

Celebration of Worship

May 3, 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 *“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”*
**We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord;
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy!**

Welcome and Silent Meditation

Invocation Mr. Greg Maloney

Call to Worship *from Psalm 23*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

◆ Hymn 334 *“We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer”*

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

◆ Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,
our lives are restless until they find their rest in you.
Like sheep, we are easy prey when we’re on our own.
Like sheep, we need to be brought into a flock where a**

**true and committed shepherd can care for us. Like sheep, we need to be led to green pastures and still waters where our souls can be restored.
But like sheep, we wander astray. Forgive our stubbornness and distraction, we pray, and bring us into the one flock of the Good Shepherd.
Then may we know your joy and find our joy complete.
In Jesus’ name we pray...
(...Silent confession will conclude with “Amen.”)**

◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon

Hear the Good News! The Lord will give his people justice and have compassion on his servants.

The Lord will give his people peace and joy.

Friends, believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

◆ Gloria *“Lord, Be Glorified”*

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

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

Morning Offering

Anthem *“Lord, I Want To Be a Christian”* Moses Hogan

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart. In my heart.

Lord, I want to be a Christian.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

In my heart. In my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy.

In my heart. In my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus,

Lord, I want to be more holy,

Lord, I want to be a Christian.

◆ 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 872) John 10:11-18

Sermon *“A Dead Shepherd’s of No Use”*

◆ Hymn 614 *“For All the Saints”*

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Breaking of the Bread

Prayer of Dedication

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

◆ Benediction

◆ Congregational Response Hymn 516
“Give of Your Best to the Master” (1st verse & Refrain)
**Give of your best to the Master, Give of the strength of your youth; Throw your soul’s fresh, glowing ardor into the battle for truth.
Jesus has set the example – Dauntless was He, young and brave; Give Him your loyal devotion, give Him the best that you have.**

Postlude

◆ *(Indicates appropriate place for congregation to stand)*

