

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

June 19, 2005

The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

THE PEOPLE GATHER. . .

The Prelude

“Beach Spring”
from *The Sacred Harp*

Setting by Wilbur Held

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

(from *Psalms* 86)

You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to You I cry all day long.

**For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on You.**

For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God.
**Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere Your name.**

Let us worship God!

The Prayer of Adoration

How can we keep from praising you, wondrous God? Your steady love is beyond belief, or would be except for Christ. You uphold us and keep us from slipping back into old ways. How can we not praise you, God of strength and power? Face-to-face you came to us in Christ, saving us and preserving our lives. How can we not praise you, God of all mercies? We do praise you, now and forever. Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Hymn 483

“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

*The Prayer of Confession

Creator God, you breathed the breath of life into every one of your children. You know our every need and care for us faithfully. Yet, we fail to follow your call and your guidance. We lack courage to care for all people, those who differ from us, those who demand too much, those who take up our time with petty concerns. We are impatient with one another and carelessly harm each other with quick and hurtful words. Have mercy upon us for resisting new insights you offer and new challenges you give to us. In your mercy, forgive us. . . (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.)

A Moment for Mission

Mexico Team

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The *Old Testament* Lesson: *Genesis 21:8-21* p. 15 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 86* p. 513 in the pew Bible

The *Epistle* Lesson: *Romans 6:1b-11* p. 981 in the pew Bible

The Anthem "Since By Man Came Death" George F. Handel
from *Messiah*

A Moment With the Children

*Hymn 492 "Baptized in Water"

The *Gospel* Lesson: *Matthew 10:24-39* p. 843 in the pew Bible

The Sermon "Loving Life"
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

*The *Apostles' Creed* 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 "Simple Gifts" Wilbur Held, arr.

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

For all the great and wondrous things you have done for us, O God, we are grateful. You give us strength to go on when we are troubled and discouraged. You grant newness of life as we share in Christ's resurrection. We want to pass on the good news through this offering and by the way we live each day. Lead us and guide us in your steadfast love, that we might channel your gift to all we meet. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 393 "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude "Bachiana" Gordon Young