

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

July 24, 2005

The Tenth 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

"Berceuse"
Tina Kerchner, Flute

Franz Doppler

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

"With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim"
Tina Kerchner, Soprano

Percy Buck
(p. 235 in the Hymnal)

The Call To Worship

The Spirit helps us in our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought.
**We know that all things work together
for good for those who love God.**
What then are we to say about these things?
If God is for us, who is against us?
**You, who did not withhold your own Son,
will you not also give us all things through him?**

The Prayer of Adoration

Your face, O God, we seek, as we call on Your name. You hear us when we implore Your mercy, and grant us Your grace that fills us with joy. We are Your people, the heirs of Your promise. We enter Christ's household in response to His call. Fill us now with Your Spirit. Form us and mold us as we extol You with praise. For You alone are worthy O God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

*The Hymn 476 *"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"*

*The Prayer of Confession

We live as if our sin were the last word in our lives, God of redemption. We give in to it, and deny that we do. When we do not deny our rebellion against you, we deny that it matters. We honor separations and divisions of class, race and gender. We act as if bad things we did in the past should prevent us from being obedient now. Sound your word of forgiveness over the disquiet of our sin and empower us to believe it. . . (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 29:15-28*

p. 24 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter Lesson: Psalm 105:1-11,45b*

p. 523 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

Simple Song from "Mass"

Leonard Bernstein

Tina Kerchner, Soprano

The *Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:26-39*

p. 982 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 384

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

The *Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52*

p. 846 in the pew Bible

The Communion Meditation

"Second Looks"

The Rev. Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

*The *Nicene Creed*

(Ecumenical Text) p. 15 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Service of Offering

The Offertory

"Idyllio"

Pattapio Silva

Tina Kerchner, Flute

TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT. . .

*The Hymn of Preparation 345

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

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

. . . we bless Your holy name and praise You forevermore.

**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:

Christ had died; Christ is risen;

Christ will come again. . .

The Lord's Prayer

p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Communion

(You are invited to partake of the elements as you receive them with reverent meditation.)

The Prayer After Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 339

"Be Thou My Vision"

*The Charge & Benediction

“Watch Over Me, Lord”
Tina Kerchner, Soprano

David Barton

*The Postlude

“Go Forth in Peace”

Tom Birchwood