

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

October 23, 2005

The Twenty-Third 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

Voluntary on "*Rhosymedre*"

R. Vaughan Williams

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

The Call To Worship

How good it is to sing praises to our God.
God is gracious and a song of praise is fitting.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.
Make melody to our God on musical instruments.
To God let us bow down in prayer and praise.

The Prayer of Adoration

Awesome God, we are humbled by Your great power that commanded light to shine out of darkness, that stretched out the infinite heavens, and created and sustained our small planet and the vast universe. We praise You for Your creative genius. Most of all we praise You for Your demonstration of love for us in sending Jesus to make evident Your personal concern and caring for us. We give honor to You our Creator, Redeemer, and Friend. Amen.

*The Hymn 210

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*The Prayer of Confession

O creating and sustaining God, we are afraid of change. We often like to use Your changelessness as a pillow on which to rest in the middle of life's turmoil. We do not know for sure how to apply the gospel to the choices that confront us, so we do nothing. Forgive us and give us the confidence to choose Your direction. Help us to keep awake to the present and alive to the possibilities of the future. Help us to change when change is required...time for silent confession)...

*The Choral Response

"More Love to Thee"

*The Assurance of Pardon

Why do you look so mournful?
Because we are burdened down by our sins.
But Jesus has forgiven you. You are accepted just as you are.
Praise God for such great mercy toward us! Amen!

*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 *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17*

p. 673 in the pew Bible
The Sacred Dance Ensemble

The Anthem

“He Comes to Us”

Jane Marshall

The *Epistle* Lesson: *Romans 8:28-39*

p. 192 in the pew Bible

The *Gospel* Lesson: *Matthew 22:34-46*

p. 30 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 404 (11:00 am)

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

The *Sacrament of Baptism* (8:30 am)

*The *Apostles’ Creed*

p. 14 in the Hymnal

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Baptism

The Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church
to share with us in His ministry for we are all one in Christ.**

*The Hymn 495

“We Know That Christ is Raised”

The *Old Testament* Lesson: *Deuteronomy 34:1-8*

p. 239 in the pew Bible

The Sermon

“When Disappointment Comes”

“The Lord said to Moses, ‘This is the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’” *Deuteronomy 34:4*

Rev. Al Moreau

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

*The *Apostles’ Creed* (11:00 am)

p. 14 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering

The Gathering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

Adagio from *“Enigma Variations”*

E. Elgar

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

O Gracious God, to bring hope, justice and peace to people we dedicate our gifts and our lives. May our gifts and our lives demonstrate Jesus’ love. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

*The Hymn 384

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

Postlude in D Major

H. Willan