

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

June 12, 2005

The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

THE PEOPLE GATHER. . .

The Prelude

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"
Jubilate Ringers

Cynthia Dobrinski, arr.

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

Welcome to this place and time.
The Creator of the universe is already here;
God is compassionate and walks with us through this world.
**We walk in the presence of the Holy One
who knows our thoughts and our actions.**
We are assembled here as God's people—
God's thankful people!
We will sing and pray our hopes and our fears.
We listen for the Spirit's enthusiasm.
In sorrow and gladness we know God is merciful and good;
we experience grace every day.
**Our hearts are confident that God upholds us
in our living and our dying! Hallelujah!**

The Prayer of Adoration

*The Hymn 482

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

*The Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, often we fail to recognize that You are always with us. We are the ungodly ones who deny Your love by our failure to love. We deny Your law by our failure to live by it. We laugh at Your promises. We appear more burdened than joyful in the midst of the wondrous gift of life. We seldom pause to give thanks. The compassion of Christ finds little echo in us, who claim to be Christians. We need Your forgiveness, O God, and a new vision. . . (time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

The Lord has delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears,
our feet from stumbling.

We walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Believe 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.)

A Moment for Mission

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The *Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 18:1-15*

p. 13 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 116:1-2,12-19* p. 530 in the pew Bible

The Anthem "Ain't Got Time to Die"
Trey Talmadge, Tenor Hall Johnson, arr.

The *Epistle* Lesson: *Romans 5:1-8* p. 980 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

Reception of Confirmands (8:30 am)

Presentation and Questions of Membership

*The *Apostles' Creed*

p. 14 in the Hymnal

The Baptism

Prayer

Eternal God, the one true Parent of all: we praise you for calling us to be the church, Christ's body on earth. We thank you for charging us to be a servant people and for choosing to add to our number these sisters and brothers in faith. We bless you for their baptisms, and for the nurture and support of their parents, families and congregations. Thank you for their journeys of faith - their talents, gifts and abilities given to glorify you with all your saints of every time and place. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

Charge and Blessing

*Hymn 280 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

The *Gospel* Lesson: *Matthew 9:35-10:8* p. 842 in the pew Bible

The Sermon "In Person"
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

*The *Apostles' Creed* (11 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 Dedication

Doxology, p. 592 in the Hymnal

We repeat our vows of commitment to You, Gracious God, as we dedicate this offering. We are disciples of Jesus Christ, commissioned to share the Good News. May all that we dedicate here – our abilities, the fleeting moments of our days, the resources entrusted to our management – announce Your reign and the nearness of Your dominion. We thank you for the faithful ministries of sisters and brothers in faith around the world. Bless these banners that they may be sentinels of Your faithfulness with the people of Osu North Presbyterian Church. We give with joy and serve with delight, thanking You for this opportunity to share what You have given, through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 422 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude