

Celebration of Worship

August 9, 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 Mrs. Sharon Bolton

Call to Worship *from Psalm 34*

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

◆ Hymn 560 “*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

◆ Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
we proclaim with our lips that our trust is in you.
More often than not, though, we focus on our own
strength and on our own ability to accomplish things.
When we encounter success, we credit ourselves and give
ourselves the praise.
When things don’t go well, we may question why you
have not helped us succeed.
Either way, we fail to give you the praise that is due.
Forgive us, we pray.
Help us to discover your presence and provision in our
lives daily, through good times and bad.
Then may we learn to praise you in all things, giving you
the honor and gratitude that is due.
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 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

◆ 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

First Scripture Reading (page 230) 1 Samuel 20:1-3, 21:10-22:2

Second Scripture Reading (page 441) Psalm 34:1-8

Sermon “*Did I Ever Tell You About the Time...?*”

◆ Hymn 2 “*How Great Thou Art*”

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)*

