

January 25, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

3rd 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

Chorale in G

J. S. Bach

Chiming of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

Susan Pinckney, Stephen Ministry Coordinator

Leader: For God alone our souls wait in silence. Our hope is from God, our fortress.

People: God is our rock and our salvation. God is our refuge and our deliverance.

Leader: Trust in God at all times, in all places. Pour out your hearts to the One who hears.

People: All people are valuable in God's sight. No one is more important than another.

Leader: Worship God, who is ready to speak to us. Open your lives to God's steadfast love.

People: All power in the universe belongs to God. Yet God asks for our faithful service.

*Hymn No. 73

O Worship the King

Lyons

Invocation

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

We await your message, God of all places and times. Sometimes we do not like what we hear, but we know we need to listen. Your message is inclusive and fair, while we like to make distinctions that favor us and our friends. You call us out of our comfort zones to do new things and try better ways. You direct us to reach out to people with whom we seem to have little in common. Speak your truth to us in this service so we can carry it to the places where you want us to go, to the people you are eager to reach. Amen.

†Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Who At My Door Is Standing?

arr. K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Meditation on "O For a Closer Walk with God"

Gordon Young

*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

Alice Balentine
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. 578**

God of Love and God of Power

***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 1:14-20

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Good Grief!"

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

***Hymn No. 398**

Jesus Calls Us

Galilee

***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