

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Fifth Sunday In Lent

April 2, 2006

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

THE PEOPLE GATHER. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

The hour comes, and now is, says the Lord,
when I will make a new covenant with my people.

**It shall not be written upon tablets of stone,
but upon the tablets of the heart.**

We shall no longer instruct our neighbors from a book.

They shall no longer need any teacher but the Lord.

Waken our ears, our hearts and minds, O Lord,
and speak to us the words of Your covenant.

The Prayer of Adoration

*The Hymn 442

"The Church's One Foundation"

*The Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. We know more of our own transgression than we have been willing to admit, even to ourselves. We cannot escape from the sin that clings so closely. By our actions and our neglect, we have done what is evil in Your sight. May Your judgment help us to face the truth about ourselves. Then wash away the stain of our iniquity. Create in us clean hearts, and renew our spirits. We are ready for a new life. In Your mercy, forgive us. . . (time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

In Jesus Christ all of God's promises find their 'Yes'.

Remember, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. 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.)

Minute for Mission

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The *Old Testament* Lesson: *Jeremiah 31:31-34*p. 899 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 51:1-12* p. 640 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

The *Epistle* Lesson: *Hebrews 5:5-10* p. 267 in the pew Bible

A Moment with the Children

Confirmation (11:00 a.m.)

Questions of Membership

**Apostles Creed*

p. 14 in the Hymnal

Charge and Blessing

Prayer

*The Hymn 525 (11:00 a.m.)

"Here I Am, Lord"

The *Gospel* Lesson: *John 12:20-33*

p. 130 in the pew Bible

The Sermon

"I Wonder"
Glynn S. Bell

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

Offertory

*The Doxology and Prayer of DedicationDoxology p. 592 in the Hymnal

We dedicate these offerings to the proclamation of Your Word, the teaching of Your ways, and the living of Your will for all humankind. We reach out with joy and gladness to offer Your love to the world. May these gifts enable the sharing of Your presence with many who have not experienced a sense of their own value as Your children. As we keep covenant with You, we would also share its joys and obligations with our neighbors, in Jesus' name. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 388

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Postlude



A meeting of the congregation has been called for next Sunday, April 9, beginning with the 11:00 am worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the recommendation of the Church Nominating committee to elect members as elders, trustee, as well as a representative to the Endowment Fund Committee. The list of biographies of members nominated to serve will be in next week's bulletin.