

Celebration of Worship

February 22, 2009 – 11:00 A.M.

We enter to worship;

we depart to serve

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude Amanda Teachnor, Organist

Announcements
(Please sign and pass the friendship pads at this time.)

- ◆ Opening Hymn “*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*” (Chorus)
Lord, I lift Your name on high, Lord, I love to sing Your praises. I’m so glad You’re in my life, I’m so glad You came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, From the earth to the cross my debt to pay. From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky, Lord, I lift Your name on high. (Repeat)

Welcome and Silent Meditation

Invocation Mr. Phil Cook

Call to Worship *from Psalm 27*

The Lord is my light & my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

- ◆ Hymn 595 “*Lead On, O King Eternal*”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

- ◆ Prayer of Confession
God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.

We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior...
(...*Silent confession will conclude with “Amen.”*)

- ◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon
The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.
- ◆ Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

Children’s Moment Pastor Dan
(Children’s Church is available for 4 yrs. through kindergarten.)

Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Morning Offering
Anthem “*Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*” Donald Fishel

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His name.
(Repeat)

Spread the good news o’er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.
(Repeat first verse)

We have been crucified with Christ;
now we shall live forever.
(Repeat first verse)
(Repeat first verse)
Alleluia!

- ◆ Hymn “*We Are an Offering*”
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering, we are an offering.

- ◆ Prayer of Dedication

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading (page 820) Mark 8:27 - 9:10

Sermon “*Listen to Him!*”

- ◆ Hymn 118 “*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*”

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Congregational Response Hymn 84
“*Revive Us Again*” (Vs. 1 & Chorus)
We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love, For Jesus who died and is now gone above. Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen! Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again.
- Postlude
- ◆ (Indicates appropriate place for congregation to stand)

We stand ready to welcome and receive those who would like to join with us in the journey of faith. Please speak to the pastor or one of the church members if you wish to join this congregation on the road to discipleship.

