

Celebration of Worship

May 17, 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 Psalm 98*

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

- ◆ Hymn 322 “*When Morning Gilds the Skies*”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

- ◆ Prayer of Confession
Living Lord, many different voices clamor for our attention. Many different things call for our allegiance. As we try to live responsible lives, we are often pulled away from you and we become like cut-off branches and wither. Help us, O Lord, to stay connected to you,

the true vine. Then may we bear the fruit that you have created us to bear. In your holy name we pray...
(...Silent confession will conclude with “Amen.”)

- ◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon
Who is in a position to condemn us?
Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.
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 “*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
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 “*Wade in the Water*” (with “*Wayfaring Stranger*”)
Arr. John Purifoy

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children.
Wade in the water, God’s gonna trouble the water.

If you don’t believe I’ve been redeemed, God’s gonna trouble the water.

Just follow me down to Jordan’s stream. God’s gonna trouble the water.

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children.
Wade in the water, God’s gonna trouble the water.

I’m just a poor wayfaring stranger while travl’ing through this world of woe.

Yet there’s no sickness, toil nor danger in that bright world to which I go.

I’m going there to see my mother, she said she’d meet me when I come.

I’m only going over Jordan, I’m only going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather ‘round me, I know my way is rough and steep.
But golden fields lie out before me where God’s redeemed shall ever sleep.

I’m going there to see my Father, I’m going there no more to roam.
I’m only going over Jordan. I’m only going over home.

God’s gonna trouble the water!

- ◆ 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 894) Acts 10:44-48

Gospel Reading (page 878) John 15:9-17

Sermon “*Chosen To Bear Fruit*”

- ◆ Hymn 337 “*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*”

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.
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)*

