

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

February 5, 2006

The Fifth 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

“Vocalise”

Sergei Rachmaninoff

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

(from Isaiah 40)

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

**It is God who sits above the circle of the earth, who stretches
out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in.**

To whom then will you compare me? says the Holy One.

Who is my equal?

Have you not known? Have you not heard? It is the Lord!

God is the Creator of the ends of the earth.

God does not faint or grow weary; God’s understanding is unsearchable.

God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Prayer of Adoration

*The Hymn 482

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

*The Prayer of Confession

O God, you heal the brokenhearted; save us from sin when we inflict pain on our neighbors. We bear grudges against those who deceive us. We seek revenge on those who hurt us. Some we judge inferior, since they don’t meet our standards. Others we deem unworthy of our respect and support, yet Jesus had compassion upon all who were afflicted. Forgive us, O God, when we harden our hearts against neighbors in need. . .(time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

God does not faint or grow weary;

The Lord’s understanding is unsearchable.

The Lord gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

This is the good news; In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*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: *Isaiah 40:21-31*

p. 817 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 147:1-11,20c*

p. 715 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

“*For All That Is*”

Taylor Davis

Tina Kerchner, Flute

The *New Testament* Lesson: *1 Corinthians 9:16-23*

p. 208 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 371 (8:30 am)

“*Lift High the Cross*”

The *Sacrament of Baptism* (11 am)

*The *Apostles’ Creed*

p. 14 in the Hymnal

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Baptism

The Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church
to share with us in His ministry for we are all one in Christ.**

*The Hymn 499

“*Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed*”

The *Gospel* Lesson: *Mark 1:29-39*

p. 42 in the pew Bible

The Sermon

“Unstuck”

Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

*The *Apostles’ Creed* (8:30 am)

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

“*Siciliano*”

Johann Sebastian Bach

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology, p 592 in the Hymnal

You are worthy, O God, of more honor than mere humans can hope to bestow on You. You are God of all creation, and the source of all goodness. We dare to approach You with our gifts of thanksgiving. Receive them as symbols of our wholehearted praise. Transform what we bring You to harmonize with Your wishes, and convert all our actions according to Your will. Through Christ Jesus our Lord, we pray. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 427 “*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*”

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Postlude

“*Allegro*”

George Frideric Handel