

# The Worship of God

May 25, 2008

Ten o'clock

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Memorial Day Sunday**

The beginning of the Prelude is a call to silent personal preparation for the worship of God.

**Prayer requests will be collected following the sermon.**

(\*Standing)

**PRELUDE**

*Variations on Psalm 116*

Jan Peeterszoon Sweelinck

**WORDS OF GREETING**

**CONCERNS OF PLYMOUTH** *(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register.)*

**CHORAL INTROIT**

\***HYMN 712**

*The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy*

Hanover

\***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather as God's people to give thanks to the LORD,

**People: for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Happy are those who seek God with their whole heart,

**People: for they will find mercy and grace.**

**All: Blessed are you, O LORD.**

\***GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 805)**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was  
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**INVOCATION**

**In Christ, we are your people. Pour your grace upon us that we may also be your servants. Be present with us. May our worship of you, breath life into our faithfulness, and faith into our living.**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Psalm 119: 33-40

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

<sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

<sup>36</sup>Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

<sup>38</sup>Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

<sup>40</sup>See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

**THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

(After the Children's Moment all children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade may go to their respective Sunday School rooms. Childcare is available in the Kennedy Building for infants to 2 years old and in Preschool Room 10 for 2 year olds.)

\***HYMN 428**

*God of Love and Truth and Beauty*

Kansfield

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

1 Corinthians 3: 21 – 4: 5

<sup>21</sup>So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, <sup>22</sup>whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, <sup>23</sup>and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

<sup>1</sup>Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. <sup>2</sup>Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. <sup>3</sup>But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. <sup>4</sup>I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. <sup>5</sup>Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

**ANTHEM**

*O Lux Beatissima*

Howard Helvey

**SERMON**

*"Saying and Doing"*

**(Please pass prayer request cards to aisle.)**

\***A CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Your Word is a Lamp*

Robert Heath

Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.

Open my eyes that I might behold the wonders of your word.

Give me understanding that I may keep your law,

and observe it with my whole heart.

**CALL TO PRAYER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Leader: Let us pray: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

**People: And grant us thy salvation.**

Leader: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**People: And may thy Holy Spirit live within us.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**To Remember In Prayer**

Frances Arnold, Vilma Barrenechia, Elaine Calzolari, Nigel Grant, Ruth Kasewitz,  
Calvin Lee, Kent Maggard, Mary Elizabeth, Helen Merrifield, Carolyn Oglesby,  
Dot Osterberg, Patty, Estelle Overstreet, Soco Pardo, Red Wheeler,  
and all men and women of our armed services

**Congratulations to**

Norm and Grace Madan on their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today

**Sympathy to**

Kip Thoresen on the death of his brother, who died May 19

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER RESPONSE**

*May the Words of My Mouth*

Robert Heath

May the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart  
be acceptable unto you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

**OFFERTORY**

*How Can I Keep From Singing*

arr. Eric Nelson

***\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings (The congregation rises row by row as  
ushers come forward until all the congregation and choir are standing.)***

**DOXOLOGY (Hymn 809)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*HYMN 78**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

St. Anne

**MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE**

**THE PLAYING OF “TAPS”**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Fanfare*

Guy Eldridge

***\*Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshment  
in the Cloister Garden following the service.***

*Preaching:* The Reverend Moira McGuinn  
*Liturgist:* The Reverend Abel Cotelo  
*Trumpet:* Christian Escobar

**WELCOME!**

**Today we invite you to worship with us in word, song and sacrament** and then join us, following the service, for a time of fellowship in the Garden. Plymouth Church welcomes you whatever your gender, race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, national citizenship, physical or mental impairment, language or prior religious background. **We are happy to have you with us.**

**Parents of infants** – Nursery care is available in the crib room in the Kennedy Building. If you prefer to be with your baby throughout the service and occasionally need a place for comfort, then we want you to know that speakers carry the sound of the service to both the office in the room behind the organ and the Cloister Garden.

**Hearing units...**We have individual hearing enhancement units available. Please ask an usher for one.

**Facilities for those with disabilities...**Plymouth Church has a handicapped accessible restroom adjacent to the end of the ramp that runs from the sanctuary to the parking lot.

**EVERY WEEK**

**The This ‘N That Shop**, at 3155 Commodore Plaza in Coconut Grove (305-448-2114), is the “in” place to shop! Come on down any day Tuesday - Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and snap up a few bargains. Your volunteer hours at the Shop and donations of furniture and clothing in good condition, jewelry, household items, collectibles, antiques, etc. are what keep us in business. Donations are accepted the second Sunday of each month after the service of worship at Pilgrim House. To volunteer, call Jan Lowe at 305-666-3009.

**SUNDAY, MAY 25**

**The flowers on the communion table today** are given to the glory of God in celebration of Carolyn Sotham’s birthday by her loving family.

**The flowers on the organ today** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of James C. Hobbs II by Margaret Hobbs.

**Today we have regular Church School classes.** All children, ages 4 years old through 5th grade, begin in church with their parents. Nursery and Toddlers (up to 47 months) may go to their rooms prior to the service. After the Children’s Moment, the children will be led by their teachers to the Church School rooms. Classes meet as follows: Infants to 23 months-Kennedy Building Nursery; 24 months to 47 months– Preschool Room 10; 4 years old and Kindergarten-Kennedy Building; 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> grades-Kennedy Building; and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades-Davis Hall.

**Upper Room** (high school youth) meets in upper Plymouth Hall and **Outer Room** (6-8<sup>th</sup> graders) meets in Pilgrim House each Sunday. Join us!

**The Adult Education Committee’s** after-church discussions on the book “The Language of God” by Dr. Francis Collins conclude today. Led by Rev. Dan Harden, the discussion begins at 11:30 a.m. in Davis Hall. The author is the head of the Human Genome Project. He believes that faith in God and faith in science can coexist and in his book tells of his journey from atheism to faith. Join us for this fascinating discussion - no reservations are necessary.

**Community Partnership for the Homeless...**Plymouth will furnish the food and serve the evening meal at the shelter on Thursday, June 5. If you would like to be a part of the serving team, please see Judy Peters. She will be in the red apron in the garden following today’s service. The group will car pool from the church office parking lot at 4:30 p.m. and return around 7:30 p.m.

**The Saturday Bible study group** meets today in the Prayer Room from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

### **UPCOMING**

**A new member orientation session** will be held next Sunday, June 1, at 11:30 a.m. in the Manse. Membership in Plymouth Church is open to anyone who wishes to be part of this community of faith, gathered in the name of Jesus Christ. Childcare will be provided during this session. New members will be received Sunday, June 8. If you are interested in becoming a member of Plymouth, please join us next Sunday.

**Davis Hall Summer Sunday School** begins next Sunday, June 1. All children, ages 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, begin in church with their families at 10:00 a.m. and then go to Davis Hall during the second hymn for a group Sunday School class. **The Outer and Upper Room youth groups** continue to meet through the summer at 10:00 a.m. Outer room (6-8<sup>th</sup> graders) meet in Pilgrim House and Upper Room (9-12<sup>th</sup> graders) meet upstairs in Plymouth Hall.

**Barnes Circle...**Several women have expressed an interest in reviving Barnes Circle, a group named for Peggy Barnes and whose purpose was fellowship for women. We will be holding our first meeting on Wednesday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jane Battle. If you are interested in attending or simply wish to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Maureen Gragg, 305-665-7386 or maureen@wdigitech.com.

**Child care...**Whenever there is an event/seminar at Plymouth that you would like to attend and you need child care, call the church office prior to the event (please give us at least two days notice) and we will arrange child care on campus.

***Join us for  
Vacation Bible School  
June 9-13  
from 9:00 a.m. till noon!***

Come join our Bible Buddies - Fizz, Sparki, Dewd, Max, and Electra – as they show us an electrifying week in our “**Power Lab**” where we discover Jesus’ miraculous power! Fee is \$35 per child and must accompany the completed form in order to ensure a spot for your child. Forms can be picked up in the church office or in your child’s Sunday School classroom. Volunteers are needed; call Cindy Smith, 305-669-1197, or email her, [funmomcs@aol.com](mailto:funmomcs@aol.com), if you are interested in volunteering!

### **Pastoral Staff**

Thomas R. Niblock, *Senior Pastor*  
Moirra McGuinn, *Associate Pastor*

Abel Cotelo, *Associate Pastor*

### **Program Staff**

Judith W. Niblock, *Associate for Education and the Arts*  
Cindy Smith, *Associate for Christian Education and Fellowship*

### **Music Staff**

Robert D. Heath, *Organist and Director of Music*  
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### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MAY 25, 2008**

Sun., May 25	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Nursery Care/Church School/Youth
	11:30 a.m.	Adult Education “The Language of God”: Davis Hall
Mon., May 26		Church Office Closed
Tues., May 27	7:00 p.m.	Diaconate: Pilgrim House (other boards/committees may meet; check with your chairman)
Thurs., May 29	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
Sat., May 24	9:00 a.m.	Saturday Bible Study: Plymouth Hall Prayer Room

**AA/AL-ANON MEETINGS** AA: 305-371-7784 / Al-Anon: 305-663-1432 / [www.aainmiami.org](http://www.aainmiami.org)

AA meetings are held in the Choir Room unless otherwise noted.

Al-Anon meeting is held in the Plymouth Hall Prayer Room.

Monday	7:00 p.m.	AA Open
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	AA (Women Only)
Wednesday	Noon	AA 11 <sup>th</sup> Step Meditation (upstairs, Plymouth Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	AA Open
	8:00 p.m.	Al-Anon

### **WEDDINGS AT PLYMOUTH**

Thurs., May 22	7:00 p.m.	Arnal/Sidi (McGuinn)
Sat., May 24	4:00 p.m.	Portilla/Fernandez (Cotelo)
	6:00 p.m.	Quevedo/Duarte (Cotelo)