

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost*

July 8, 2007

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

\*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

### GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

The Introit

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call To Worship

(from *Psalms* 30)

The realm of God has come near.

Enter this time of worship with joyous expectation.

**We will extol You, O God, for You have drawn us up.**

**You rescued us from the pit and restored us to life.**

Sing praises to God, all faithful ones.

Give thanks to God's holy name.

**We have known Your favor, O God, in many ways.**

**You have healed us and turned our mourning to dancing.**

Rejoice in the work you are given to do.

Give thanks that your names are known to God.

**We will praise You, O God, and not be silent.**

**We will give thanks to You forever.**

The Prayer of Adoration

**God of the dawn, we arise to the hope of Your redeeming grace. God of the dusk, we rest secure in assurance that You neither slumber nor sleep. God of the noonday sun, we dwell in the mist of Your unfailing mercy. You are above us, beneath us, and throughout all creation. Through the abundance of Your encompassing love we worship and praise Your glorious name. Thanks be to You and all praise, O gracious God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.**

\*The Hymn 476      *"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Gentle God, angry God, gracious God, we know we have let You down in many ways. We have not lived up to Your high intentions for us. You send us out as ambassadors of peace, and instead we pick fights with our sisters and brothers. You commission us to travel light, and we become bogged down with our possessions. You ask us to help ease the burdens others carry, but we add to them. You call us to joy in Your inclusive realm, but instead we create our own ghettos. Have mercy on us (time for silent confession). . .**

\*The Choral Response

\*The Assurance of Pardon

God's anger is but for a moment;

**God's favor is for a lifetime.**

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 Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 30*

p. 621 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

The Old Testament Lesson: *2 Kings 5:1-14*

p. 416 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

Ruth Moreau

\*The Hymn 399      “*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*”

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 17:14-21*

p. 23 in the pew Bible

The Sermon

“The Potency of a Tiny Faith”  
The Rev. Al Moreau

“For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed,  
you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’  
and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” *Matthew 17:20b*

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

The Gathering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

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

**O God of the heavenly vineyard, in Christ You have sown the seed of our eternal salvation. Through the Holy Spirit You have planted Your Word of wisdom and might. We are surrounded by countless acts of Your graciousness and are empowered in every way by Your sustaining love. Receive the fruits of our labors which we lay before You, and bless them to Your glory. In Christ’s name. Amen.**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD’S NAME.

\*The Hymn 404      “*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*”

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Postlude