

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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OFFERING HYMN:

469 (6) – Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

PRAYERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE AND PRAISE

SETTING APART OF THE ELEMENTS

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

563 – Go Labor On

THANKSGIVING

CANTICLE: Thank the Lord

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PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN:

617 – Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2010

Worship Focus

The Believer Follows Christ...

Followers of Christ Understand the Call for Total Commitment.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

The Service of Word and Sacrament

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OPENING HYMN:

478 – With the Lord Begin Your Task

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

PRAYER AND PRAISE

SONG OF PRAISE: O Lord, Our Lord

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: *O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Jonah 3:3-4:4

God was entirely committed to the cause of saving Nineveh. He asked Jonah for the same.

JONAH 3:3 Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city--a visit required three days. ⁴ On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned."⁵ The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

⁶ When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. ⁷ Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh:

"By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸ But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹ Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

^{4:1} But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD, "O LORD, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³ Now, O LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

⁴ But the LORD replied, "Have you any right to be angry?"

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 62

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SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 11:21b-30

Faith in Christ called for a change in Paul's life – one that assumed his total commitment to the cross.

2 CORINTHIANS 11:21b What anyone else dares to boast about--I am speaking as a fool--I also dare to boast about. ²² Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's descendants? So am I. ²³ Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, ²⁶ I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from

Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers. ²⁷ I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. ²⁸ Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

³⁰ If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

VERSE OF THE DAY:

Alleluia. If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Alleluia. (Mark 8:34b)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 9:51-62

Membership in God's Kingdom brings new priorities of total commitment.

LUKE 9:51 As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; ⁵³ but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them, ⁵⁶ and they went to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

⁵⁹ He said to another man, "Follow me."

But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

⁶¹ Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family."

⁶² Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

HYMN OF THE DAY:

465 – Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

SERMON

Luke 9:51-62

Christ Calls for Commitment to HIS Cause