

*** Hymn #322** *Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.*

Sharing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading Acts 8: 26-38

Gospel Reading John 13:31-35

Sermon *"Is that your final answer?" - The Rev. Susan DeGeorge*

***Hymn #339** *Be Thou My Vision*

Offering our Gifts and Tithes

*** Hymn #592** *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Offering our Joys and Concerns for Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

*** Hymn 407** *When a Poor One*

*** Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

**All that are able please stand*



*We are a Christian community welcoming
all as we seek to grow in faith and serve others.*

Palisades Presbyterian Church

Palisades, New York 10964

August 27, 2006

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship at 10:00 A.M.

Reflection:

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." (John 21:15)

"Only when love and need are one,
And the work is play for mortal stakes,
Is the deed ever really done
For Heaven and the future's sake."

-Robert Frost, "Two Tramps in Mud Time" Prelude

Church Bell

Call to Worship

Leader: Do you have a vision of God's peace?

All: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Micah 4:3b)

Leader: Do you have a vision of God's justice?

All: "Is it not to let the oppressed go free and to break every yoke, to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see someone naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?" (Isaiah 58:6-7)

Leader: Do you have a vision of God's love?

All: "If one of your people becomes poor and is unable to support himself among you, help him... Do not take interest of any kind from him. The alien living among you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love her as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt." (Leviticus 25:35; 19:34)

Leader: Do you have a vision?

All: ` Yes, we have a vision! Let us gather to see God's Vision for our world and God's guidance as we work to pursue it.

* **Hymn 368** "I've Got Peace Like A River"

Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

Compassionate God,
too often we forget the concrete day-to-dayness
of your call to love one another.
So this morning,
we ask that we become your hands, feet and heart
so that your light may shine in the darkest places,
your reconciling love break down all barriers,
your compassion enfold all the broken and abused,
your patience persist with the impetuous and impatient,
and your mercy overcome the most obdurate hearts.

Let no one grieve without consolation,
suffer without loving care,
live without respect,
hunger without food,
or die without being tended with love.

Bless our gifts,
use our skills,
overcome our inhibitions,
and when it suits you,
use even our weaknesses
to make Your kin-dom incarnate on our earth.
Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness