

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 4, 2007

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

"Tallis Canon"
Youth Handbells

Margaret Tucker, arr.

Greeting and Announcements

The Introit

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
Youth Handbells

Charles Maggs, arr.

The Call To Worship

(from *Psalm 138*)

I bow down and give thanks to Your name
for Your steadfast love and faithfulness.

**On the day I called, You answered me,
You increased my strength of soul.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
You stretch out Your hand and deliver me.

**Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of Your hands.**

The Prayer of Adoration

O Holy God, whom all the rulers of the earth shall praise, we join in singing praises of your ways. You are high above us, yet show holy regard for the least among us. You never forsake the work of your hands, but complete the good you have begun among us. Your steadfast love endures for ever. Holy, holy, holy are you, O God, and great is your glory in all the earth. Amen.

*The Hymn 138

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

*The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, You call, but we seldom hear. You beckon, yet we turn away. Sin keeps us from responding to You, and so often we seem incapable of doing good. Forgive our lack of attention to things that matter. Habitually, we ignore Your call to worship and service. Release us from all that prevents us from being the people You would have us be, and forgive us in Christ...time for silent confession...

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: Christ died for us
so that our sin might die with him.

**Christ rose for us so that in his
resurrection our lives might be forever.**

Because of Christ you are no longer bound to the sin of the past,
but forgiven so that you might live abundantly into the future.

May all glory be to God! 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 6:1-13* p. 778 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 138* p. 709 in the pew Bible

The Anthem "Sing, Be Joyful, Alleluia" Telemann/Hopson, arr

The Reception of New Members (8:30 am)

Questions of Membership
The Sacrament of Baptism

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

*The Prayer of Reception

O God our one true Parent: We praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Reception

**Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.**

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Corinthians 15:1-11* p. 214 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 106 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

The Gospel Lesson: *Luke 5:1-11* p. 76 in the pew Bible

The Sermon "Away from Me"
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

*The *Apostles' Creed* (11:00 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

Holiest of all, You call us to witness Your divine splendor; You touch our lips, and with our voices we praise You. You are uplifted, yet You stoop to hear us, cleansing our guilt and forgiving our sin. We are here in response to Your calling; we offer our gifts of time, talents, and tithe. Send us forth as Your witnesses; so that hosts may know You and give You glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*The Hymn 419 *“How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord”*

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude