

# Celebration of Worship

August 30, 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 “*Hallelu, Hallelujah!*”  
**Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!**  
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Welcome & Silent Meditation Deacons’ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering

Invocation Mrs. Sharon Bolton

Call to Worship *from Psalm 78*

The LORD says, “Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.”

**We will not hide your teachings from our children;**

We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of  
the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has  
done.

**We will rise up and tell them to our children, so that  
they will set their hope in God.**

- ◆ Hymn “*Jesus Loves Me*” (See insert)  
“*Jesus Loves the Little Children*” (See insert)

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

- ◆ Prayer of Confession  
**Holy God, so much depends on our learning to see  
ourselves clearly and on our appreciating how much you  
have done for us.**

**Yet we resist introspection. We resist times of reflection.  
We resist hearing the important feedback others would  
give us. As a result, we become angry at other people too  
easily and then cling to our anger as a God-given right.  
We also hear God’s word and discuss its meaning, but we  
are hesitant to act in the ways Christ calls us.  
Meanwhile, the poor get little of our attention and we get  
caught up in the ways of the world around us.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Grant that we might see ourselves more clearly,  
appreciate your love and grace more deeply,  
and serve more joyfully in the ways you lead us.  
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.)*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Minute for Stewardship

Morning Offering

Anthem “*Give Me Jesus*” Arr. L. Shackley  
In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.  
And when I am alone, and when I am alone,  
and when I am alone, give me Jesus!

On, give me Jesus! Give me Jesus! Give me Jesus!  
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus!

And when I come to die, and when I come to die,  
and when I come to die, give me Jesus!  
When the trumpet sounds, when the trumpet sounds,  
and when the trumpet sounds, give me Jesus!

Give me Jesus! Give me Jesus!  
You can have all this world, you can have all this world.  
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus!

- ◆ 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 980) James 1:17-27

Sermon “*Starting with the Man in the Mirror*”

- ◆ Hymn “*He’s got the Whole World in His Hands*” (See insert)

## 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)*

*We stand ready to welcome and receive those who would  
like to join with us in the journey of faith. Please speak  
to the pastor or one of the church members if you wish  
to join this congregation on the road to discipleship.*

