

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

October 24, 2004

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 Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Joel Raney, arr.

Combined Choirs and Jubilate Ringers

The Call To Worship

(from *Psalms* 65)

Praise is due to you, O God,
for you answer our prayers.

**By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance
O God of our salvation.**

You are the hope of the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.

**The whole world is clothed in your glory.
Let us shout and sing together for joy!**

The Prayer of Adoration

Shield and Defender, how worthy you are of the praises we bring. We sing of your mercy. We tell of your glory. We speak of your greatness to the assembled throng. We need only cry aloud and you hear us, O God. You send your Spirit as our comfort and strength. We shall dwell evermore within your enfolding protection through the faith of Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*The Hymn 201

“Praise Is Your Right, O God, in Zion”

Prayer of Confession

The Choral Response

“Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies Sake”

The Assurance of Pardon

God justifies those who confess their guilt and forgives their transgressions.

The God of our salvation delivers us in awesome ways.

Those who put their trust in God and center their hope in Jesus Christ
are blessed by an outpouring of the Spirit.

God equips us to fight the good fight, to finish the race, to keep the faith.

Be glad and rejoice in God. 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.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

Inspire us, O God, by the same Spirit that inspired our ancestors in faith. Open our minds and hearts to hear your word in scripture that we may be properly taught, trained to reflect your justice, and equipped for every good work.

The *Old Testament* Lesson: *Joel 2:23-32*

p. 787 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 65*

p. 498 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Mack Wilberg, arr.

The *Epistle* Lesson: *2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*p. 1039 in the pew Bible

The Presentation of New Members

*The *Apostles’ Creed*

p. 14 in the Hymnal

*The Hymn of Reception *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 390

“O Savior, in This Quiet Place”

The *Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:9-14*

p. 911 in the pew Bible

The Sermon

“A Little Perspective”
The Rev. Erin C. Sharp

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE...

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

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

Whether we have much or have little, we give You what is Your own and we give it with joy, Gracious God. We pray that what we have has been justly gained, and that You would so reshape our world and its systems that we would never need doubt. Teach us to trust You to supply all our needs, for you are the source of life. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME. . .

*The Hymn 354

“*Guide My Feet*”

*The Charge & Benediction

*Postlude