

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 17, 2007

8:30 and 10:00 am

*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 *Psalms* 5)

Give ear to my words, O Lord, give heed to my sighing.

**Listen to the sound of our cry,
for to You alone do we pray.**

O Lord, in the morning You hear my voice,
in the morning I plead my case to You and watch.

Lead us, O God in Your righteousness.

Make Your way straight before us.

Let all who take refuge in You rejoice, let them ever sing for joy.

**For You bless the righteous, O God,
You cover them with favor.**

Let the whole assembly worship the Lord!

The Prayer of Adoration

Giver of hope and gladness, who can turn our sorrow into exaltation, we praise You for Jesus, through whom we live anew. Christ quenches our thirst with living water; when we hunger for righteousness, our lives are filled with good things. We abide in the shelter of Your love, O God, and raise our voices to worship and adore You. Glory to You Eternal God – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all. Amen.

*The Hymn 491

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

*The Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, even though You have given us all we need, we resent the blessings You have given to others. Our ingratitude deserves Your righteous judgment; yet we call upon You to forgive us in tender mercy. We have failed to trust in Your goodness, whatever our circumstance. Too often, we choose not to walk with You in paths of service, wherever You lead; nor to love You and our neighbors, regardless of the cost. We confess that we are timid disciples in need of Your grace. . .
(time for silent confession). . .

*The Assurance of Pardon

(from Galatians 2:16b & c)

We have come to believe in Christ Jesus.

**So that we might be justified by faith in Christ,
and not by our own doing.**

None of us will be justified by our own doing.

**Because of what Jesus Christ has done,
we are forgiven. 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.)

Father's Day Recognition

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *I Kings 21:1-10,15-21a* p. 407 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 5:1-8* p.603 in the pew Bible

The Anthem “*Blest Are They Whose Spirits Long*” Hal Hopson

The Gospel Lesson: *Luke 7:36-8:3* p. 80 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 347 “*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*”

Confirmation (10:00 am)

Questions of Membership

**Apostles Creed* p. 14 in the Hymnal

*Hymn of Reception “*Blest be the Tie that Binds*”

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

The Epistle Lesson: *Galatians 2:15-21* p. 229 in the pew Bible

The Sermon “*Being First*”
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

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 DedicationDoxology p. 592 in the Hymnal

Messenger from on high, we come having heard Your word of assurance; You will minister to us during our sojourn of faith. We shall not want, since You continue to watch over us; You will sustain us daily in response to our needs. Accept now our gifts, for they acknowledge Your abundance. Whatever we offer is due to Your grace. Take them and use them to Your glory and honor as in Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD’S NAME.

*The Hymn 371 “*Lift High the Cross*”

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Postlude