

The Eliot Church of Newton

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Stewardship Sunday April 25, 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

The Real Meaning of Our Church Budget: an expression of our Christian discipleship

The budget of our church is more than a set of figures,
more than a projection of giving and a list of expenditures.

It is the spiritual concerns, goals and programs of the congregation.

It is the pastors preaching, teaching, counseling, visiting the sick,
comforting the bereaved, and helping us know how to share our faith.

It is the congregation praying and praising, the choir singing,
and the organ playing to the glory of God.

It is the Sunday School teachers teaching the Word of God
and the youth leaders implanting spiritual guidelines for life.

It is the Bible and Christian literature in the hands of children, youth and adults.

It is the United Church of Christ missionaries in rural and urban areas
helping the helpless in the name of Christ.

It is the United Church of Christ missionaries sent overseas to preach the Good News
of Jesus Christ, heal the sick, teach the hungry to grow food,
and provide theological education for a new generation of Church leaders.

It is schools, hospitals, children's homes, and retirement centers
ministering to those in need.

It is the planting of new churches in areas of population growth.

It is the church building standing as a sign of the Gentle Shepherd for the flock,
and a symbol of a lighthouse for those walking in darkness.

Most of all, our CHURCH BUDGET
is the expression of our Christian compassion and love,
the demonstration of our spiritual hopes and desires,
and our realization that God holds each of us accountable
for the stewardship of our time, talent, and treasure.



Prelude

Invocation

F. Mendelssohn

Introit

Let the Whole Earth

G. F. Handel

Greeting and Welcome

Call to Worship from Psalm 140

R: Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

C: *Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.*

R: These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

C: *When you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.*

R: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

C: *When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.*

* **Hymn** **Praise to the Lord, The Almighty** **Invocation**

Confession of Sin

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

O God, forgive us when we answer your grace upon grace with grumble after grumble about cutbacks, shortfalls and limited resources. Forgive us when we answer your grace upon grace with grim predictions and grudging giving. Forgive us when we grip reality so tightly, we cannot loosen up to receive your surprises and possibilities, for we pray with our open hands and hearts. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

* **Gloria**

The Life and Mission of the Church

The Sacrament of Baptism

Introduction

Promises

Question to the congregation:

Do you who are members of the Christian church now receive this child into your love and care; do you offer to share the treasures of our church, and

to sponsor him, support him and pray for him in his future in the universal church, that through the treasures of religious education, worship and guidance he may learn God's Word and experience God's grace, and his parents may be strengthened to fulfill their promises? If so, please respond, "We do" (**"We Do"**)

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Baptism

Presentation of the Child

Presentation of the Lighted Candle

Blessing in the Holy Spirit

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Sung Blessing of the Children

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

Anthem

The Old Church

S. Paulus

The Word

Epistle

Philippians 4:8-14

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Gospel

Luke 12:15-21

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* **Hymn**

We Give Thee but Thine Own

Red *Chalice* 382

Sermon

STORING UP TREASURES

Pastor Tony

Prayer For The Church And For The World

Call To Prayer

Alleluia

(Sung through twice)

Silent Prayer

Prayer Requests

After each request, the worship leader will say "For this, let us pray"
and all are invited to respond, "*Gracious God, receive our prayers.*"

Pastoral Prayer

A Time For Thanksgiving

Offering

We come to that time in the service where we take the financial offering. For those of you who are visiting, please feel no obligation to participate. This service is our gift to you. For those of you who consider Eliot your church home, we want to thank you for your financial support of our ministry.

Offertory Music

Elevation

F. A. Guilmant

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dedication of Offering

* **Hymn**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Fugue in C Minor, BWV 549

J. S. Bach



**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!