

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 14, 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

“Down in the River to Pray”

Jubilate Ringers

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

(from Isaiah 12)

Give thanks to the Lord, call on God’s name;
Make known God’s deeds among the nations;
Proclaim the greatness of God’s name.
Sing praises to the Lord, shout aloud and sing for joy!
Let it be known in all the earth,
Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.

The Prayer of Adoration

*The Hymn 486

“When the Morning Stars Together”

The Prayer of Confession

The Choral Response

The Assurance of Pardon

Brothers and sisters, it is God who gives justice to the weak
and maintains the right of the afflicted and destitute.
God rescues the needy and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
As we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will
through Christ deliver us blameless in the day of God’s judgment.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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

The *Old Testament* Lesson: *Isaiah 65:17-25* p. 643 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Isaiah 12* p. 596 in the pew Bible

The Anthem "Praise to the Lord Forever" Franz Joseph Haydn
The *Epistle* Lesson: *2 Thessalonians 3:6-13* p. 1033 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 305 "Jesus, Our Divine Companion"

The *Gospel* Lesson: *Luke 21:5-19* p. 915 in the pew Bible

The Sermon "Bifocal Hope"
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

*The Affirmation of Faith (from "a *Brief Statement of Faith*")

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve
Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer
The Service of Offering
The Offertory

p. 16 in the Hymnal

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology, p. 592 in the Hymnal

Redeemer of the nations, great and wonderful are your works. All that we bring you have provided. Only your grace renders our acts worthy of praise. Receive our tributes as praise and thanksgiving for your benevolent care, and multiply our efforts to your everlasting glory. For we offer our gifts in the name of Jesus Christ, the obedient one. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME. . .

*The Hymn 447

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

*The Charge & Benediction

*Postlude