

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 28, 2007

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

\*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

### GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

*“Prelude in E Flat”*

Alexander Guilmant

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Opening Hymn

*“Come, All You People”*

Sacred Dancers, Youth Choir, Adult Choir, Pastors, and Congregation

\*The Hymn 482

*“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”*

\*Prayer of Confession

**To fear You is the beginning of wisdom, O God, and to confess our sins can lead to repentance. We acknowledge the wrongs we commit against neighbors; the remarks that aim at tearing them down, the actions that exclude, the subtle and not so subtle distinctions that “put them in their place.” Forgive us for our love of comfort in a world that is hungry and thirsty. Have mercy on us in Christ’s name...(time for silent confession)...**

\*The Choral Response

The Assurance of Pardon

God justifies those who confess their guilt and forgives their transgressions.

**The God of our salvation delivers us in awesome ways.**

Those who put their trust in God and center their hope in Jesus Christ  
are blessed by an outpouring of the Spirit.

**God equips us to fight the good fight, to finish the race, to keep the faith.**

Be glad and rejoice in God. 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: *Joel 2:23-32*

p. 1038 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 6*

p. 649 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

*“How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place”*

Johannes Brahms

The Gospel Lesson: *Luke 18:9-14*

p. 99 in the pew Bible

Anniversaries of Membership

A Moment With the Children

\*The Hymn 364                      *“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”*

The Epistle Lesson: *2 Corinthians 9:6-15*                      p. 224 in the pew Bible

The Sermon    *“A Paradox of Progress”*  
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD. . .

The Prayers of Thanksgiving, Remembrance, and Intercession  
The Lord’s Prayer    p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering  
The Gathering of Our Gifts

The Offertory    *Andante, from “Lyric Pieces”*                      Edvard Grieg

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

**Whether we have much or have little, we give You what is Your own and we give it with joy, Gracious God. We pray that what we have has been justly gained, and that You would so reshape our world and its systems that we would never need doubt. Teach us to trust You to supply all our needs, for you are the source of life. Through Christ Our Lord we pray. Amen.**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD’S NAME.

\*The Hymn 414                      *“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”*

\*The Charge & Benediction

Go in peace to serve God and your neighbor  
in all that you do.

**We are sent in Christ’s name.**

May the God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**We rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds, in the knowledge  
and love of God, and of God’s Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

\*Postlude    *“Toccata on Ein Feste Burg”*                      Gordon Young