

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## The Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

November 4, 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

The Introit

The Call To Worship

The time is coming and now is.

**Christ is coming soon.**

Christ calls. Christ comes to us.

**Here we have come.**

**Let us with joy and thanks worship the Lord.**

\*The Hymn 229

*"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**All-knowing God, we confess our participation in the hatred and evil that is consuming this planet. We gladly accept for ourselves the power and advantages that come our way. We seldom consider the cost to others of our prosperity. We tolerate poverty, hunger, and homelessness for people we do not know. We think our small efforts too insignificant to make a difference. Wash away, O God, the evil that paralyzes us, that we may become rescuers of the oppressed and seekers after justice. In Your mercy, forgive us for all the times we fall short of the Gospel of Christ. . . (time for silent confession)**

\*The Choral Response

\*The Assurance of Pardon

God is righteous and intends to make us worthy of the kingdom of God.

**Christ suffered that we might be made worthy by the grace of God.**

We believe and rejoice in 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.)

Stewardship Moment

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

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Habakkuk 1:1-4,2:1-4*

p. 1066 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 119:137-144*

p. 700 in the pew Bible

The Epistle Lesson: *2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12*

p. 251 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

*“Come and Dwell in Solomon’s Walls”*

Randall Stroope

Children’s Anthem

*“Zacchaeus”*

Mary Nelson Keithahn

A Moment With the Children

\*The Hymn 361

*“How Firm a Foundation”*

The Gospel Lesson: *Luke 19:1-10*

p. 100 in the pew Bible

The Sermon

*“Who Sees Jesus?”*  
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

The Gathering of Our Gifts and Presentation of our Pledges

The Offertory Hymns

Hymn 422

*“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”*

Hymn 428

*“We Give Thee but Thine Own”*

Hymn 425

*“Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining”*

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology, p. 592 in the Hymnal

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD’S NAME.

\*The Hymn 418

*“God, Bless Your Church with Strength!”*

\*The Benediction

\*Postlude