

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

September 19, 2004

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

Chorale: St. Antoni

Haydn

The Call to Worship

God welcomes those whose hearts are sick.
God's invitation comes to people whose joy is gone.
Why is the health of God's people not restored?
Why must we weep day and night for those we have lost?
There is a balm in Gilead. There is a physician who heals.
Jesus Christ is our mediator, healer, and savior.
We bring all our pain and unresolved anger.
We come in all our confusion to seek answers.
Bring all your urgent prayers and honest lamentations.
God is eager to offer salvation and open us to truth.
We cry out to God for deliverance from our sins.
We cry out to God for relief from all our afflictions.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

O God who loves us when we flee your love, who calls us when we will not hear, who will not give us up or hand us over to our own devices, we adore you for being the Holy One in our midst. All praise and honor be to you, gracious God, for leading your people with cords of compassion, yesterday, today and forever. Amen.

*The Hymn 420

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

The Gospel Lesson: *Luke 16:1-13*

The Sermon

“Pinched Into Creativity”
Rev. Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

Prayer of Dedication

Redeemed by Christ and gathered to praise you, we come with thanksgiving, O God our Savior. You relieve our hunger and quench our thirst. You fill us with good things and satisfy our needs. How shall we respond to such goodness and mercy? We commit all that we have to your honor and glory. Accept our offerings, O God, for they belong to you. In the holy name of Christ Jesus our Savior, Sovereign, and Friend we pray. Amen.

The Hymn 419

“How Clear is Our Vocation Lord”

*The Charge & Benediction

“Go Ye Now in Peace”

Eilers

*The Postlude