

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2007

8:30 and 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 28)

Blessed be the Lord,
for God has heard the sound of our pleadings.
The Lord is our strength and shield;
in God our hearts trust,
so we are helped, and our hearts exult.
And with our song
we give thanks to our God.

The Prayer of Adoration

God of our salvation, we give You praise. When we cry for help You hear us; from out of the pit of sorrow and despair You rescue us. You are our shield and our helper. For Your steadfast love we raise our voices in faithful thanksgiving to Your wondrous name. Glory and honor to You, O Living God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Hymn 147

“Blessing and Honor”

*The Prayer of Confession

God of light, who shines in deepest darkness, we hear You calling us out of hopelessness into hope, but we are frightened. We are afraid of taking chances; we are afraid of following Your light, because it leads us into the places where You need us. We don't want to see how Your people hurt. We don't want to see Your light shining in the eyes of our neighbor. Yet we know that in those places Your grace shines; help us to seek Your light. Guide us in Your way, that we might be Your children of day. . . (time for silent confession). . .

*The Assurance of Pardon

God is light! In God there is no darkness!
Arise! Shine! Our Light awaits!
We are forgiven.
We will walk in the light of God's grace!

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.)

The Minute for Mission

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 9:1—20* p. 154 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 30* p. 621 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *“Joy in the Morning”* Sleeth

The Epistle Lesson: *Revelation 5:11-14* p. 301 in the pew Bible

A Moment with the Children

*The Hymn 326 (8:30 am) *“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”*

Confirmation (11:00 a.m.)

Questions of Membership

**Apostles Creed* p. 14 in the Hymnal

Baptism

Charge

Prayer

Blessing

*The Hymn 524 (11:00 am) *“Holy Spirit, Lord of Love”*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 21:1-19* p. 141 in the pew Bible

The Sermon *“But Wait...There’s More”*
Patrick Dennis

TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD. . .

*The *Apostles’ Creed* (8:30 am) p. 14 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of the People
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

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world. We come as Your chosen instruments, called to serve. By Your might we are empowered to do what You ask of us. With Your blessing we can rejoice in the gift of new life. To Your glory we have been granted the Spirit's counsel. Receive our gifts of thanksgiving as we give You all honor and praise forever and ever. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME.

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

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Postlude

