

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 17, 2004

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

THE PEOPLE GATHER. . .

The Prelude

"How Firm a Foundation"
Youth Bells

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

"You Shall Have a Song"
Youth Choir

Harriet Ziegenhals

The Call To Worship

(based on *Jeremiah 31* and *Psalms 119*)

Your law, O Lord, is written on our hearts.

It guides us and makes us wise.

The sweetness of Your words is sweeter than honey.

Your teachings lead us to understanding.

We praise You, God, for the knowledge You plant within us.

**We thank You for the forgiveness of our sins,
promised of old and made new every day in Jesus the Christ.**

Come, let us sing our praise.

**Let us worship God Who is with us now
and even to the end of the age!**

The Prayer of Praise

You are too much, Great God. Our minds cannot fathom You. Our hearts cannot hold You. Our spirits cannot comprehend You. Our words cannot tell You all that You are to us. Yet we would not pass this time without seeking to offer You the greatest praise we can muster. All honor and glory and praise to You, Eternal God - Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, this day and always. Amen.

*The Hymn 488

"The God of Abraham Praise"

*The Prayer of Confession

God of the Covenant, you promise to write your law in our hearts, that we would be your faithful people, even as you are our faithful God. You have confirmed your promise to us in your free gift of grace through Jesus Christ. Still, we stray from your ways, even though they are written upon our hearts. We have violated your holy calling. . .(time for silent confession). . .Forgive us; by your Spirit, renew us in our knowledge of you and our love for you. Grant us strength and courage to live with integrity, according to the deepest longings of our heart, to your honor and glory forever. Amen.

*The Choral Response

“Precious Lord”

*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: *Jeremiah 31:27-34*

p. 679 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 119:97-104*p. 119 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

“I’m Going to Sing”

Parker/Shaw

The *Epistle* Lesson: *2 Timothy 3:14-4:5*

p. 1039 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

The *Sacrament of Baptism* (8:30 a.m.)

*The *Apostles’ Creed*

p. 14 in the Hymnal

