

18th Sunday After Pentecost

October 16, 2011

Convenant with God

On the second Sunday of each year Methodists across the UK celebrate their annual covenant service. At the heart of this service are said the following words, with which the congregation reaffirm their willingness to be used in God's service, not just in public and visible ways but in daily acts of service.

I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;
Put me to doing, put me to suffering;
Let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you;
Let me be exalted for you, or brought low for you;
Let me be full, let me be empty;
Let me have all things, let me have nothing;
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, O Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
You are mine and I am yours.
So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

John Wesley (1703-1791)

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Graham Goode
Lay Reader: Rosemary Bishop
Lector: Dews Bourke

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Alternative Services*)

Celebrant: The Reverend Christine Conkin
Preacher: The Reverend Graham Goode
Lay Readers: Shelagh Innes and Connie Kadey
Deacon: The Reverend Julienne Hendrickson
Nursery is open at this service

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: #350 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, *be with you all.*

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty and everliving God,
All **increase in us your gift of faith,
that forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to what is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Children's Talk – The Reverend Christine Conkin

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament: Exodus 33:12–23

Don Edy

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses

said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

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New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Barbara Jean Moore

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #348 The Living God Be Praised

Gospel: Matthew 22:15–22

Reader: **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Homily – The Reverend Graham Goode

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution – page 191

Peace

Offertory Hymn: #508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer Over the Gifts *(together)*

Eternal God, **your word inspires our faith. May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #4 – page 201

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread - page 212

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

The Communion

All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. If you would prefer to come forward for a blessing, please do so. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.

Prayer after Communion *(together)*

God of peace, **you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

- **ACW** will be holding their next meeting on Monday, October 24th at 7:15 pm. All are welcome. Please plan to be there.
- **Fall Fair** – Today, October 16th, and 23rd, there will be a table set up during the coffee hour for information and volunteer sign up. You can also phone Peter Leigh at 403-281-1376, or Arnold Williams at 403-251-4610 at any time.
- **Christ Church presents: Raising a Faith-Filled Family** – Join in for an evening workshop for parents, grandparents, and others interested in learning a four step process for recognizing God in the ordinary and extraordinary events of family life. Friday October 28, 2011. Family Dinner (optional) 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm and workshop from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. To register or for more information, please call Ilona Bevan at 403-243-4680, ext. 29 or email familyministry@christchurchcalgary.org. (St. Peter's have registered and paid the fee, all are welcome to attend – call and let Avril know if you wish to attend).
- **New this fall!** Join Betty Nadurak for a ten week Bible study of the Book of Esther, running Oct. 18 to Dec. 6. This in-depth study will take place Tuesdays mornings, 9:30 - 11:00AM. The cost for participants will be \$16-18 per person and the deadline for registration is Sept. 6. Register now by contacting Betty at 403-686-1110.
- **St. Peter's Reads book club** – Thanks to all those who participated in our book club last month. It was a great discussion. Our next book is "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Brown Taylor, and we plan to meet on Wednesday, November 23 at 7pm. Please note that this is a change of date from October 26. Please contact Barb Crawford at 403-281-2578 for more information.
- **Wisdom Centre conference "Learning to Walk in the Dark"** – With Barbara Brown Taylor, December 2-4. Friday evening will be an extended sermon and musical exploration of sacred darkness by Brian Pearson and the Soul Food Band. Saturday will be a day-long writers' workshop, "Writing as Spiritual Practice" – for beginners, advanced writers and everyone in between. On Sunday, Barbara Brown Taylor will be the guest preacher at Christ Church. Early bird prices until Nov. 1: Friday only \$20 (\$25); Saturday only \$90 (\$100); Friday and Saturday \$100. See poster in the Narthex or www.wisdomcentre.ca for more information.

Pumpkin potluck - On Sunday, October 30 from 4:30 - 6:30pm we are inviting young families to connect with one another and to re-connect with those who shared baptism. We will have a potluck dinner together and carve/decorate pumpkins to create a pumpkin patch photo opportunity! Costumes are encouraged. Please contact Christine (christine@stpeterscalgary.ca) for more information and to RSVP.

Fragrance Free – Owing to the increase in fragrance allergies, please refrain from wearing fragrance to the Church (men and women). Thank you.

INN FROM THE COLD. This invitation was issued by St. Anthony's to all members of St. Peter's who have helped with the Inn:

Hello Inn from the Cold Volunteers

A reminder regarding the 12 Year Celebration of Inn from the Cold taking place on

Tuesday, October 18th.

INVITATION

**To Celebrate 12 Years of Inn from the Cold
On Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 7:30 PM in St. Anthony's Hall
Story Exchange to Share Your Favorite Inn Story
Refreshment will be provided**

Come and listen to personal stories from the past twelve years - and feel free to share your own at the same time.

If you cannot make it the evening but have a story to share, email Carey O'Brien at careyobrien@gmail.com and we will be pleased to read it on your behalf.

We hope to see everyone there.

Father James Hagel & the Inn from the Cold Committee

Acadia Place is a 58-unit apartment building which provides affordable housing for families at risk of or experiencing homelessness. It is a partnership between KAIROS (an ecumenical partnership which the Anglican Diocese) and the Calgary Homeless Foundation. In order to raise money to help pay off the mortgage a fundraiser has been planned.

Friday, October 28 at 7:30 pm there will be a concert at Symons Valley United Church.

Performers will include Deborah Nyack (harp), Sora (Contemporary Celtic), Brent Van Dusen (Drummer), Alex Boiselle and the Ashbury Train (Roots and Blues) and Lewis and Royal. Tickets are \$25 and available from www.calgaryhomeless.com/events or by

phone at [403-718-7742](tel:403-718-7742).

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