

Celebration of Worship

Nov. 22, 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 “*Rise Up, O Men of God*” (Vs. 1 & 2)
**Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve
the King of kings.
Rise up, O men of God! His kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of
wrong.**

Welcome & Silent Meditation

Invocation Mr. Jay McAtee

Call to Worship *from Psalm 23*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

- ◆ Hymn 551 “*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

- ◆ Prayer of Confession
Living Christ, our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. While we know some of the rest that comes in you, our hearts are marked by restlessness. We feel something of a “burning in our hearts” when

we experience your closeness, but we often flee from intimacy with you rather than open ourselves more fully to your presence. Forgive us, O Lord, for our restless hearts. Forgive our reticence to draw near to you. Gently tame our wild hearts, we pray, so that we may draw near to you, know the hope to which you have called us, and become shining lights for others to see you. 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 Patri
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

Gift of Music “*Amazing Grace*”
“*Early American Melody*”
Steve Snider, Clarinet; Mary Snider, Cello

Children’s Moment Ms. Marti
(Children’s Church is available for 4 yrs. through kindergarten.)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Morning Offering
Anthem “*Let Us Go Into the House of the Lord*” Perry

I was glad when they said,
“Let us go into the house of the Lord,”
when they said unto me,
“Let us go into the house of the Lord.”

I was glad, glad, O so glad.
And my spirit sang and my heart filled with joy,
to give thanks, praise, sing and rejoice
in the house of the Lord, our God.
I was glad when they said,
“Let us go into the house of the Lord.”

We give thanks to God, our guide and our shield,
our strength, our help in time of need.
And in silence we pray in the presence of the Lord,
pray for peace that our lives may be healed.

For great is the glory, the pow’r and majesty.
Let us praise the wonders of our Lord.
Let us come into God’s presence, rejoicing with song,
and give thanks to the Lord’s holy name.

(Repeat first two verses)

- ◆ 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

Epistle Reading (page 949) Ephesians 1:17-19

Gospel Reading (page 860) Luke 24:13-32

Sermon “*A Gentle Taming of Wild Hearts*” Rev. Rick Davis
*(“...so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened,
you may know the hope to which he has called you...” - Eph. 1:18)*

- ◆ Hymn 564 “*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*” (Vs. 1&2)

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Congregational Response Hymn
“*Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult*” (1st verse)
**Jesus calls us o’er the tumult
of our life’s wild, restless sea;
Day by day I hear Him saying,
“Christian, come and follow me.”**

Postlude

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

