

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

August 13, 2006

The Tenth 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 Call To Worship

Come, let us gather together all who seek to live for Christ!

**For the ways of the world are so alluring and full of temptations.**

But the world's standards are not God's standards at all.

**Then let us seek to know and follow the life-giving ways of the Lord.**

And let us join in song and worship for God's mercy and grace.

**Blessed by the name of the Lord!**

The Prayer of Adoration

**Your mercy is fresh every morning, O God. Your ways are just and true. You cause the day to dawn with the promise of life everlasting; in Christ we learn of your will. Your Spirit surrounds us with wisdom and guidance; you do not forsake us when we seek your counsel. Be pleased as we praise you and make haste to hear us, for we assemble to honor you, God of new life. Glory be to you O God – Our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.**

\*The Hymn 281

*“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

\*The Prayer for Confession

**O Holy Spirit, how we have grieved you! How often our words have been bitter, filled with malice and anger. How easily have we uttered lies of pretension and self-protection. How readily we take for ourselves the rewards of another's labor! Forgive all that is false and evil within us and among us. Free us from the self-justifying excuses that keep us from reaching out to one another. . . .** (time for silent confession). . .

\*The Choral Response

\*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel:

**God is merciful.**

**God is kind and tenderhearted and forgiving.**

In Jesus Christ, the Redeemer, God has loved us and given up life for us.

**In Jesus Christ the Redeemer, God forgives us. 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 18:5-9, 15, 31-33* p. 363 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 130* p. 705 in the pew Bible

The *Epistle* Lesson: *Ephesians 4:25-5:2* p. 237 in the pew Bible

The Anthem “*O, Divine Redeemer*” Gounod  
Anne & Tim Tarzier

A Moment With the Children

\*The Hymn 347 “*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*”

The *Gospel* Lesson: *John 6:35, 41-45* p. 119 in the pew Bible

The Sermon “*Hanging on to Hunger*”  
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

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

**Eternal God, who gave us Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we respond to your goodness by offering ourselves as dough to be made alive by the leaven of the gospel. Knead us and mold us to fit your will for us. Flavor us with the richness of Christ's teaching. Shape us by his sacrificial love on our behalf. Infuse us with your Spirit, and send us forth to be bread for the world. In Christ's name. Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

\*The Hymn 392 “*Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*”

\*The Charge & Benediction

\*The Postlude

Notice:

Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, August 27, beginning with the 10:00 am service of worship.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Associate Pastor Search Committee and to vote on calling the nominee as Associate Pastor.