

The Eliot Church of Newton

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Fifth Sunday of Easter **May 2, 2010**

Welcome guest! Here is a sample of a Sunday Worship Bulletin at Eliot Church, to give you a sense of the order of service and the music of our prayer life. We hope you can join us soon in person for our 10:00 Sunday service.

Pastors Tony Kill & Karla Miller

Thought for Reflection

"We Have received Grace Upon Grace" Two Litanies

It's God, not the economy, who reminds us of our abundance.

We have received grace, and grace we give.

It's the Bible, not the budget, that calls our church to faithfulness.

We have received grace, and grace we give.

God, who created the bull and the bear,
teaches us stewardship beyond boasting or fearfulness.

We have received grace, and grace we give.

God who is the source of all resource, inspires creative uses
of finances, time, energy and enthusiasm.

We have received grace, and grace we give.

God is not broke – never has been, never will be.

God is not broke -- God is blessed.

We have received grace, and grace we give.

For the grace upon grace which is this community of faith – sanctuary and sermon, music and mission, practices of hospitality, of education, of discernment.

We give you thanks.

For grace we each bring to add to others' graces – our personal hopes and skills, the time we can share, the experiences from which we offer tenderness, our willingness to take responsibility or expose vulnerability.

We give you thanks.

For unexpected grace in trouble's face that sustains us in hard times – diagnosis, discouragement, downturn or despair – and the way community granites that grace so that it is strong enough for any situation.

We give you thanks.

For grace in the spaces – all those possibilities of next year – the new people who will sit in these pews, the new programs though which we will reach out, the transitions completed and the transitions begun.

We give you thanks.

For the grace of prayer, the grace of scripture, the grace of forgiveness, the grace of the resurrection promise, the grace of a single cup of cold water for a child, a stranger or a friend.

We give you thanks.

All these we have and do and will receive through Jesus Christ who opens our hearts and hands so that grace may flow through us to all the world.

For so many blessings we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

Order of Worship

Prelude Jesus, bleibet meine Freude J. S. Bach

Introit Let the Whole Earth G. F. Handel

Greeting and Welcome

Call to Worship

R: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

C: *Listen to God and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.*

R: Incline your ear and come, that your soul may live.

C: *And the Lord will make with you an everlasting covenant
of sure and steadfast love.*

Hymn All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Invocation

Confession of Sin

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

God, forgive us when we are hopeless, faithless or loveless.

*God, forgive us when we have faith, hope and love,
but don't give them away.*

*God, forgive us when we diminish the spirits of others,
de-value their gifts, make fun of their enthusiasm,
or see them as somehow worth less than ourselves.*

Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria

The Life and Mission of the Church

The Children's Time

Children are invited to come forward at this time.

Sung Blessing of the Children

During this hymn, the children and teachers leave for Sunday School.

Anthem Kyrie from Mass in G F. Schubert

The Word

First Reading Acts 11: 1-18

Gospel John 13: 31-35

Hymn They'll Know We Are Christians

Meditation WHO WAS I THAT I COULD HINDER GOD?

Pastor Tony Kill

*By our eating and drinking at your behest, give us love for each other,
and let mercy re-make us as servants of peace, waiting and working for the day
when all creation is set free and every tear is wiped away.*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sharing or the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymn In Remembrance of Me

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Now we give thanks for all we have received:

*All: Thank you, Gracious One, for life in the Spirit of Jesus,
for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die,
for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends,
for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice
you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this holy communion:
oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies,
the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. Amen.*

Hymn Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Benediction

Benediction Response

We Go in His Strength

A. Whitworth

**Thank you for reading the Order of Service
for this week's Worship Service.**

Please join us on any Sunday at 10:00 am.

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!