

Celebration of Worship

August 2, 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*”
**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.**

Welcome & Silent Meditation

Invocation Mr. Mark Griffis

Call to Worship *from Psalm 51*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

- ◆ Hymn 318 “*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

- ◆ Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, when your people went to Egypt, they entered a land where they were relieved of their famine. Soon enough, though, the land of their prosperity became the place of their enslavement.

There they came to serve Pharaoh instead of serving you. Our prosperity has often led to our distraction, as well. When you lead us into the wilderness, we are fearful of the scarce provisions we can see.

Help us to discover your presence and glory in the wilderness. Teach us to trust you one day at a time.

And grant that we might discover the Bread of Heaven who feeds us “til we want no more.”

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, Page 234 “*He Is Lord*”

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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

- ◆ 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 867)

John 6:24-35

Old Testament Reading (page 55)

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Sermon

“*Sustained in the Wilderness*”

- ◆ Hymn 21 “*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*”

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 596

“*Gentle Shepherd*”

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need You to help us find our way.

Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us, for we need Your strength from day to day.

There’s no other we can turn to who can help us face another day;

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need You to help us find our way.

Postlude

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

