



Miller Chapel
Princeton Theological Seminary

Morning Worship
Tuesday, 2 November 2010 – 11:30 a.m.

Gathering Music

“Open Your Mouth and Praise the Lord”

Yoruba folk melody

Leader:

1 O - pen your mouth and praise the Lord!
2 Clap your hands, O clap your hands!
3 Dance to God, O dance to God!
4 Praise the Lord, O praise the Lord!

People:

Mmmm, mmmm.

All:

1 Praise the Lord: the Lord is good!
2 Clap your hands: the Lord is good!
3 Dance to God: the Lord is good!
4 Praise the Lord: the Lord is good!

Opening Sentences

Psalm 90 (blue #210)

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-40

Meditation

Litany Prayers of the People

In the silence after each petition you are invited to voice particular names or circumstances for our common prayer.

Enlarge my heart that it may be big enough to receive the greatness of your love.
Lord, we give thanks for: _____

Stretch my heart that it may take into it all those who with me around
the world believe in Jesus Christ.

Lord, we pray for your church, here and throughout the earth,
asking that you encourage those like Mamu Monique and Pasteur Kabeya: _____

Stretch [my heart] that it may take into it all those who do not know him,
but who are my responsibility because I know him.

Lord, we pray for those who do not know that you love them
and ask that you give us grace to see and love them as you do: _____

And stretch [my heart] that it may take in all those who are not lovely in my eyes,
and whose hands I do not want to touch.

Lord, we pray for those whom we would rather not have to see or bother with,
but those in whom you present yourself to us: _____

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn (blue #367)

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

CHEREPONI

Benediction

Passing the Peace of Christ

Elsie McKee, preacher
Rosinah Gabaitse, liturgist
Jerria Martin, drummer
Chi Yi Chen, choral associate

The litany is a prayer of Kapinga Esete (d. 1975), Dem. Rep. Congo, trans. Mary B. Crawford from *A Book of Reformed Prayers*, ed. H. L. Rice and L. Williamson, p. 139.

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*During the ½ hour following worship, **Prayer Team** members will be available for prayer at the front of the Chapel.
Those offering prayers will be wearing a stole and name tag for easy identification.
All prayer requests will be kept confidential.*

Women's Center in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo

Mrs. Monique Misenga Mukuna has been the director of the Department of Women and Family services for the Communauté Presbyterienne de Kinshasa (CPK) for a number of years. She developed the Women's Center to include many kinds of educational programs: literacy, HIV/AIDS issues, sewing classes, courses in English, educational programs about women's legal rights, practical training in animal husbandry and good garden and nutrition practices. Along the way, Mrs. Monique has seen and responded to the needs around her: feeding street children led to finding ways to educate them (paying for their school uniforms and fees – there is no system of public education), and taking in abused women and girls who have no place to go (victims of sexual violence, AIDS, TB and/or other forms of domestic abuse/ rejection), which also means taking in the babies and little children of these homeless women.

Recent problems in the church situation have led to a disruption of the Women's Center and its work. While those are being addressed, the work of the center has basically become the personal project of Mrs. Monique. She has provided a place in her own home for some of the sewing machines and the students to continue their classes. She has taken into her home (adding several rooms) ten of the violated women and girls and two of their babies who had come to the Center for refuge, and she is feeding them and providing medical care. In Mrs. Monique and her family and associates it is easy to recognize the heart of "faithful servants" who have seen Jesus Christ in the "least of these" and reached out, with imagination as well as compassion, inspiring others and never giving up!