

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF DURHAM, UCC

Who Is My Neighbor Series

February 5, 2012

*Enter to Worship*

**Prelude** “O God, For What Should I Complain?”  
“Awake, My Refuge”

Paul Hindemith

**Welcome**

**Introit** “Be Thou My Vision,” arr. Marie Pooler

~ Alleluia Choir

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. As we gather in this place, allow your spirit to fill our very being.

**People:** **As we worship today, we remember our brothers and sisters elsewhere throughout the world. Inspire each of us to work more faithfully for justice and dignity of life everywhere.**

**Leader:** Raise our vision above the barriers of color, culture, and creed that separate us. Give us wisdom as we deal with one another; help us to recognize and to respect different ways, rather than to judge.

**People:** **In the spirit of Jesus who came not be served but to serve, we now must walk in the world, we now must reach out our hands with help and open our hearts in love. Awake in us the desire to seek your way of serving you in the world.**

**Leader:** Come, people of God, rejoice!

**People:** **Come, let us worship together.**

\* **Opening Hymn #8** *Praise to the Living God*

**Moment for Mission** Rain for the Sahel and Sahara

~ Jane Pollard, Co-chair, Home &  
World Mission Board

**Children’s Time**

**Lord’s Prayer**

*Our Father/Creator 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 for ever. Amen.*

**Blessing the Children On Their Way** (*Children leave for Children’s Activity*)

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;

There’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
The trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

**Reading** Isaiah 40: 21-31  
Matthew 25: 37-39

**Anthem** “On Eagle’s Wings”

M. Joncas

**Sermon** “The Least of These”

Bess Palmisciano, Executive  
Director, RAIN

**Silent Reflection**

\***Hymn** “*What Does the Lord Require?*”

*What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?  
To do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.*

**Passing the Peace**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Our Church Family Prays**

**Offering**

Offertory “Jesu, Help Us Succeed”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

\* Doxology (*Hymnal #780*)

Prayer of Dedication

\* **Closing Hymn** # 538 *Standing at the Future’s Threshold*

**Benediction**

**Choral Response**

**Postlude** “So What Do I Desire of You”

P. Hindemith

*Depart to Serve*

(\**Congregation may stand*)

The altar flowers today are given in memory of George Romoser by his family.

Today's lay reader is Dennis Mathews, Co-chair of the Diaconate.

Ushering today are Diana Marzinzik, John Marzinzik,  
Cynthia Watkins, Jim Lewis and Doug Terrill.

We welcome you to our worship on this Sunday.  
After worship, please join us for Fellowship Hour on the mezzanine.  
While there, you are encouraged to sign cards for our homebound members.

If you are a visitor and would like more information about the Church or  
would like to be put on our mailing list, please speak with an usher or Rev. Westfall.

Fellowship Hour today is hosted by Mary Caulfield of the Diaconate.

**Reminder:** Please leave the upper parking lot free for those who have difficulty walking.

*We have a wonderful group of caring volunteers and paid staff who tend our Sunday morning  
nursery. If your little one becomes restless during the worship service,  
we hope that you will take advantage of their loving care.*

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