

The Eliot Church of Newton

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Pentecost Sunday **May 23, 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

**Our God who is in heaven
and in all of us here on earth;**
the hungry, the oppressed, the excluded.
Holy is your name.

**May your reign come and your
will be done;**
in our choice to struggle with the complexities
of this world and to confront greed and
the desire for power in ourselves,
in our nation and in the global community.

Give us this day our daily bread;
bread that we are called to share,
bread that you have given us abundantly
and that we must distribute fairly,
ensuring security for all.

Forgive us our trespasses;
times we have turned away from
the struggles of other people and countries,
times we have thought only of our own security.

Lead us not into temptation;
the temptation to close our minds, ears and eyes
to the unfair global systems that create
larger and larger gaps between
the rich and the poor; the temptation to think
it is too difficult to bring about more just alternatives.

Deliver us from evil;
the evil of a world where violence happens
in your name, where wealth for a few
is more important than economic rights for all,
where gates and barriers between people
are so hard to bring down.

May your reign come, for yours is the kingdom,
the power and the glory forever and ever.

Amen!

Source: Center of Concern, Washington, DC



Prelude Es ist das Heil kommen her, BWV 638 J. S. Bach

Introit Make a Joyful Noise A. Whitworth

Greeting

Call to Worship

R: Creating God, blessed are You and blessed is this time and place.
Thank you for your people gathered here.

C: We are here! Being the Church! We have not retreated! We are standing in praise!

R: Reconciling Redeemer, You are the mender of our souls and the healer of our broken bodies. You lift us up, strengthen and sustain, nurture and nourish, heal and help.

C: Holy Fire, ignite a new spark in the heart of each one gathered here.

R: Light our way. Warm our bodies. Inspire our tongues to speak a new word, to shout another praise, and to sing an amazing song that will bring to us life and to You glory!

Hymn Come O Spirit, Dwell among Us

Invocation

Confession of Sin

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

We give thanks, merciful God, that in Christ, You seek to unite all things in heaven and in earth, and to reconcile all people to one another and to You. We confess that the new creation is not yet complete in us and that we feel everywhere the barriers that separate humankind. Forgive us, and fill us with Your spirit of oneness. Reveal to us those places where pride and selfishness rebuild the walls once torn down in Christ, through the power of Your Spirit. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Halle Halle Halle

The Life and Mission of the Church

Farewell Ritual

Pastor: Our church family is constantly changing.
People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow up.
People commit themselves to one another.
Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives.
Individuals move into our community and church life.
Others leave us, moving away to new places,
new experiences, and new opportunities.
It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage,
of endings and beginnings.
Today we say farewell to Emilia Halstead,
as she completes her second year as our seminary intern

TPC Member: One of the important ministries that Eliot Church engages in is the training of future ministers through the Field Education program in partnership with Andover Newton Theological School. We have been blessed and most fortunate to have had Emilia as our field education student for these past two years.

Seminarian: I thank the Eliot Church of Newton, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last two years. I am grateful for the ways you have been my mentors and teachers, and have accepted my learning and my leadership. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

People: *We receive your thankfulness,
and send you forth with our love and best wishes.
We express our gratitude for your time among us.
Your influence on our faith and faithfulness
will not leave us at your departure.*

Minister: I accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

People: *May God go with you as you continue your journey
into pastoral ministry. Amen*

The Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Blessing of the Children

Anthem

Come, Holy Ghost

T. Attwood

The Word

Hebrew Scriptures

Micah 6: 6-8

Doing Justice: Celebrating 10 years of Open and Affirming

All: *We, the worshipping community of the Eliot Church of Newton,
believe in God, and God's love for us and for all people.
We are mindful that Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves
and that each person is a member of the whole human family.*

Men: *As Paul wrote in his letter to the Galatians,
"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."*

Women: *We affirm that all people are children of God.
We honor and warmly welcome everyone, and we are committed
to being a uniting church that embraces the rich diversity of God's creation.
We recognize, celebrate and give thanks for the many gifts
of all of God's children.*

Men: *We encourage those of every race, gender, age, nationality, ethnicity,
sexual orientation, economic circumstance, marital status and
physical or developmental ability to join in the full life
and ministry of Eliot church.*

Women: *We acknowledge that Christian churches have not always welcomed
all believers into the full life of the Church.*

All: *As a congregation that is Open and Affirming within the*

*United Church of Christ, we accept the responsibility
to work individually and collectively against
all forms of discrimination, to continue our efforts
toward inclusiveness and to celebrate all relationships
founded on the principles of God's love, compassion and faithfulness.*

Loving Kindness: Reflections on April Mission Trip

Testimony

Response

Swing Low Sweet Chariot/Will the Circle be Unbroken

*Swing Low Sweet Chariot
Comin' for to carry me home
Swing Low Sweet Chariot
Comin' for to carry me home*

*Will the circle be unbroken
Bye and bye Lord bye and bye
There's a better home a waiting
In the sky Lord in the sky*

Walking Humbly: Reflections on April Mission trip

Testimony

Response

Have You Seen

Chorus:

*Have you seen Jesus, my Lord?
He's here in plain view.
Take a look, open your eyes;
He'll show life to you.*

*Have you ever looked at the sunset
with the sky mellowin' red,
and the clouds suspended like feathers,
Then, I say you've seen Jesus, my Lord.*

*Have you ever stood at the ocean
with the white foam at your feet,
felt the endless thunderin' motion?
Then, I say you've seen Jesus, my Lord*

*Have you ever stood in the family
with the Lord there in your midst,
seen the face of Christ on your neighbor?
Then, I say you've seen Jesus, my Lord*

Prayer For The Church And For The World

Call To Prayer

Spirit of the Living God

Silent Prayer

Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer

A Time For Thanksgiving

Offering

Offertory Music

Doxology

Dedication of Offering

Oh Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace

C. Tye

Hymn

Here I Am , Lord

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!