

# Celebration of Worship

May 10, 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!**  
(Repeat)

Welcome and Silent Meditation

Invocation Greg Maloney

Call to Worship *from Deuteronomy 6*

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.

**We will love the LORD our God with all our heart, and  
with all our soul, and with all our might.**

Keep these words that I am commanding you today in  
your heart.

**We will recite them to our children and talk about  
them when we are at home and when we are away,  
when we lie down and when we rise.**

◆ Hymn “*All Things Bright and Beautiful*” (See Insert)

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

◆ Prayer of Confession  
**Heavenly Father,  
many things promise us life, fulfillment and joy.  
Most of them are just marketing ploys that try to tap into  
our longing for true life and lasting joy that only come  
from you. Yet all too often, we bite at their enticing bait.  
Forgive us, we pray, for settling for cheap imitations.**

**Help us to know the real thing when we encounter it in  
you. Then, as branches that draw their life from the vine,  
may we draw our life from you and bear the fruit of your  
unconditional love for a world that hungers for it.  
In Jesus’ name we pray.  
(...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 “*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 Ms. Marti  
(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 “*Eden’s Song*” arr. Mark Schweizer

A memory of Eden stirs, and walks within the warmth of spring.

It whispers ev’ry hope God has to Life Eternal, listening.

Stretch past the gloom of winter’s grey,

unfurl by faith and not by sight,

to touch the light of length’ning day

that calls thee forth to green delight.

The season of new growth begins, embrace the promise we all share,  
lift ev’ry voice and celebrate, the Living God who’s always there.

◆ 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

Epistle Reading (page 991) 1 John 4:7-21

Gospel Reading (page 878) John 15:1-8

Sermon “*Forever Dependent*”

◆ Hymn 342 “*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*”

## WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

◆ Benediction

◆ Congregational Response Hymn 516  
“*Give of Your Best to the Master*” (1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**Give of your best to the Master; Give of the strength of  
your youth; Clad in salvation’s full armor, join in the  
battle for truth.**

Postlude

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

