

Celebration of Worship

August 23, 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 34:15-22

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.

The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

In humility and faith, let us worship God!

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

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

◆ Prayer of Confession

Holy God, in ancient times, people segmented the world into political realms and imagined that different gods ruled over each area. Other people segmented nature and imagined that different gods ruled its different areas. We know though, O God, that you are One.

Still other ancient people segmented areas of human activity and imagined different gods to rule over each area. We know though, O God, that you are One.

Still, we are inclined to repeat their error. We trust you with our spiritual life, but we sometimes place too much trust in other places. We put our trust in the financial markets, in governmental intervention, in the military, in our own ability to plan our future, or in our education. Our trust leads to us serving other interests than yours. Forgive us, we pray. Grant that we might choose this day whom we will serve, and then serve you with faithfulness. In Jesus’ 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, 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.)

Ordination of Eric Fahland as Elder

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.

Minute for Stewardship

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 868)

John 6:56-59

Old Testament Reading (page 187)

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-24

Sermon

“Choose This Day...”

◆ Hymn 6

“This Is My Father’s World”

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)*

