

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The First Sunday in Lent

February 10, 2008

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

"There is a Fountain"
Jubilate Ringers

Sandra Eithun, arr.

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

(from Psalm 32)

Let all who are faithful offer prayer to You; at a time of distress,
the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.
**You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble;
You surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**
I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go.
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
**Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O Righteous, and shout for joy,
all you upright in heart.**

The Prayer of Praise

In times of distress You do not forsake us, O God. Amid the intrusions of life You comfort Your people. When we find ourselves in whatever wilderness we wander, Your Spirit is there to guide us correctly. Your eye is ever upon us as a mother watches over her brood. In Christ's name we gather as those You have made righteous. Hear our shouts of joy with our heart made upright! All praise be to You the One Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Hymn 81

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

*The Prayer of Confession

Loving God, You beckon us to take refuge in You, trusting You to preserve us from trouble. Instead we hide from You, not wanting You to see our ingratitude, our guilt – the sinfulness that drives us to choose trouble over You. We confess how we fall for lies that prey upon our insecurities; how we deny our limits and our need of You; how we desire things other than what You graciously bestow; how we wander from Your ways and disregard Your love. In your mercy, forgive us, we pray. (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.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7*

p. 2 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 32*

p. 623 in the pew Bible

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 5:12-19*

p. 189 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

"I To the Hills Lift Up Mine Eyes"

Jean Berger

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 283

"God Marked a Line and Told the Sea"

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 4:1-11*

p. 3 in the pew Bible

The Communion Meditation

"Saying No"
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The *Nicene Creed*

(Ecumenical Text) p. 15 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Service of Offering

The Offertory

TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT. . .

All baptized persons, **children and adults**, are invited to participate in *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*. *The Presbyterian Church* welcomes everyone baptized in the name of Jesus Christ to come to *The Table of the Lord*.

*The Hymn of Preparation 78

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

The Invitation

The Call To Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

. . . who forever sing to the glory of Your name,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of Power and Might,
Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest . . .
. . . So we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Dying You destroyed our death, rising You restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory. . .

The Lord's Prayer

p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Communion

(You are invited to hold each element with reverent meditation until all have been served,
so that we may partake simultaneously as a sign of our unity in Christ.)

The Prayer After Communion

Thank You, God of All Strength, for Jesus Who withstood the tempter's power for weeks on end, until by Your Word Jesus was again left alone, faithful and victorious. We bless You for this holy meal, and we thank You for the confidence that Christ stands with us in every trial. After His example of prayer and fasting, may we obey You with willing hearts and serve one another in Christ in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 85

"What Wondrous Love is This?"

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude