

# Celebration of Worship

April 26, 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 291 *“Thine is the Glory”* (1<sup>st</sup> verse & chorus)  
**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded graveclothes where Thy body lay.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won. Amen.**

Welcome and Silent Meditation

Invocation Mr. Jon Neff

Call to Worship *from Psalm 115*

Not to us, O Lord, not to us,

**Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,  
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.**

You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is your help  
and your shield.

**We will bless the Lord from this time on and  
forevermore. Praise the Lord!**

- ◆ Hymn *“Church in the Wildwood”* (See insert)

## WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

- ◆ Prayer of Confession  
**Risen Lord, you reveal yourself to us in ways that  
sometimes surprise us and fill us with awe.  
But your presence is fleeting, and we are left wondering  
Give us the assurance, we pray, of the new reality made  
possible by your resurrection and defeat of death.**

**Give us the courage, we pray, to be witnesses to all we  
have received from you. And may our words be so  
matched by our lives that others may see and believe.  
In your holy name we pray...**  
*(...Silent confession will conclude with “Amen.”)*

- ◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon  
Hear the good news! In baptism you were buried with Christ.  
**In baptism we were also raised to new life with him,  
through faith in the power of God who raised Christ from  
the dead.**  
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; The old life is  
gone; a new life has begun. Friends, believe the good news:  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

- ◆ 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 Ms. Marti  
*(Children’s Church is available for 4 yrs. through kindergarten.)*

Reception of New Members

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 *“Simple Gifts”*  
‘Tis a gift to be simple, ‘tis a gift to be free,  
‘tis a gift to come down where we ought to be;  
And when we find ourselves in a place just right,  
‘twill be in the valley of love and delight.  
  
‘Tis a gift to be loving, ‘tis a gift to be kind,  
‘tis a gift to leave our bitterness behind;  
And when we find ourselves in a place just right,  
‘twill be in the valley of love and delight. (Repeat)

When true simplicity is gained,  
to bow and to bend, we shan’t be ashamed.  
To turn, turn, will be our delight,  
till by turning, turning, we come round right.

‘Tis a gift to be thankful, ‘tis a gift to forgive,  
‘tis a gift to find out how we ought to live;  
And when we find ourselves in a place just right,  
‘twill be in the valley of love and delight.

- ◆ Doxology  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**
- ◆ Prayer of Dedication

## WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading (page 861) Luke 24:36-49

Sermon *“Becoming Credible Witnesses”*

- ◆ Hymn *“Christ Is Alive!”* (See insert)

## WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Congregational Response Hymn 171  
*“Joy to the World”* (1<sup>st</sup> verse)  
**Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her  
King; Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and  
nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and  
heaven and nature sing.**

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.*

**PRAYER LIST—NEW CONCERNS**

Dorothy Bartley—Shoulder replacement surgery  
 Len Gardner’s friend & family on the death of his son.  
 Phil Cook—Angioplasty  
 Jeff Mayhugh—MRSA  
 Jamie Manning (Doug Ruffner’s student)—Health concerns  
 Bobbie Ladd (Bob Baker’s daughter)—Lung cancer  
 Prayers for the Weaver family in their time of crisis.  
 Rick Hildebrant (Marti Lowery’s friend)—Liver cancer  
 Jimmy Don Talbot (Glenda Bare’s nephew)—  
 Deployed to Iraq  
 Nathasha Greene Pickerel—Diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes

(Please refer to newsletter for Ongoing Concerns and Homebound Members.)

**OUR MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, April 26**

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 12:00 Noon CE Meeting  
 Finance & Stewardship Meeting  
 2:00 p.m. Newcomer Class

**Monday, April 27**

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. AA Open Meeting & Al-Anon Meeting

**Wednesday, April 29**

5:30 p.m. Dinner  
 Newcomer Class  
 Egypt, Islam & Mission Class  
 Children’s Choir  
 Jr. High Bible Study  
 Women’s Bible Study  
 Men’s Bible Study  
 M4M Service Hour  
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice  
 Sr. High Bible Study

**Thursday, April 30**

7:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting  
 8:00 p.m. AA Closed Meeting

**Sunday, May 3**

9:30 a.m. Morning Fellowship  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 12:00 Noon Missions Committee Meeting  
 2:00 p.m. Newcomer Class  
 3:00 p.m. Jr. High Fellowship Outing

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

Greeter: Sharon Bolton  
 Ushers: Tom Byerly, Captain; The Byerly family  
 Liturgist: Jon Neff  
 Trustee Lock-Up: Ron Hammond  
 Sunday School Superintendent: Bobbie Cook  
 Sunday Morning Fellowship: 05/03 **Need volunteers**



**NEWS AND SUCH**

Please refer to “OUR MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS” for meetings and events scheduled this week.

**Thanks!**—The Deacons would like to thank everyone who participated in their bake sale last Sunday. They raised \$601.10 to be applied toward their many worthwhile projects.

**and more Thanks!**—Another big thanks to those supporting the various Herbal Affair-related activities last Saturday. A total of \$890.25 was raised to help fund the summer youth camp program.

**Announcement**—Monday, May 4, 2009, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. will be "Malawi Evening" at the Circle Cinema, 12 South Lewis, Tulsa. Several documentaries on Malawi, Africa will be shown, including the documentary created by Laura Jane Popp, a member of the University of Tulsa delegation that traveled to Malawi in May 2008. You'll have an opportunity to chat with local people that have traveled or lived in Malawi. The evening is all about becoming informed and developing a **passion for God's mission** in Malawi, Africa. See you there! Rev. Judy Henderson, Chair of the EOP Malawi Partnership. (Free admission, but donations will be accepted for mission work in Malawi.)

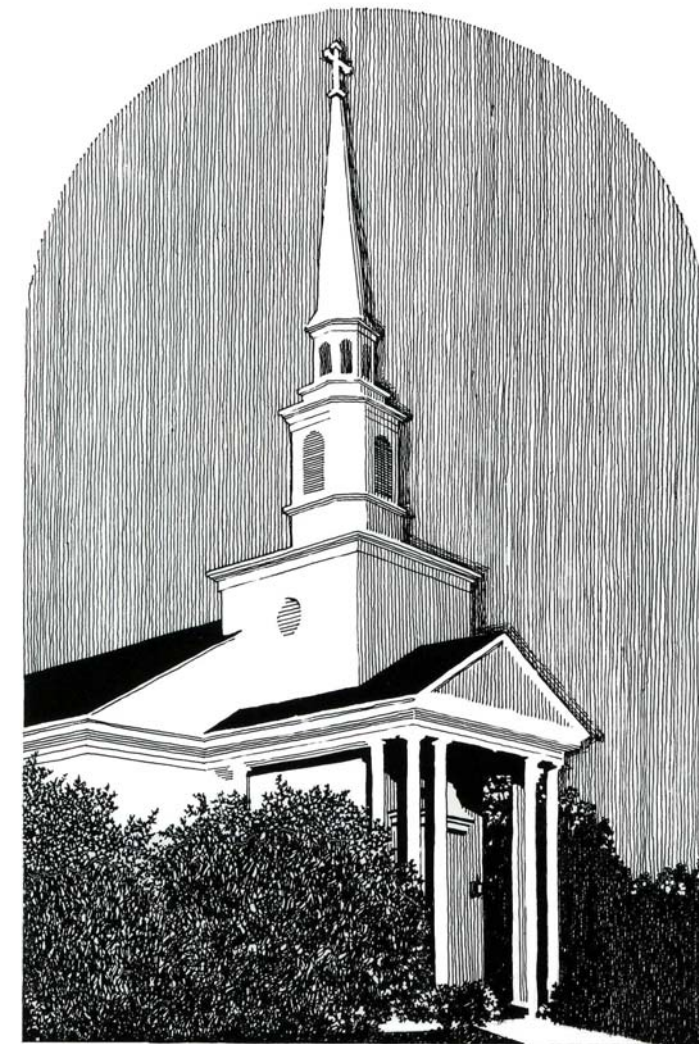


**Sermon on the Amount—**

Needed for Apr.:	\$19,762.08	Budgeted YTD:	\$72,967.69
Received in Apr.:	<u>18,038.51</u>	Received YTD:	<u>67,086.83</u>
Difference:	(\$ 1,723.57)	Difference:	(\$ 5,880.86)

**OUR STAFF**

Dan Milford—Pastor  
 Willa Barnes—Secretary  
 Marti Law-Lowery—Director of Children’s Ministries  
 Bill Zahringer—Director of Youth Ministries  
 Doug Ruffner—Director of Music  
 Amanda Teachnor—Organist and Accompanist  
 Krista Polanski—Treasurer  
 Kyla Rice—Children’s Church Teacher



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