

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

October 9, 2005

The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

THE PEOPLE GATHER. . .

The Prelude

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Robert J. Hughes, arr.

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

J. R. Baxter, arr.

The Call To Worship

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord,
Who is good, and Whose steadfast love endures forever.
**Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord,
or declare the praise God is due?**
Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.
**Remember me, O Lord, when You show favor to Your people;
Help me when You deliver them.
Let us worship God!**

The Prayer of Adoration

Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, all, O God, are gifts of Your grace. We gather to sing praises unto Your name, and to extol Your virtues in the midst of our neighbors. Your commandments are just; they give us direction. Your covenant is encompassing, as in Christ we are knit together. All honor is Yours as we rejoice in Your glory! Praise be to You, O God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

*The Hymn 461

“God Is Here!”

*The Prayer of Confession

God of all mercy, You have planted within us a desire to observe justice and do righteousness. We want to be fair and honorable, delighting in life shared openly and honestly with family, friends, and co-workers. Instead, we are often defensive, fearful, and distracted. We spend more time with our toys than with Your truth. We seek temporary thrills rather than lasting meaning. Then we are disappointed when our “golden calves” bring no fulfillment. We return to You, loving God, intent on following the guidance we are receiving from You. Save us from ourselves. . .(time for silent confession).

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*The Choral Response

“Softly and Tenderly”

Will Thompson

*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.)

Minute for Mission

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The *Old Testament* Lesson: *Exodus 32:1-14*

p. 97 (OT) in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23*

p. 685 (OT) in the pew Bible

The Anthem

“I’m Going Home”

Pepper Choplin, arr.

The *Gospel* Lesson: *Matthew 22:1-14*

p. 29 (NT) in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 516

“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

The *Epistle* Lesson: *Philippians 4:1-9*

p. 242 (NT) in the pew Bible

The Sermon

“Peace that Guards”
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

“Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Franklin Ritter, arr.

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

May our offerings help to prepare many to feast at Your banquet table. May our generosity reflect the amazing abundance You entrust to our care. As we find joy in giving, may others be inspired to give their best, and may all of us realize Your peace, dwelling within and among us as we serve in Christ’s name. Amen.

GO IN GOD’S NAME.

*The Hymn 155

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

*The Charge & Benediction

“It is Well With My Soul”

Phillip Bliss

*The Postlude

“Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Triumphant”

David Paxton

