

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

August 14, 2005

The Thirteenth 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

“Come Thou Fount”
“Praise Him”
Spiritual Steel Drum Band

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

“Nearer My God to Thee”
Dorothy Mondak, Soprano

arr. John Gardner

The Call To Worship

Come let us worship God,
rejoicing in God’s loving care for us.
**We bring all our differences and yet
we worship together in unity.**
God is merciful to all.
O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
Through God all things are made.
Come let us worship together.

The Prayer of Adoration

**Our praise pours out, O God, because of the depth of Your riches and wisdom and knowledge!
How unsearchable are Your judgments and how inscrutable Your ways! Though we have not known
Your mind, nor been Your counselor, nor given You a gift to receive a gift in return, we rejoice and
give thanks that from You and through You and to You are all things. To You be the glory forever.
Amen.**

*The Hymn 274

“O God of Earth and Space”

*The Prayer of Confession

**Our Source of Deliverance, Christ, calls us to faith, while we seek our own security. He teaches us
to trust him, yet we don’t take that risk. He expects total commitment, and we think in terms of
percentage. Time after time we turn our backs on your grace, serving our idols and forsaking our
Christ. We rely on your promise in him to redeem us. We are dependent on him who can intercede
for us. O God, in Christ have mercy upon us. . .(time for silent confession). . .**

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

*The Gloria Patri

*The Peace and Greeting

p. 579 in the Hymnal

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 45:1-15* p. 40 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 133* p. 539 in the pew Bible

The Anthem "My Hope is in The Everlasting"
Dorothy Mondak, Soprano John Stainer

The *Epistle* Lesson: *Romans 11:1-2a,29-32* p. 985 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

The *Gospel* Lesson: *Matthew 15:10-28* p. 849 in the pew Bible

The Sermon "Irrevocable"
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 "Kum-Ba-Ya"
Spiritual Steel Drum Band

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

There are those who would be glad with the crumbs from your table, O God; we have received your gifts in abundance. Make us mindful of those who are needy, as we bring you our tithes and our offerings. Use them to ease the pain of those who are suffering. As we serve others, use us to fulfill your will. Through Christ Jesus our Lord we pray. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*The Charge & Benediction "Peace I Leave With You"
Dorothy Mondak, Soprano Robert F. Sandlin

*Choral Response

*The Postlude "He Gives Me Joy"
Spiritual Steel Drum Band