

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

August 12, 2007

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

“O Come and Sing Unto the Lord”

The Call To Worship

(from *Psalm 50*)

The Mighty One, God our creator,
speaks and summons the earth.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting out of Zion,
God shines forth.**

God calls to the heavens above and to the earth,
that God may judge the people:

**The heavens declare God’s righteousness,
for God alone is judge.**

Let all who made a covenant with God,
gather together before God’s presence.

**Let us bring to God our offering,
thanksgiving as a sacrifice, honoring our God.**

The Prayer of Adoration

O God in heaven, like a potter You framed the universe, and with Your hands You made us. You fashioned creation to fulfill Your purpose. Through Christ You restore that which is broken; by Your Holy Spirit You enflame us with zeal to obey. Look down from heaven to see if there are any who act wisely; You will see us and hear us praising Your name. Glory to you O God – Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all. Amen.

*The Hymn 488

“The God of Abraham Praise”

*The Prayer of Confession

By faith You called Abraham to sojourn, O God; by faith Sarah conceived even when she was past the age. We read of their witness and marvel at their obedience; our faith is meager by comparison. We rarely venture out without knowing the destination; we want to know what’s in it for us before we commit ourselves to Your call. In Jesus’ name, forgive our lack of daring and commitment and help us to trust You completely . . . (time for silent confession) . . .

*The Choral Response

“Have Mercy on Me”

*The Assurance of Pardon

(from *Isaiah 1:18*)

Come, let us reason together, says the Lord;
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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: *Isaiah 1:1,10-20* p. 771 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 50:1-8,22-23* p. 639 in the pew Bible

The Anthem "David's Prayer" Michael Costa
Dorothy Mondak, Soprano

The Gospel Lesson: *Luke 12:32-40* p. 91 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 15 (8:30 am) "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"

The Sacrament of Baptism (10:00 am)

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

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in His ministry for we are all one in Christ.**

*The Hymn 499 "Wonder of Wonders Here Revealed"

The Epistle Lesson: *Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16* p. 273 in the pew Bible

The Sermon "A Moving Faith"
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The Apostles' Creed (8:30 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 Offertory "Great is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Stewart Landon

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

Righteous God, You cast out fear and open the doors to Your dominion. We come bearing alms, as Christ would have us do. All that we own, You have given to us. We set it apart to Your glory and honor. Who we are is due to Your graciousness; we commit our efforts to Your service. Possess us and guide us through Your Holy Spirit and we shall live out our days praising Your name. Amen.

TO GO AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 268 "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

*The Charge & Benediction "Peace I Leave with You" Robert F. Sandlin

*The Postlude