

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Trinity Sunday

May 18, 2008

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

(from *Psalm 8*)

We have come to worship God,
Whose name is majestic in all the earth!
We have come to worship God,
**Whose glory is proclaimed by the heavens
and by the lips of children!**
We have come to worship God,
the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name
in all the earth!**

The Prayer of Adoration

We do indeed stand in awe of You, O God. We rejoice that You have chosen us to be Your own. By Your word the heavens were made; Your loving kindness fills the whole earth. By the bounty of Your mercy we have been born to new life. Hear now what fanfare we give You as we lift our voices in praise of Your name. Praise be to You, the One, Eternal God – Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Hymn 138

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

*The Prayer of Confession

We are out of order, O maker of every gracious pattern. We have thought we could love ourselves better than You do. You made us for life together, but we are busy making our tribes. We don't like to mix with people with whom You made us to live as equals. You call us to walk humbly before You, but we are a convoy of confusion. We are hardly holy and less than wholehearted in our devotion; our minds are jumbled, our hearts perplexed and our motives mixed. You bid us be pilgrims of peace, but we sojourn in strife. But for Christ, we would never be assured of a plan for our lives; even so, we doubt Your gracious purpose for us. Forgive us in Jesus' name. . .(time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

As Jesus met his disciples on the mountain, he is with us today,
even to the close of the age.

**With authority he commissions us to service;
with redeeming love he sets us aright when we fall.**

All who humbly approach him seeking forgiveness for their sins can live with assurance, since Christ died for us all.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! 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: *Genesis 1:1-2:4a* p. 1 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”* Jack Schrader
Carol Houchin, soprano

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 8* p. 605 in the pew Bible

The Anthem (11 am) *“All Good Gifts” from Godspell Junior* Stephen Schwartz
Youth Choir

The Epistle Lesson: *2 Corinthians 13:11-13* p. 227 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 283 *“God Marked a Line and Told the Sea”*

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 28:16-20* p. 41 in the pew Bible

The Sermon *“Empowered”*
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD. . .

*The *Apostles’ Creed* 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

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

You call us to labor, O God, and to be about the tasks You design. You equip us to serve You, and care for all of our needs. The gifts that we offer are but a portion of the treasures You heap on us. May the work that we do be worthy of Your name. Take what we bring and all that we are and fashion our responses to meet Your standards for faith. In Jesus’ name we ask it. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD’S NAME .

*The Hymn 429 *“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”*

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude