

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

April 30, 2006

The Third Sunday of Easter

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

God has set apart those who are faithful.

Those who seek to do God's will.

**Because God puts knowledge in our hearts and minds
we will lie down in safety and sleep in peace.**

Beloved, we are God's children now.

What we will be has not yet been revealed.

Yet we are here to be like Jesus Christ

Who lived by love and trust in God.

Our faith strengthens us for each day's living.

God empowers us to follow God's will.

We trust God Whose children we are.

We look forward to what God will reveal to us.

The Prayer of Adoration

God of our ancestors, author of life, source of *Easter* good news, we are drawn together again by the mystery of life and death. We glorify You for this hour of thanksgiving, for the quiet of Your Sabbath. We are grateful that You let Your face shine on us as we strive to place our trust in You and for pulling together the fragments of our lives so that we may remember the central core of love that You provide. We worship You as our true Lord and ask that we be granted a fuller sense of what is right and good so that we may live within Your perfect will for us. Amen.

*The Hymn 469

"Morning Has Broken"

*The Prayer of Confession

We are disturbed, O God, by the evil that surrounds us. We feel like victims ourselves so why should we confess our sins when there is so much evil beyond our influence? Yet with the same breath we freely judge others whose failures are bred out of ignorance, poverty and rejection. We sin by neglect, by arrogance and by turning away from our sisters and brothers who are beloved by You however they may differ from us. Lord of our conscience, we seek the forgiveness You promise and the health that following Your will offers us

. . .(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 *New Testament* Lesson: *Acts 3:12-19* p. 146 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 4* p. 603 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *"I Believe in Christ"* M. Wilberg, arr.

The *Epistle* Lesson: *1 John 3:1-7* p. 291 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 376 *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

The *Gospel* Lesson: *Luke 24:36b-48* p. 109 in the pew Bible

The Sermon *"The Celebration Continues"*
The Rev. 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

The Offertory

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

Risen Christ, give us faith to see that it is into Your hands we offer our gifts and that it is Your feet we follow when we go out to serve others in the Spirit of Love. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 276 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude