

September 20, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

16th Sunday After Pentecost

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 Trinity

Prelude

Aria in F Major

Handel

*Call to Worship

Gladys Turner, Worship Committee Chairperson

Leader: Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you. Happy are those who find delight in God's law.

People: God is always nearer than our next breath. We gather to become more aware of that presence.

Leader: Knowledge of God is a delight to the righteous. They seek to grow in wisdom and understanding.

People: There is always more to discover than we know. God is our teacher and helper and judge.

Leader: Put your trust in God as you prepare to serve. Learn to be peaceful, gentle, and merciful.

People: We seek to do good and not harm all our days. We would open our hands to the poor and needy.

*Hymn No. 158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Spanish Hymn

Invocation

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

You watch over us, O God, and show us the way to prosper in life, not so much in things as in relationships that contribute to our wholeness and well-being. Thank you for meeting us here and helping us to deal with our selfish ambition, disorder, and conflicts. We submit ourselves to you for instruction. Help us to be honest with ourselves and with you, voicing our doubts as well as our faith, our hypocrisy along with all that is deeply genuine. Create in us a space for quiet listening and thoughtful meditation. Amen.

Anthem

I Was Glad

Gwendolyn Emery-Owings
(see insert)

Angel Choir, Musik Makers, and Congregation

Stephen Ministry Moment

Susan Pinckney

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 31:10-31

Page 753 (OT) in pew Bibles

Epistle Reading

James 3:13 – 4:3,7-8a

Pages 279 & 280 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision
Chancel Choir

arr. Alice Parker

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

from The Sacred Harp

*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

Acolyte and Crucifer Recognition

Children's Message

Susan Pinckney
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. 430

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

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*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 9:30-37

Page 53 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Me First!"

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Hymn No. 421

Make Me a Captive, Lord

Diademata

*Benediction

The Reverend 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