

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

August 6, 2006

The Ninth 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 Announcement

The Introit

The Call To Worship

Draw near to God, who has heard your complaining.
Come in the name of Jesus, who understands your need.

We have received manna in the wilderness.

We have been offered the bread of life.

Open your selves to God's steadfast love.

Be honest before the Holy One who knows all you do.

We are judged according to our deeds.

Our secret sins are known to our God.

The Holy Spirit has come to restore your joy.

God's presence is real to those who accept God's gift.

Whoever comes to Jesus will not be hungry.

Whoever trusts in Christ will never be thirsty.

The Prayer of Adoration

*The Hymn 470

"O Day of Radiant Gladness"

*The Prayer of Confession

We ask, but not after the right things, God of grace. We spend our lives seeking, looking for what we imagine will fill our needs, satisfy our desires, make us happy. We are frustrated because they all seem so hard to find. We are bewildered because what we do find does not fill, nor satisfy, nor make us happy. Impossible dreams seem even more impossible and more improbable. We admit how often our eyes and heart wander from your way. . . .(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 *Old Testament* Lesson: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

p. 353 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: Psalm 51:1-12

p. 640 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

Krista Samson, Soloist

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 507, "I Come with Joy".

The Epistle Lesson: *Ephesians 4:1-16*

p. 236 in the pew Bible

The Sermon

"Collected or Called?"
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 God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the water of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**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

O God, in Christ you call us to lead a life worthy of our calling. We come before you and implore you to accept our gifts. We offer our diversity, that it may be made one by your reconciling Spirit. We return to you the talents conferred by your creative goodness. We present to you our acts of obedience in response to your trust. May who we are and what we do be acceptable in your sight, through Christ our redeemer. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 442

"The Church's One Foundation"

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude