



July 4, 2010

**A Meditation Before Worship**

Let's face it. In most of life we really  
are interdependent. We need each other.

Staunch independence is an illusion,  
but heavy dependence isn't healthy, either.

The only position of long-term strength is interdependence.

-Greg Anderson

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## Gathering the Community

PRELUDES

*"I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"*  
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Jon DeHorn, Organist

-J. S. Bach  
-Marcel Dupre

WELCOME

Henry Reeves

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*(from Psalm 121)*

Henry Reeves

One: I lift my eyes to the mountains.

**Many: From where will my help come?**

One: My help comes from God, who made heaven and earth.

**Many: God will not let our footsteps slip.**

One: Our Guardian never sleeps.

**Many: With God on our side, the sun cannot overpower us by day,**

One: Nor the moon at night.

**Many: God guards us from harm, guards our lives.**

One: God guards our leaving and our coming back, now and forever.

**All: Joining hearts and voices, we worship our God.**

\*HYMN #274

*"O God of Earth and Space"*

CALL TO CONFESSION AND COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
*(in unison)*

Henry Reeves

**O God, with your abiding love surrounding us,  
we have come, through all of our days, to this time in our lives.**

**You teach us to trust you,  
you have shown us constant, steadfast love,  
yet we live in fear.**

**Jesus tells us not to be anxious,  
but we worry about so many things.**

**The Spirit is with us in every present moment,  
yet we live in dread of what the future may bring.**

**God of our lives, past, present, and future,  
help us to trust,  
help us to live in confidence,  
help us to be filled with hope.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

**Lord have mercy upon us; Christ have mercy upon us;  
Lord have mercy upon us.**

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE

Henry Reeves

One: God, who loves the birds of the air,  
**Many: We rest in your abiding love for us.**  
One: God, who clothes the lilies, the grass of the fields,  
**Many: We trust in you and in one another  
to meet the real needs of our world.**  
One: God, who provides for the needs of your children,  
often through our efforts,  
**Many: We focus on your purposes in our world and in our lives.**  
**All: Forgiving and forgiven,  
we live into hope, love, and purpose.**

\*RESPONSE *“Live Into Hope”* (# 332, v. 3)

**Live into hope of liberty,  
The right to speak, the right to be,  
The right to have one’s daily bread,  
To hear God’s word and thus be fed.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE

Henry Reeves

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## THE WORD

FIRST READING

Luke 12:22-31

Henry Reeves

God’s Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Judith Sheldon

SECOND READING

Matthew 18:15-20

Henry Reeves

God’s Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*“If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”*

-Marcel Dupre

COMMUNION MEDITATION

***“Consider the Lilies”***

Dr. James C. Chambers

\*HYMN #504

*“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”*  
(v. 1 and 3)

## RESPONSE

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Henry Reeves

OFFERTORY

*"If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"*

-J. S. Bach

\*DOXOLOGY #591

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Henry Reeves

\*HYMN

*"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" (#422, v. 3)*

**Treasure too you have entrusted,  
Gain through powers your grace conferred;  
Ours to use for home and kindred,  
And to spread the gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands, in sharing,  
As we heed Christ's ageless call,  
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
Serving you by loving all.**

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Dr. Chambers

COMMUNION PRAYERS

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

\*HYMN #514

*"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Chambers

POSTLUDE

*"The Star-Spangled Banner"*

-arr. Virgil Fox

Jon DeHorn, Organist

*(Feel free to sit quietly enjoying the postlude as part of your worship experience)*

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\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit as you are able

*Thank you for gathering with us for worship this morning. Following worship, refreshments will be served in the Great Hall. Please join us!*

WORSHIP LAY LEADERS

WORSHIP COORDINATOR  
SOUND TECHNICIAN  
RECEPTION COORDINATOR  
OFFICER ON DUTY

Henry Reeves  
Judith Sheldon  
Henry Reeves  
Austin Brantley  
Jessie Uduma  
Elder Craig McLean  
Deacon Walter Coles

We welcome to the pulpit this morning The Rev. Dr. James C. Chambers. Dr. Chambers received his undergraduate degree from the Virginia Union University in Richmond, the Master of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School, and the Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Alma College. His pastoral work has included several Presbyterian churches in the Presbytery of Detroit: St. John's, Trumbull Avenue, Grace, and Park United. Dr. Chambers is a part time professor at Wayne County Community College, teaching Logic, Critical Thinking, History of Philosophy, and Living Religion.

Dr. Mook is attending General Assembly in Minneapolis and will return on July 12.

**We are delighted that you are here!**

- \*Join others for refreshments in the Great Hall after the worship service.
- \*Visit the information and display tables in the Church House.
- \*Large print bulletins and hymnals are available.
- \*Capable and loving nursery attendants are ready to care for little ones through age 4 during the service. Ask an usher for directions.
- \*A tape recording and CDs of today's service and/or previous services may be ordered in the Church House after worship @ \$3.00 each.
- \*You may add to the beauty of our weekly worship by contributing a floral donation. Flowers are usually given in memory of or in honor of persons or events. The church office will contact you for your floral dedication.

**Summer Worship Time**

Please remember Sunday morning worship will begin at **10:00 a.m.** during the summer **through** Labor Day weekend, Sunday, **September 5.**

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