

Sandhill Presbyterian Church

Sunday Evening Service July 3, 2011

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

A time of quiet preparation for worship

MEDITATION

*To honor the past is to dwell richly in time, since you assume that those who come after you will, if you are worthy of it, honor you in turn. In one of the quiet moments of Tolkien's *The Two Towers*, Sam Gamgee encourages his friend and master Frodo, reminding him that the troubles they are suffering through, even the dreariness and loneliness of their journey, might well also have been part of what actually happened between the verses of the stories they grew up hearing. In the noblest of stories, the ones that really mattered, Folk seem to have been just landed in them, usually—their paths were laid that way, as you put it. But I expect they had lots of chances, like us, of turning back, only they didn't. And if they had, we shouldn't know, because they'd have been forgotten. We hear about those as just went on—and not all to a good end, mind you; at least not to what folk inside a story and not outside it call a good end. . . . But those aren't always the best tales to hear, though they may be the best tales to get landed in! I wonder what sort of a tale we've fallen into? Sam's heart is formed by those old stories, and that gives him the capacity to see himself, now, as taking part in a chapter of the saga of Middle Earth, so that one day Hobbits may put their feet up by the fireside and tell the story of Sam and Frodo, and their fight against the Dark Lord.—Anthony Esolen~*Ten Ways to Destroy the Imagination of Your Child*
(see next page)*

We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.
(Romans 7:14-20)

***GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP**

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

Psalm 145:1-3, 21

***GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE**

Psalm 38C With All My Heart, My Thanks I'll Bring

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

***GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE**

My Jesus I love Thee (#648)

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

Galatians 5:16-18

"The True Battle"

Senior Pastor, Kevin Skogen

***GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE**

Give Thanks Unto the Lord Jehovah (#613)

***BENEDICTION**

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