PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

From Neighbor – Christian Encounters with “Illegal” Immigration by Ben Daniel

A reasonable objection often is raised to the suggestions that the Bible and Christian tradition direct persons of faith to extend hospitality toward immigrants who may reside illegally in a host country: illegal immigration is illegal. Regardless of any pro-immigrant sentiments that may be expressed in Scripture, there also is a biblical mandate to honor and obey the laws of God-ordained governments. In his letter to the Christians living in Rome, Paul admonishes his followers:

“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God.” (Rom. 13)

There is an eloquent simplicity to this argument. The law is the law, and Christians are not called to be criminals. Moreover, in the United States, Christians have a strong commitment to the separation of church and state, which often is understood to mean that faith is a private matter, applicable to personal matters but having little effect on life outside the home and the church.

It is doubtful, however, that either Paul or Peter would have advocated following human laws without a thoughtful and prayerful moral analysis of those laws. For example, it’s hard to imagine either author subscribing to the idea that Christians should obey the laws that made Christianity illegal in the Roman Empire. According to church tradition, both apostles were martyred without recanting their Christianity, their deaths mandated by the laws of the state of that time. Both apostles, and many of their fellow martyrs, understood that faithful Christians are responsible to disobey those human laws that run contrary to biblical values. Christians are to be spiritual immigrants, citizens of a kingdom not of this world. A Christian’s proper loyalty is directed first to the kingdom of God before it is pledged to an earthly nation, and that hierarchy of fidelity necessarily causes us to question laws even when set down by an emperor whose reign was established by God.
ORDER OF WORSHIP – 8:30 A.M. SERVICE

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD
Chimes
Silent Preparation for Worship
Call to Worship
Hymn No. 472 – O Sing to the Lord
A Time of Confession
Choral Response No. 597 – Bless the Lord, O My Soul
Assurance of Forgiveness

WE HEAR THE WORD
Listen for the Word of God
Response: Our ears are open.
The Reading of Scripture
Sermon – Becoming Immigrants
(A moment of silence follows the sermon.)
Affirmation of Faith – Creed for Immigrants from Fiesta Cristiana by Joel y Raquel Martinez
(See insert.)
Hymn No. 377 – Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers
   Elder, Class of 2016 – Carl Helser
   Deacons, Class of 2016 – Dave Gaskins and David Sanders

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD
The Sharing of the Peace
The Lord’s Supper
(All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited to share the bread and cup. The bread is gluten-free.)

WE BEAR THE WORD INTO THE WORLD
Hymn No. 535 – Go with Us, Lord

Blessing
Offering
ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BREATH PRAYER

PRELUDE – For the Bread Which You Have Broken – Ronald Arnatt

PROCESSION
(We gather around the symbols of our faith: the light of Christ, the living Word of scripture, the waters of baptism, the bread of life and the cup of the new covenant.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP – from Psalm 96

O sing to the Lord a new song;
   sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Highest heavens,
   be glad!
Widest earth,
   rejoice!
Mighty waters,
   shout your praise!
Forests and fields,
   sing for joy!
The Lord is coming to judge the earth,
   with equity and strength,
   with righteousness and truth.
The Lord is coming to judge the earth.
The Lord is coming to reign in glory.

*HYMN NO. 472 – O Sing to the Lord
(Verse 1 – Spanish, Verse 2 – English, Verse 3 – Spanish)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
   we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.

*SILENT PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS – from Taught by Love by Lavon Bayler

Repentance and forgiveness of sin are proclaimed to all people in the name of Jesus Christ.

Forgiveness is God’s gift to us, one we can never earn but are welcome to accept.
When we agree to God’s freeing offer, we are also agreeing to let God’s love change us.

We are blessed by this opportunity for newness of life. Amen.
RESPONSE – God Welcomes All – John L. Bell
(To be sung three times.)

(insert music from No. 20 in We Walk His Way here)

THE PEACE
Blessed by Christ the Prince of Peace
who breaks down the walls that divide.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

COMMISSIONING OF DEPARTING MEMBERS – Adam, Keri, Stuart and Elaine Kinsey

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS – David Germer
(At the chimes, children go to front as congregation sings and children’s offering is received.)

Hymn – Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord (verse 2) – Claude Fraysse

(insert music from No. 48 (verse 2) in Lift Up Your Hearts here)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION – from 1 Kings 8:41-43
We are like foreigners, O God, who have come from a distant land
because of your great name, because of your mighty hand, your outstretched arm.
Enfold us now, O God, not as strangers, but as beloved children. Amen.
SCRIPTURE READINGS
Genesis 12:1-4
Exodus 3:7-10
Then the Lord said to Moses, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey ... I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”
Ruth 1:16
Psalm 139: 7-10
Matthew 2:13-15a
Ephesians 2:17-22
So Christ came and proclaimed peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

SERMON – Becoming Immigrants
(A moment of silence follows the sermon.)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Creed for Immigrants from Fiesta Christiana by Joel y Raquel Martinez
(See insert.)

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS
Elder, Class of 2016 – Bonnie Bartlett, Dawn Dehring, Robert Owen, and Tom Williams
Deacons, Class of 2016 – Safira Carpenter and Marian Higgins

*HYMN NO. 525 – Here I Am, Lord

OFFERING
(Please sign and pass the Friendship Books, including address, phone and email if visiting.)
Offertory – O Lord, Hear My Prayer from Songs and Prayers from Taizé

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
Invitation to the Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
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Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The Lord’s Prayer
Words of Institution
Communion of the People
(All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited to share the bread and cup. The bread is gluten-free.)
Communion Music – When we are in deepest need – J.S. Bach

Prayer after Communion
*HYMN NO. 407 – When a Poor One
(Refrain to be sung in English after verse 1 and in Spanish after verses 2-4.)

*BENEDICTION
(Congregants are asked to remain in the pews as the light of Christ leaves the sanctuary and goes out to the entire world.)

*POSTLUDE – Entrada – Eduardo Torres

*Please stand if you are able.

**LEADERS IN WORSHIP**

**8:30 a.m. Service**
Kelly Allen is leading worship.
Elder Bill Germ is the worship helper. Liz Helser is the music leader.

**11:00 a.m. Service**
Kelly Allen is leading worship. Betsy Pasley is the liturgist.
Fernando Frescas is assisting in the scripture reading. Melanie Thompson is the acolyte.
John Silantien is directing the Adult Choir. Valerie Thompson is playing the organ.
Melanie Rush Davis is the sound technician. Marcia Ellison is the elder at the communion table.
The ushers are Bill and Gay Spinks, Jeanette Clark, Barry Hubbard.
Communion servers are Elders Bonnie Bartlett, Marcia Ellison, and Tamara Apgar; and Deacons Safira Carpenter, Fernando Frescas, and Melissa Richard.

**WORSHIP INFORMATION**
We welcome all visitors this morning and invite you into the membership of University Presbyterian Church.
If you have any questions or wish to become a member, please speak with the elder at the communion table following the service.

Prayer Request Slips are in the pew racks to place in the offering plate or turn in to the church office.

Hearing amplification devices and large print bulletins/hymnals may be obtained from an usher.

Parents: Children’s books can be found in the narthex before the service begins for reading during the service. You are welcome to use the narthex (foyer area) as a cry room. The service can be seen and heard as you walk a fussy child or let a restless toddler roam. Toys are in the women’s restroom.
As always, childcare is available in the lower level of the Children’s Center. Ask an usher for directions.

A unisex restroom is located behind the sanctuary, through the double doors.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**
The Partnership of Prayer currently has over 75 people united in praying for others as needs arise.
If you would like to participate in this prayer ministry, or if you have a prayer request, please contact the church office or Ruth Ann McIver (ruthann@mciverproperties.com or 210-822-0021.)

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants David Daviss, Will Gaskins, Ruben Espaillat, Taylor Hile, Dale Clyde, Amy Deckard, Howard Frederick, Bess Nowotny, Sheri Rosen as they begin another year of life.
Grant your grace to Clare & David Daviss and Gail & Marc Raney as they begin another year of marriage.
May your healing and comforting presence be with Art Browne, Loelleta Carpenter, Dorothy Gibson, Gretchen Johnston, George Kawanami, Cheo Martinez, Gerry Seaman, Tony Smith, and Peggy Wood.
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **The Worship & Arts Committee is currently having a Hymnal Fund Campaign.** You can purchase hymnals in honor of or in memory of those special people in your life. The church purchased 300 regular hymnals at $15 each and 10 large print hymnals at $25 each. So far, $3,916 has been given. Please use the pink envelopes for your purchases or contact the church office to see how to make your purchases.

- **Are you willing to have a role – large or small – in helping us plan this year's Vacation Bible School? We will be meeting from 9:30 to 10:45 on Sunday, June 2 in the UPC Library to make some plans and divide up jobs for people to work on leading up to VBS.** In an attempt to continue strengthening our relationships with and reaching out to children and families in the Beacon Hill neighborhood, we are partnering with Beacon Hill Presbyterian Church to offer VBS at Beacon Hill three evenings in August 19-21 (M, T, W), from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. A wonderful curriculum has already been chosen- we will be looking at our care for the earth and for all of God's creation by exploring the Parable of the Sower and the Seeds! If this idea sounds as exciting to you as it does to us, and if you have an interest in playing any kind of role in helping to make VBS happen (planning meals or cooking, recruiting volunteers, leading Bible studies or games or crafts, helping to publicize in the Beacon Hill neighborhood, etc.), we would love for you to come to this meeting! We have dozens of roles to fill, and we are confident that your gifts can be used in just the right way to help make this VBS memorable and significant for the lives and faith of the children of UPC, Beacon Hill Pres., and the Beacon Hill neighborhood! Contact David Germer with any questions (210-732-9927; davidgermer@gmail.com).

- **“These Are Our Stories, Y’all!” today, June 2, 4:00 - 5:30 pm at UPC.** The UPC Youth have been working in groups to create “retellings” of significant stories from the Hebrew Testament. In retelling these stories, we are reminding ourselves and each other that these are OUR stories, for that is what the Bible is- the stories that make up the Big Story that God is telling with God’s people, and with our lives! We want to know these stories (and want to help you know these stories) so well that they get into our bones and shape us as we live into the story of God redeeming the world. If you love music, movies, musical theater, soap operas, the Old West, Charlie Chaplin, action, comedy, drama, or our incredible youth -- you will want to come see the ways we have chosen to tell these stories- our stories- your stories!

- **You’re invited to the Bexar County Detention Ministries, Inc. (BCDM) New Beginnings Luncheon honoring Harvey E. Najim, of the Najim Family Foundation, on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, from 11:30am-1:30pm, at the Whitley Theological Center at the Oblate School of Theology (285 Oblate Dr, 78216.) Individual tickets are $75. Please contact Renee Murray (210-737-1579 or 2rs@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested.

- **The following link gives a great summary of the Presbyterian Disaster Relief’s current response to all of the recent natural disasters, charging us to stand in the GAP to Give, Act & Pray and tells us how to respond:** http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pda/.

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**20th Anniversary Presbyterian Night at the Missions**

**Benefiting the House of Neighborly Service**

**Friday, June 28, 2013 (Gates open at 6:00pm, First Pitch at 7:05pm)**

Be a part of a great baseball tradition like no other! Mission Presbytery is the first organization to achieve this 20th anniversary milestone with the San Antonio Missions Baseball Club, and you can be a part of a special celebration **and** help with true mission work at the same time. For every $9 upper reserved seat that is sold within the “Presbyterian family” for this one game on June 28, the Missions Baseball Club will donate $4 to the House of Neighborly Service.

**Here’s the schedule:**

- **Sundays, 6/9 and 6/16:** Sign up and pay for tickets
- **Sunday, 6/23:** Pick up tickets at UPC (make checks payable to UPC with PNB Tickets in memo line)
- **Friday, 6/28:** Attend the game and have fun!
SOL CENTER OFFERINGS

Summer classes are planned - register now with forms in the pews or in the Narthex. The course catalog is in the Narthex or online at www.upcsa.org/sol_center.

Intercultural Book Study with Sibi Aydelott for 4 Wednesdays, July 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2013; 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.; $45. This book discussion group focuses on fostering understanding and respect for diverse cultures. Participants will be encouraged to express their ideas and opinions based on their readings and personal experiences, to raise questions, and to enter into intercultural dialog. The goals are to encourage active discussion of various pieces of fiction, to look not only from one’s own perspective, but also from that of others. The book selections are *House of Sand and Fog* by Andre Dubus III, *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid, and *Water: A Novel* by Bapsi Sidhwa, followed by the movie, *Water*.

The Story of You: Writing Your Memoir with Marylyn Croman for 6 sessions on Tuesdays/Thursdays, August 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, and 29, 2013; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.; $45. You are a storyteller. If you think not, it’s because no one has given you permission to identify yourself as a creative individual, one with a compelling narrative to impart. This class is a place to nourish your writer’s voice as storyteller. But why the necessity of writing it down? When you write, the inner storyteller in you imposes order, discerns patterns, and discovers paths. Come, discover the story of you.

Migration: Exodus and Deuteronomy with Francisco Garcia-Treto, Ph. D. – A preparation for the Presbyterian Women’s 2013-2014 Horizons Bible Study – on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 6, 7 and 8, 2013; 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.; $35 (5th person in group free.) A reading of Exodus and Deuteronomy can lead to helpful reflection on contemporary “hot topics,” such as migration and immigration. This Sol Center course will provide a broad introduction to the two books covered in Catron’s excellent study guide. Dr. Garcia, a noted Trinity University professor, will explore when and where the ancient books were written, by whom and for what purposes, for what audiences, and with what agendas. The literary genre and structure of the books will be considered, as will the significance of their placement in the Torah. Given his life experience as a native of Cuba who migrated to the US, he will look at the history of the Exodus narratives in Latin American Liberation Theology. While the course is meant for future leaders and participants in the PW Bible Study, it can also stand alone as a help to anyone who wants to explore what Exodus and Deuteronomy offer. Both women and men are welcome.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

**SUNDAY, 06/02/13**

- 8:30am  First Worship Service
- 9:15am  Coffee Fellowship
- 9:30am  VBS Planning Meeting
- 9:45am  Sunday School
- 10:40am Adult Choir Warm Up
- 11:00am Second Worship Service
- 12:30pm Lunch Bunch - Mama’s Cafê
- 4:00pm Youth Group
  “Stories” Presentation

**MONDAY, 06/03/13**

CC June Session Begins

**TUESDAY, 06/04/13**

- 1:00pm  Staff Meeting
- 7:00pm  Inner City Outings Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, 06/05/13**

- 7:00pm  Committee Meetings
  (M&E, MOS, S&F)

**THURSDAY, 06/06/13**

- 2:00pm  Prison Bible Study
- 5:15pm  F&O Committee Meeting
- 5:30pm  PFLAG Board/Member Meeting
- 7:30pm  Adult Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY, 06/07/13**

- 8:00pm  AA Group Meeting

**SUNDAY, 06/09/13**

- 8:30am  First Worship Service
- 9:15am  Coffee Fellowship
- 9:45am  Sunday School
- 10:40am Adult Choir Warm Up
- 11:00am Second Worship Service
- 12:30pm Courtyard Gathering