

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

September 3, 2006

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:30 & 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

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

Michael Haydn, arr.

The Call To Worship

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
**so the Lord surrounds His people,
from this time on and forevermore.**

Today is the Lord's!
Let us worship God.

The Prayer of Adoration

From everlasting You have been our mountain and refuge, O Lord God. We come now before You singing hymns of praise and adoration. Hear the songs of heartfelt thanks which we now offer. Heal our wounded spirits and surround us with Your strength and power. Let Your peace be upon us as our hope is ever in You. We pray all this in the name of Christ Who is our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

*The Hymn 482

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

*The Prayer for Confession

O God, we confess that our good intentions have gone astray. We favor the people who are like us and honor those we deem to be important. We dishonor the poor, write off those with whom we disagree, excuse our self-serving behavior, and sow injustice on every hand. It is so much easier to give advice than to do good. We would rather point fingers at others who are unfair than to give up our own advantages. O God, we plead for Your forgiveness and for a depth of faith that will make a difference in us and in our world. . . (time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

“Have Mercy On Us, Living Lord”

Hal H. Hopson

*The Assurance of Pardon

*The Gloria Patria

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

Hear our cries, God of Truth. Attune our ears to wisdom and our hearts to understanding. From the mouths of Your servants grant us insight that leads to righteousness and understanding. By the grace of Your Word, guide us in discipleship through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The *Old Testament* Lesson: *Song of Sol. 2:8-13* p. 765 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9* p. 635 in the pew Bible

The Anthem “*Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing*” Gordon Young

The *Gospel* Lesson: *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23* p. 51 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 386 (8:30 am) “*O for a World*”

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

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

The Baptism

The Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church
to share with us in His ministry for we are all one in Christ.**

*The Hymn 492 “*Baptized in Water*”

The *Epistle* Lesson: *James 1:17-27* p. 278 in the pew Bible

The Sermon “*A Few Last Words*”
Glynn S. Bell

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

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

We give because You have been generous to us, gracious God. We give because we need to give in order to realize Your image within us. We give to feed the hungers of body and soul that are all around us and deep within. May the ministries of this church meet the needs of our members, our community, and our world. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves in the name of Jesus, Amen.

GO IN GOD’S NAME.

*The Hymn 555 “*Now Thank We All Our God*”

*The Charge & Benediction “*Go with Us, Lord*” Thomas Tallis

*The Postlude