

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

September 10, 2006

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:30 & 11:00 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                    *“Oh, I Know the Lord’s Laid His Hands on Me”*

The Call To Worship

Come, people of God. Come all of you,  
rich and poor, young and old.

**God is the Creator of all.**

Come now and worship our generous and faithful God.

**God calls us to life and to share  
in all of God’s abundance.**

Come and worship and let us sing songs of joy and thanks.

**We worship with our lives, with our hearts  
and our voices and our actions.**

The Prayer of Adoration

\*The Hymn 417                    *“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”*

\*The Prayer for Confession

**O God, Giver of mercy, in Christ’s name hear us as we confess our sin. We speak when we should listen; we hesitate when we should act. Anger prevents us from working your righteousness; selfishness inhibits our responding in faith. We are called to proclaim boldly the dawn of your kingdom, but our shouts turn out to be mere whispers. Cleanse us of wickedness, and fill us with meekness. Redeem us in Christ, in whose name we pray. . . (time for silent confession). . .**

\*The Choral Response

\*The Assurance of Pardon

God owes us nothing.

**But God is gracious beyond any obligation we can imagine or calculate.**

The grace of God is this:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

\*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

The *Old Testament* Lesson: *Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23* p. 742 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 125* p. 703 in the pew Bible

The Anthem "Amazing Grace" Lee Turner, arr.

The *Epistle* Lesson: *James 2:1-10,14-17* p. 278 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

Dedication of Teachers and Leaders (see insert)

\*The Hymn 376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

The *Gospel* Lesson: *Mark 7:24-37* p. 52 in the pew Bible

The Sermon "Healing Over the Line"  
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 Dedication Doxology, p. 592 in the Hymnal

**Gracious God, accept the tributes we bring, and bless our endeavors in your name. With our voices we will sing your praises; with our hands we will care for the suffering. With our feet we will seek to walk faithfully; with our hearts we will love you completely. All that we have we return to you, who endow us with bountiful gifts. For your mercy and grace, we praise you through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

\*The Hymn 422 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

\*The Charge & Benediction

\*The Postlude