

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

July 3, 2005

The Seventh 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

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

W. Steffe

The Call To Worship

Come with joy and gladness to praise and honor God.
Come to the refreshing waters that God provides.
God is gracious and merciful and full of compassion.
All creation joins us in giving thanks.

Give ear, all people, to the law of God.
Give thanks for all the guidance God gives us.
God upholds all who are falling.
God raises us up when we are bowed down.

Come, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens.
Come, for Christ has promised rest.
The gentle spirit of Christ invites us.
We have come to find rest for our souls.

The Prayer of Adoration

*The Hymn 262

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

*The Litany of Confession

Gracious God: Your justice is like rock, and Your mercy like pure flowing water. Judge and forgive us. If we have turned from You, return us to Your way; for without You we are lost people. Hear the confessions of our hearts. . (time for silent confession). . .

From brassy patriotism and a blind trust in power;
Deliver us, O God of Hope.
From public deceptions that weaken trust;
from self-seeking in high political places;
Deliver us, O God of Truth.
From divisions among us of class or race;
from wealth that will not share,
and poverty that feeds on food of bitterness;
Deliver us, O God of Peace.
From neglecting rights;
from overlooking the hurt, the imprisoned,
and the needy among us;
Deliver us, O God of Compassion.
From a lack of concern for other lands and peoples;
from narrowness of national purpose;
from failure to welcome the peace You promise on earth;

**Deliver us, of God of Life.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*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

Scripture Readings: *Exodus 4:10-17*

p. 48 in the pew Bible

Exodus 17:1-7

p. 60 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

“Ave Verum Corpus”

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Jeremy Vaughn, Baritone

A Moment With the Children

*Hymn 276

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Scripture Readings: *Deuteronomy 8:1-20*

p. 159 in the pew Bible

Mark 6:1-6

p. 872 in the pew Bible

The Sermon

“A Crisis in Leadership”

Rev. Dr. Carroll A. Londoner

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 Offertory

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

With all the gifts of creation, You have blessed us, Gracious God. We give thanks for all Your works. Gratitude is our first impulse for giving. Accept our grateful hearts, along with our gifts. Use them to build up Your kingdom here and around the world. As You are faithful to us, O God, may we be faithful in all things, seeking always to live by Your gracious will through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 564

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude