

The Evening Service

6:00 p.m.

How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

(Hosea 11:8-9, ESV)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION Paul Bouman
“Partita on *Azmon*” (“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. David Lauten

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ **DOXOLOGY:** “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” OLD HUNDREDTH
Trinity Hymnal, no. 1

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forthtell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.

For why? The Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

+ **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

+ **HYMN:** “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” DARWALL
Trinity Hymnal, no. 310

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains
He took his seat above.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o’er earth and heav’n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv’n.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

(During the third verse, children may come to the front for the Children’s Sermon.)

CHILDREN’S SERMON: “A Remnant Chosen by Grace”

PRAYER

HYMN: “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” DARWALL
Trinity Hymnal, no. 310

He sits at God’s right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up
To their eternal home.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

CORPORATE READING OF SCRIPTURE Rev. Neal Mathias

Psalm 114

When Israel went out from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
Judah became his sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.
The sea looked and fled;
Jordan turned back.
The mountains skipped like rams,
the hills like lambs.

What ails you, O sea, that you flee?
O Jordan, that you turn back?
O mountains, that you skip like rams?
O hills, like lambs?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool of water,
the flint into a spring of water.

EVENING PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF EVENING OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
arr. David Ashley White

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace, how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

from John Wyeth’s *Repository of Sacred Music*
text: Robert Robertson; tune: NETTLETON

The Vesper Choir

+ **HYMN:** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” FAITHFULNESS
Trinity Hymnal, no. 32

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 11:1-10
(Pew Bible page 946)

SERMON: “Has God Rejected Israel?” Dr. Sinclair Ferguson

PRAYER

+ **HYMN:** “Not All the Blood of Beasts” FESTAL SONG
Trinity Hymnal, no. 242

Not all the blood of beasts on Jewish altars slain,
Could give the guilty conscience peace, or wash away the stain:

But Christ, the heav’nly Lamb, takes all our sins away,
A sacrifice of nobler name and richer blood than they.

My faith would lay her hand on that dear head of thine,
While like a penitent I stand, and there confess my sin.

My soul looks back to see the burdens thou didst bear,
When hanging on the cursed tree, and knows her guilt was there.

Believing, we rejoice to see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice, and sing his bleeding love.

+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
“Doxology” OLD HUNDREDTH
Trinity Hymnal, no. 731

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

+ Congregation Standing

To Be Noted

Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.

Nurseries for children to the age of four are provided in the Thornwell Education Building. Parents of children who have been in the Nursery, Clubs, or Cherub Choir are asked to come for them promptly after the conclusion of the service.

Open Gym: Open Gym for children and youth ages four through eighth grade will conclude at 8:30 p.m. All buildings on campus will close at 9:00 p.m.

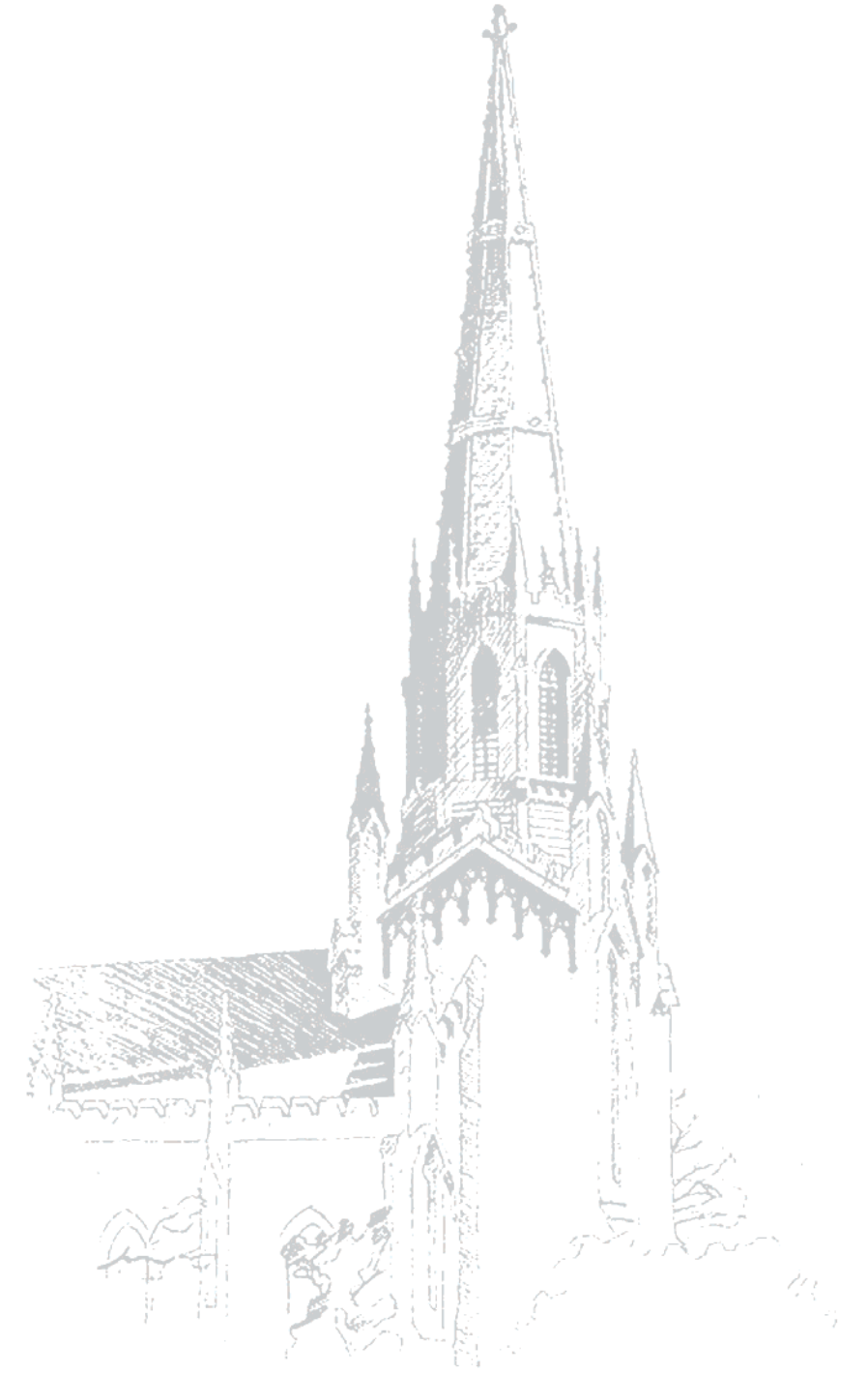
The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert L. Dargan by his family.



Sermon Notes

“Has God Rejected Israel?”
Romans 11:1-10
Dr. Sinclair Ferguson preaching

First Presbyterian Church Evening Service



March 7, 2010

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Missionaries of the Week



Annelies and David Galletta

Dr. Galletta has partnered with Dr. John Carson and Dr. Jack Whytock for the World Witness Mobile Theological Training Team (MT3). In this role he has served primarily in Kenya, South Africa, Pakistan, and Ukraine.