

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

June 18, 2006

The Second Sunday After Pentecost

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

THE PEOPLE GATHER. . .

The Prelude

"Simple Gifts"

Wilbur Held, arr

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

It is good to give thanks to God!
Come to make music to our Creator.

**God knows our troubles and remembers our need.
Our petitions are answered and our hearts' desires fulfilled.**

Declare God's steadfast love and faithfulness.
Seek God's help in the sanctuary.

**We know that God will help the anointed ones.
Our pride is in God alone.**

Listen for the voice of God, speaking to us again.
How great is our God, our rock and defender!

**God will respond when we call.
We will bear fruit for God as long as life endures.**

The Prayer of Adoration

You give the needy hope, faithful God; the poor are not deserted; the oppressed find safety; and the suffering are lifted up. Great are Your works, mighty God. We sing Your praises and rejoice in Your name. You are our hope of deliverance and life. This is the day You have made for our salvation that we may rejoice in it. Praise be to You, O God - our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

*The Hymn 274

"O God of Earth and Space"

The Prayer of Confession

The Choral Response

The Assurance of Pardon

Christ died for all so that all might die to sin.

Therefore, we no longer live for ourselves.

We live for the one who for our sakes died and was raised.

Because of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! 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. . .

Mission Report

The Prayer for Illumination

The *Old Testament* Lesson: *1 Samuel 15:34-16:13* p. 320 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 20* p. 614 in the pew Bible

The Anthem "Offertory" John Ness Beck

The *Epistle* Lesson: *2 Corinthians 5:6-10* p. 220 in the pew Bible

Father's Day Recognition

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 399 (8:30 am) "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

The *Sacrament of Baptism* (10:00 am)

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

The Baptism

The Welcome

*The Hymn 497 "With Grateful Hearts"

The *Gospel* Lesson: *Mark 4:26-34* p. 46 in the pew Bible

The Sermon "Trusting Our Perspective"
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 "In the Shadow of the Cross" David Paxton

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

O God, your goodness surrounds us, your grace sustains us, your mercy redeems us; by your love we are saved. We come before you, offering our praise for your indwelling Spirit and giving you thanks for Christ Jesus, who sends us new life. Placing before you the fruits of our labors, we confess anew our trust in your goodness. We rely on your grace. We are in the hands of your mercy as we seek to love others as you command. In Jesus' name, accept, bless and use us as well as our offerings. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 344 "Christ of the Upward Way"

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude "Praise to the Lord" Gordon Young