

February 15, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Liturgical Color: Green

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Hour

In silence and reverence, let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Prelude

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

Johann Walther

Chiming of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

Marilyn Murphy, UMW President

Leader: Come to rejoice together; God is present with us. Sing praise to God, all you faithful ones.

People: We are restored to life morning after morning. We will extol our God, who lifts us up.

Leader: Come to be washed and cleansed, forgiven and freed. Renew your commitment to the One who calls us.

People: We have come to listen for God's word to us. We will give thanks to God's holy name.

Leader: Come to enter the race for an imperishable goal. Proclaim the joy of serving in God's name.

People: We are here to find where God will send us. We are ready to serve in Christ's name.

*Hymn No. 66

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

Invocation

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

We invoke your presence here, O God, for it is out of our darkness that we seek your light. It is out of our sorrow that we seek your joy. It is out of our doubts that we seek your certainty. It is out of our restlessness that we seek your peace. It is out of our sin that we seek your forgiveness. Satisfy us early. We ask you through Christ, Amen.

†Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

Pages 817 & 818 (OT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem (See insert for words)

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Angel Choir

Traditional

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Page 209 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem (See insert for words)

Arise, My Soul, Arise
Chancel Choir

Dale Wood

Pastoral Prayer (You are invited to the altar for personal prayer time.)

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

They Who Trust In God

J. S. Bach

Offertory

*Doxology No. 94

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Time

Lisa Smith

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn No. 384

Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling

Beecher

*Affirmation of Faith No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:40-45

Page 43 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Wait Upon the Lord"

"The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Hymn No. 368

My Hope Is Built

The Solid Rock

All are invited to come forward to the chancel rail during the singing of the last hymn to lay hands on the prayer shawls and to offer a prayer of comfort for the recipient.

*Prayer Shawl Blessing

*Benediction

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Benediction Response No. 666

Shalom to You

SHALOM

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*Postlude

†Sermon Text

*Please stand if you are able

Nursery Provided