

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

July 9, 2006

The Fifth 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

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

"My Task" (v.1)

E. L. Ashford

The Call To Worship

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.
Your name, O God, like Your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
We ponder Your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of Your temple.
We will tell the next generation that this is our God
Who will be our guide forever.
Let us worship God!

The Prayer of Adoration

Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens, O God; righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Your steadfast love goes before you as you set the planets in orbit and establish your covenant here on earth. You still the raging waters, and calm perturbed hearts. You are God above, beyond, and within all creation. We extol you, Our God, the Rock of our salvation. Praise be to you through Christ Jesus our Lord in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Hymn 361

"How Firm a Foundation"

*The Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, O God, for our self-important boasting. We take credit for our strength without thought of Your gifts. When honors are bestowed, we treat them as our due. We claim as our victories the triumphs of Your grace. You shower us with blessings, which we ignore. You bring new life; we take it for granted. Deliver us from our vain ways, and forgive our smug complacency . . . (time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

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*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! God's grace is all you need.
Divine power comes to full strength in our weakness.
Friends, believe the Good News!
In 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. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The *Old Testament* Lesson: 2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-20

p. 346 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: Psalm 48

p. 637 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

“The Stranger of Galilee”
Neil Corry, Soloist

C. H. Morris

The *Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10*

p. 226 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 356

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

The *Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:1-13*

p. 49 in the pew Bible

The Sermon

“Partners”
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

*The *Affirmation of Faith*

(from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed, and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology, p. 592 in the Hymnal

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, who made a covenant with the house of David, we bring our gifts so that your covenant with him may be extended throughout the world. We offer ourselves here as temples of our chosen one, David's royal son, Jesus Christ. Alive in the Spirit and empowered to serve, we go forth in his name to proclaim your love as a sanctuary for those who are in need. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 422

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

*The Charge & Benediction

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*The Postlude