

February 1, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Liturgical Color: White

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Lee Robirds, Congregational Nurse

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

Prelude in D Minor

Handel

Chiming of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

Frank Rice, Staff Parish Relations Committee Chairperson

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord and greatly to be praised. God's righteousness endures forever.

People: **We come together as a congregation of believers. We give thanks to God with whole hearts.**

Leader: God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy. At all times, God is mindful of the covenant.

People: **The works of God's hands are established among us. We can count on God's righteousness and faithfulness.**

Leader: Awe before God is the beginning of wisdom. All who approach God in fear have good understanding.

People: **Holy and awesome is God's name. We call on God to empower our worship.**

*Hymn No. 57

O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

Invocation

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

God of the prophets, help us to recognize your voice among the competing claims of our day. Raise up in our midst authentic witnesses to your truth. Be present with us now to guide our prayer and praise. Let us not presume to know your message without carefully listening or to speak your word without discerning the Spirit. Light your fires within us so we may heed your summons and give our best in your service. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Anthem

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. Hal Hopson

Chancel Choir with Myra Shaffer, soprano soloist

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

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Adagio

Vivaldi

*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

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

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.

***Hymn No. 468**

Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See

Hursley

†Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Page 207 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"I'll Do What I Want!"

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion No. 12

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE PEACE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Musical setting A, page 17)

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

(All are invited to share in communion by kneeling at the altar. Please come forward using the center aisle as directed by the ushers. After receiving the elements, please return to your pew using the side aisles.)

***Hymn No. 463**

Lord, Speak to Me

Canonbury

***Benediction**

***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