the guest book in the entry and to use the yellow card in the pews to register your

attendance and enable us to add you to our newsletter mailing list. Please place yellow cards in the offering plates. All of our services and activities are open to non-members.

*Offering Envelopes* are available in the pews for the convenience of those who may have forgotten their assigned envelope or for those who wish to use an envelope for a cash gift. If you wish your contribution to be used for a specific cause, please indicate that on the envelope.

**ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM AVAILABLE**

Anyone who has difficulty in hearing and understanding the service is encouraged to use the assisted listening system. This is a wireless system so users can sit anywhere in the sanctuary. Receivers are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. Many of you have used a similar system at the Bushnell or Hartford Stage.



**During the service:** we provide Nursery Care in the Buchanan Room for children up to age 4. An usher will direct you to the location. Shannon Hopkins is the nursery director and Augusta Jara is the assistant. For safety's sake, please have a responsible adult drop off and pick up your child. The nursery is air-conditioned during the summer.

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