

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 24, 2007

8:30 and 10:00 am

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

“Siciliana”
Tina Kerchner, flute

Saverio Mercadante

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

(from *Psalms* 42)

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
So my soul longs for You, O God.
**O send out Your light and Your truth;
let them lead me to the throne of Your grace.**
Hope in God; for I shall again praise the Lord, my help and my God.
**Then I will go to the altar of God
and praise You with the harp, O Lord, my God.**

The Prayer of Adoration

O God of light and truth, lead us by Your Word to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling. Then we shall come to Your altar with exceeding joy and praise You with the lyre, for You are God. The wind cannot contain You, nor the fires consume You; the earthquake fails to encompass Your power, for You are God. Speak as You have spoken with Your still small voice, and we shall hear and be Your people. Glory be to You, the One Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Hymn 482

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

*The Prayer of Confession

Infinite Word of truth, breathe upon us the refreshing breath of your Holy Spirit and forgive our transgressions. Cleanse our hearts of false doctrine by the winds of righteousness and truth. Purge us by the fires of Your eternal judgment and we shall be pure. Shake the foundations of our jealousy and selfishness and cast us anew in the image of Christ Jesus. In Your great mercy forgive us. . . .
(time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

“Father, Forgive Me Now This Day”

Michell Deppe

*The Assurance of Pardon

We were set apart before we ever knew it to trust and to serve God.
In Christ, God set aside our sin that we might trust and serve God.
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:
In Jesus 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: *1 Kings 19:1-15a* p. 404 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 42* p. 633 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *“Hear My Prayer, O Lord”* Nathan Surgenor
(from *Psalms 55 and 56*)

The Epistle Lesson: *Galatians 3:23-29* p. 230 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 440 *“In Christ There is No East or West”*

The Gospel Lesson: *Luke 8:26-39* p. 82 in the pew Bible

The Sermon *“Beyond Our Fears”*
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD. . .

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

The Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering
Gathering of Our Gifts

The Offertory *“Achat Sha’alti”* Paul Schoenfield
(based on *Psalms 27*)

*The Doxology and Prayer of DedicationDoxology p. 592 in the Hymnal

Guardian of our destiny, we come in response to Christ’s call to discipleship. We offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving with the prayer that You will deem it worthy of Your grace. We offer our deeds of goodness; transform them into acts of benevolence befitting Your mercy. We offer our treasure; turn it into the means of new life for all. In Jesus’ name we ask it. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD’S NAME.

*The Hymn 360 *“Hope of the World”*

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Postlude