

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 14, 2007

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

(from Psalm 36)

How precious is the steadfast love of God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's wings.
All feast on the abundance of God's house,
God gives them drink from the river of delights.
**For with God is the fountain of life;
in God's light we see light.**

The Prayer of Adoration

*The Hymn 473

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

*The Prayer of Confession

We blend our voices in common confession, O God; you are our hope of salvation. The Apostle teaches that there are varieties of gifts, yet we judge others because they do not fit our mold. There is one Savior, yet we mistrust those who do not believe as we do, and doubt that they are led by the same Spirit. Forgive us for the many ways we sever the parts of Christ's body. . . (time for silent confession). .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

God has not designed us for our sin,
nor has God's grace been hidden from us.
**God has heard our prayer and answered our confession
in the great and loving power of Christ Jesus!**
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!
In Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! 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: *Isaiah 62:1-5*

p. 847 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 36:5-10*

p. 627 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

"Stand by Me"

Moses Hogan

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

p. 211 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 369

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

The Gospel Lesson: *John 2:1-11*

p. 113 in the pew Bible

The Sermon

"Profusion"
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, whom Jesus called Abba Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God
in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death
to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

**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 Gathering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology, p. 592 in the Hymnal

God of steadfast love, you give to each a measure of your bounteous mercy; accept what we offer in return as a gift of love from your family here. If it is service, make it pleasing in your sight. If it is wisdom, let it lead others to worship you alone. If it is dollars, multiply their effectiveness. Do this for the sake of Christ, whose gift of himself has made us one. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 422

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude