

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

January 22, 2006

The Third Sunday After Epiphany

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

\*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

## THE PEOPLE GATHER. . .

The Prelude

*“Prelude in D Major”*

J. K. F. Fischer

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

(from *Psalm 62*)

For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
for my hope is from the Lord.

**God only is my rock and my salvation; I shall not be shaken.**

Trust in the Lord at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before God.

**Our trust is in the Lord. We worship God’s name.**

The Prayer of Praise

**God of power and hope, we pour out our hearts to you in praise of your holy name. Before your power, the high and the low, the great and the small are lighter than a breath. By your steadfast love we are saved from false confidence and vain hopes, and from setting our hearts on things that do not matter. You are our refuge and our hope, and we praise you for the power of your unending love. Glory to you O God – Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all. Amen.**

\*The Hymn 263

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

The Prayer of Confession

**Sovereign God, we reluctantly confess that we have installed our own gods in our lives. They take our time. They use our resources. They exact from us care and devotion. We do not like to hear that our way of life is endangered. Yet we sometimes realize that innocent steps into self-indulgence are really deliberate strides away from you. We hear distant echoes of warning and judgment. O God, we want to return to you before it is too late. We repent of everything in our lives that cuts us off from you. . . (time for silent confession). . .**

\*The Choral Response

\*The Assurance of Pardon

\*The Gloria Patri

p. 579 in the Hymnal

\*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**  
(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.  
Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

## TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The *Old Testament* Lesson: *Jonah 3:1-5,10*

p. 1054 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalm 62:5-12*

p. 647 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *“Be Thou My Vision”* Bob Chilcott

The *New Testament* Lesson: *I Corinthians 7:29-31* p. 207 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

\*The Hymn 307 *“Fight the Good Fight”*

The *Gospel* Lesson: *Mark 1:14-20* p. 42 in the pew Bible

The Sermon “Kingdom Building  
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

\*The *Apostles' Creed* p. 14 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession  
The Lord's Prayer p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering  
The Gathering of Our Gifts

The Offertory *“Improvisation”* Edward MacDowell

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

**Eternal Source of refuge and trust, our days are filled with your abiding presence. We awaken with the dawn of new life. We labor with assurance that you bless the work of our hands. We sleep at peace in the promise of your protection and care. All that we are and all that we do are signs of your benevolent deliverance. Accept now the gifts we bring you as tokens of our unending devotion. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

\*The Hymn 377 *“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”*

\*The Charge

God sends us out into the world with good news.  
God directs us to warn and to give assurance.  
**We are disciples of Jesus Christ.**  
**We have been commissioned and blessed.**  
We go out as people who know our own weakness.  
We rise above our shortcoming in the strength Christ gives.  
**We will trust in God.**  
**We will speak God's truth in love.**

The reign of God is drawing near to us.  
It can be realized in our lives here and now.

**We accept God's rule among us.**  
**We are citizens of God's realm.**

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude *“Little Trumpet Tune in G”* Patricia Lou Harris