

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2008

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

"This is My Father's World"
Jubilate Ringers

Cathy Moglebust, arr.

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

(from *Psalms* 68)

Let the righteous be joyful;
let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy.
Sing to God, sing praises to God's name;
**Lift up a song to God Who rides upon the clouds;
Whose name is the Most High, be exultant before God.**
Guardian of orphans and protector of widows
is God in God's holy habitation.
**Sing to God, O nations of the earth;
Sing praises to God.**

The Prayer of Adoration

Eternal God, by raising Jesus from the dead You proclaimed His victory, and by His ascension, You declared Him Lord of all. We worship You in praise and adoration for Your matchless gift in Christ Jesus. By Your grace, now lift our hearts to heaven where He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*The Hymn 142

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, father and mother to orphans, protector of outcasts, provider for the needy, savior of all: We confess that we have neglected the work You entrusted to us. We have been half-hearted in our prayers, in our care for those who suffer, and in our witness to Your love for us, and for all. You have promised us a glorious inheritance in the resurrection. Still, we live as though we had no hope. .
(time for silent confession). . .

*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 New Testament Lesson: *Acts 1:6-14*

p. 143 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Ps. 68:1-10, 32-35*

p. 651 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *"I'm Goin' to Sing"* Robert Shaw & Alice Parker, arr.

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11* p. 285 in the pew Bible

The Ordination and Installation of Elders (8:30 am – see insert)

The *Sacrament of Baptism* (11:00 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 494 *"Out of Deep, Unordered Water"*

A Moment With the Children

The Gospel Lesson: *John 17:1-11* p. 136 in the pew Bible

The Sermon *"Here and There"*
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 Gathering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

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

You pour out Your love upon us, O God; You give us eternal life. As Your mercy is made manifest in Jesus, may thanksgiving be shown by our gifts. Accept what we offer as signs of our humble gratitude for all that You do on our behalf. Make us useful servants of Christ in bringing Your sons and daughters to a greater sense of Your glory. In His holy name we pray. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 443 *"O Christ, the Great Foundation"*

*The Charge & Benediction

The reign of God is being restored among us.

The Holy Spirit is coming to empower us.

We are together in awe before God.

Now we carry our worship into our work.

God cares for us and supports us day by day.

In all we do and say, God is present.

We see God's power in the skies.

We realize the power of God's love within.

Go now to share that love to strengthen others.

Trust God and be alert to life's possibilities.

God dwells among us and unites us in Christ.

In this faith is our deepest joy.

Alleluia! Amen.

*The Postlude