

Round Hill Community Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP
JULY 31, 2011

PRELUDE	<i>Introduction and Chorale</i>	Boellmann
	<i>Minuet (Suite Gothique)</i>	Boellmann

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

INVOCATION (in unison)

O Gracious God, rich in your mercy and lavish in your care for us, we would praise your name this day. We thank you for blessings all around us: the clasp of a child's hand; the smile on a friend's face; the radiance of good health; the beauty of a summer day. In the sacredness of this hour, O God, we would ask for a greater knowledge of who you are and of what you are about. We have come to worship today to learn of the One who knew what life was all about. Teach us. We have come to find a purpose for our existence and a motivation for our love. Inspire us. We have come to acknowledge the sins and failures of this past week. Forgive us. We have come to be made new by Jesus who lived and died for us. Recreate us, and show us, we pray, the relevance of scripture for our lives and for the world in which we live.

***HYMN No. 1** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

***CHURCH CREED** (Inside the front cover of the hymnal)

***GLORIA PATRI**

YOUTH MESSAGE

Youth may proceed to the Meeting Room for Church School.

ANTHEM	<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	Engel
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SCRIPTURE LESSONS (See bulletin pages 3-12)

SERMON	<i>Heaven or Hell: What Will It Be?</i>	Rev. Anita Keire
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Photo by Christopher Kabala

Ah, sinful nation,
People laden with iniquity,
Offspring who do evil,
Children who deal corruptly,
Who have forsaken the Lord,
Who have despised the Holy One of Israel,
Who are utterly estranged!
Why do you seek further beatings?
Why do you continue to rebel? (Isaiah 1: 4-5a)

When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
Even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
Your hands are full of blood.
Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
Remove the evil of your doings
From before my eyes;
Cease to do evil,
Learn to do good;
Seek justice,
Rescue the oppressed,
Defend the orphan,
Plead for the widow. (Isaiah 1: 15-17)



"The Destruction of Jerusalem" Design by Tom Murphy from the Mustard Seed Series*

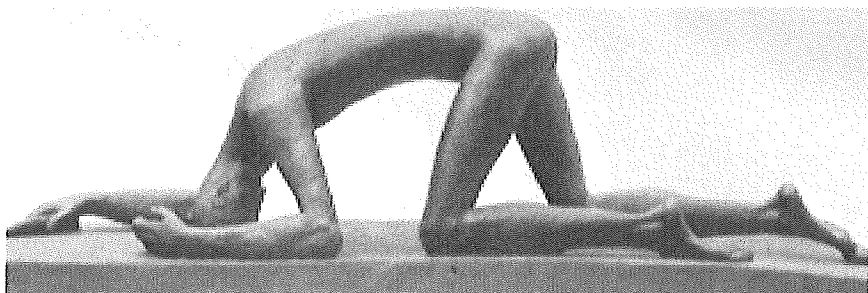


Brooke Haggerty, 1996, *Sing for Me*, from the Mustard Seed Series*

By the rivers of Babylon we sat down;
 There we wept when we remembered Zion.
 On the willows nearby we hung up our harps.
 Those who captured us told us to sing:
 They told us to entertain them:
 "Sing us a song about Zion."

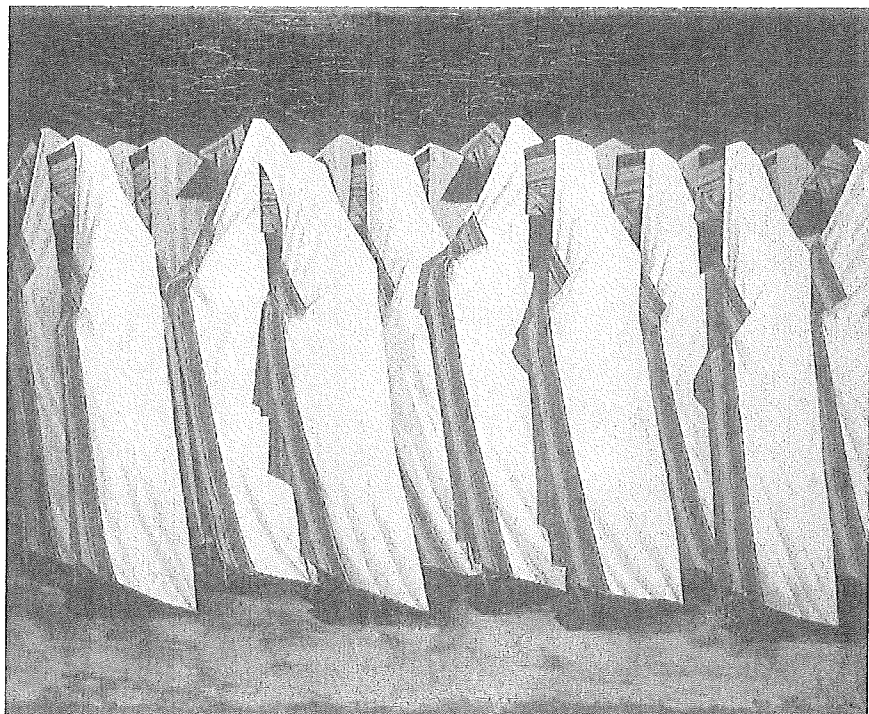
How could we sing a song to the Lord in
 A foreign land?
 May I never be able to play the harp again
 If I forget you, Jerusalem!
 May I never be able to sing again,
 If I do not remember you,
 If I do not think of you as my greatest joy! (Psalm 137:1-6)

Comfort, O Comfort my people,
 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
 That she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,
 That she has received from the Lord's hand double for her sins.
 (Isaiah 40: 1-2)



Wilhelm Lehmbruck, 1915-6, *Fallen Man*, from the Mustard Seed Series*

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55: 6-9)



Jacob Kramer, *The Day of Atonement*, from the Mustard Seed Series*



Photo of Weighing of Souls by Christopher Kabala

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

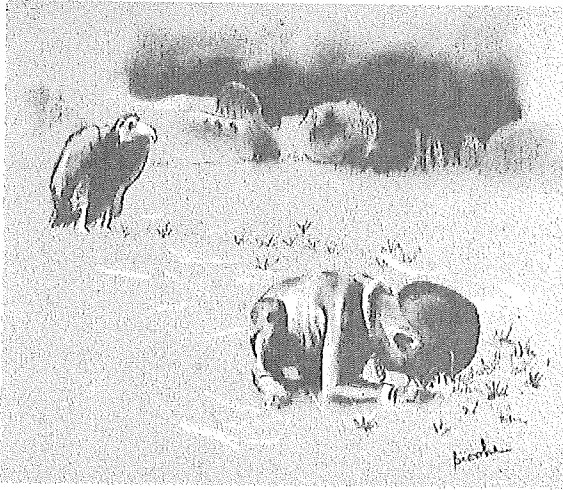
(Matthew 25: 31-46)



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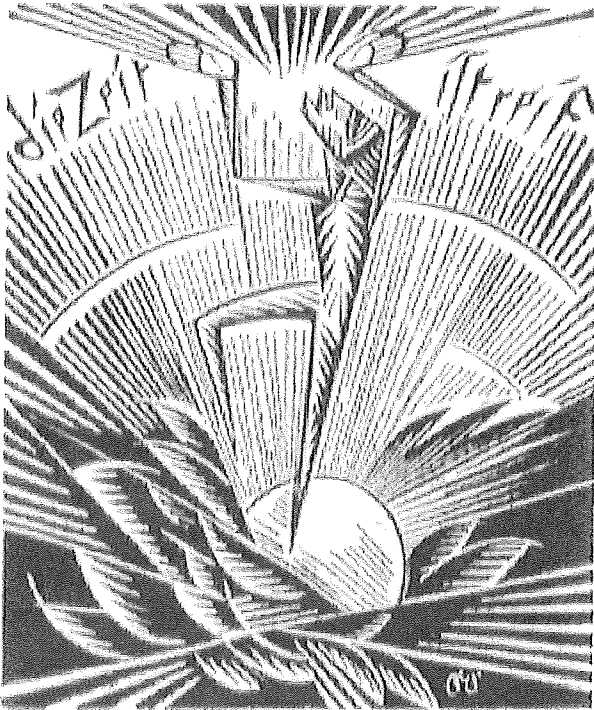
Joseph Anton Koch, *Hell*, from the Mustard Seed Series*



Brooke Haggerty, 1996, Drawing based on Carter's photograph of a Rwandan dying child, from the Mustard Seed Series*

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So

faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. (James 2: 14-17)



Constantin von Mitschke-Collande's 1919, *The Time is Ripe* from the Mustard Seed Series*



Design by Tom Murphy on *The New Jerusalem*, from the Mustard Seed Series*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

(Rev. 21: 1-2)

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

(Rev. 21:22-27)

HYMN SING

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Prayer

Anthem

The Holy City

Adam

*Doxology

*Hymn No. 437 *My Country 'Tis of Thee* (Verse 4)

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN No. 366 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

CHURCH PRAYER (Inside the front cover of the hymnal)

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Trumpets in Dialogue

Clerambault

*The congregation is invited to stand.

CHURCH NEWS

Thank you to **Caroline** and **Win Adkins** for ushering this morning.

We thank **Anita Keire** for preaching this morning.

Our thanks to **Caroline Adkins** and **Suzy Simpson** for hosting Fellowship Hour this morning. Please join them in the Parlor immediately following the service.

Beach Day is *this Wednesday, August 3!* (Rain date is Thursday, the 4th.) For those new to the Church, this is an annual Outreach event in which the Church arranges for a group of NYC children to come

by bus for a day of fun and food at Tod's Point. **Sign up in the Parlor *today* if you are able to join us!**

We hope you can join us next week when John Brown will be our guest minister.

REFLECTION

Absence has this virtue: It has a way of reducing the absentee to the status of an idea. The person becomes dependent upon our recollection of him, and this recollection becomes dependent upon a thousand factors in our “real present.” Now we can substitute our *notion* of the person for the person himself, just as we live more comfortably with the thought of humanity than with a given cantankerous specimen, just as we sentimentally exalt the nature of love all the while we deny its concrete demands, so, too, disciples find the idea of their Master more congenial than his presence. The disciple does not openly disavow his teacher, nor forget his law of love. But he is inclined to offer eulogies instead of love, to prefer abstract feelings of goodwill to the more painful risks of direct action, to limit his affections to the fellows of his own circle. With this self-deception is associated another. We assume that our recollection of Jesus is so accurate that we will easily recognize him if and when he returns. He, for his part, will recognize us and honor our loyalty. Thus, hope can become as self-centered as memory. And both may claim their toll of complacency, blindness, priggishness. These qualities do more than alienate us from our brothers and sisters; they raise high barriers between us and God.

Matthew, The Teacher's Gospel
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