

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## The Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

October 21, 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

(based on *Jeremiah 31, Psalm 119, 121*)

We gather to worship the God who has covenanted with us

**Our help comes from God who made heaven and earth**

Our eyes are opened to meet God face to face

**God takes us by the hand to lead us**

Come to taste God's Word, which is sweeter than honey

**God welcomes us and protects us as we walk with**

**new understanding of truth**

The Prayer of Praise

**Almighty One, we are Your people and Your law is written on our hearts. We come with thankful hearts to praise You. Accept our praise and thanksgiving, and empower us to witness to Your love and mercy that we may help to hasten the day when all our neighbors know You. To You alone be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

\*The Hymn 454

*"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**O God, our Judge and Redeemer, we confess that we have failed in our ministry to others. We listen for teachings to our own liking. We yearn for doctrines that boost our egos. We follow those who flatter us. We seek comfort and not challenge from our confessions of faith. Renew a right spirit within us, O God, and train us in righteousness as You forgive our sin. . .(time for silent confession)**

\*The Choral Response

\*The Assurance of Pardon

\*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.)

Stewardship Moment

### TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Jeremiah 31:27-34* p. 899 in the pew Bible  
The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 119:97-104* p. 699 in the pew Bible  
The Anthem *“Be Thou My Vision”* arr. John Rutter  
The Epistle Lesson: *2 Timothy 3:14-4:5* p. 260 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

\*The Hymn 327 *“O Word of God Incarnate”*

The Gospel Lesson: *Luke 18:1-8* p. 99 in the pew Bible

The Sermon *“Bruised Knees”*  
Patrick Dennis

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 DedicationDoxology, p. 592 in the Hymnal

**Eternal God, source of all goodness, power, and strength, we come with gifts in response to Your love. You pour out Your goodness; we bring You thanksgiving. You infuse us with power; we offer the fruits of our labor. You sustain us with strength; all that we do we dedicate to Your glory. Honor us and bless those endeavors, which are a testimony to Your abiding grace. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD’S NAME.

\*The Hymn 420 *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

\*The Charge & Benediction

\*Postlude