

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

July 30, 2006

The Eighth 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

*"The Beatitudes"*

A. H. Malotte  
(from *Psalms 14*)

The Call To Worship

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."  
**The Lord looks upon humankind  
to see if there are any who seek after God.**  
But God is with the company of the righteous.  
**When God restores their fortunes,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel will be glad!**

The Prayer of Adoration

\*The Hymn 464

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Blessed Redeemer, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. You endow us with goodness while we squander your blessings. We yearn for the possessions that our neighbors enjoy. Envy, greed, and selfishness consume us. Satisfaction eludes us as our cravings increase. Quiet our longing for material riches, and help us trust in Jesus, who provides for our needs. In your mercy, forgive us. . .**  
(time for silent confession). . .

\*The Choral Response

\*The Assurance of Pardon

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.  
**We are blessed and our sin is covered.  
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: *2 Samuel 11:1-15*

p. 352 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 14*

p. 609 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

*"I Will Sing New Songs"*  
Roy Jarnecke, Soloist

A. Dvorak

The *Gospel* Lesson: *John 6:1-21*

p. 118 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

\*The Hymn 510

*“Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”*

The Epistle Lesson: *Ephesians 3:14-21*

p. 236 in the pew Bible

The Meditation

“Rooted and Grounded”  
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

\*The *Nicene Creed*

p. 15 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Dedication  
The Gathering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT. . .

\*The Hymn of Preparation 501

*“Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed”*

The Invitation  
The Call to Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

. . .and adore your most glorious name.  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might,**  
**Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the Highest.**  
. . .We live in Him and declare:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. . .**

The Lord's Prayer

p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Communion

(You are invited to come forward to partake of the elements by intinction  
and may pause for silent prayer before returning to your seat.)

The Communion Anthem

*“But Who May Abide?”*

G. F. Handel

The Prayer After Communion

**Thank you, O most gracious Lord, for this holy meal in which our Lord makes himself part of us so that we might be part of Christ. Grant that we may always seek the food that does not perish but that endures to eternal life. We rejoice that you have set your seal upon Christ, and pray that we shall more and more be transformed into Christ's image. Send us out now prepared to lay down our lives for neighbors, even as Christ gave up self for us; for it is in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

\*The Hymn 412

*“Eternal God Whose Power Upholds”*

\*The Charge & Benediction

\*The Postlude  
Prayer for Illumination