

October 25, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

21st 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

Schuyler McGinnis

Prelude

*Call to Worship

John Redfern, Finance Committee Chairperson

Leader: God is gathering us from many different places. No one is worthy but all are invited.

People: **God lifts us up when we stumble and leads us back. God cares for us amid our pain and losses.**

Leader: We are delivered from our fears and saved from trouble. Happy are those who take refuge in a loving God.

People: **Our lips pour forth laughter and joyous singing. We join in shouts of praise to God Most High.**

Leader: Taste and see how good God is. Trust in the One who awakens joy in place of tears.

People: **We will bless our God in all times and places. Let us exalt God's name together!**

*Hymn No. 144

This Is My Father's World

Terra Beata

Invocation

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

All-powerful God, we invoke your presence among us, for we need the knowledge and energy you alone can provide. Your ways are wonderful beyond our understanding. When our strength is spent, our vision clouded, and our hope gone, you reach out to us in ways we often fail to discern. We take heart to think that you are calling us to yourself, opening our eyes to see your wonders as if for the first time. We want to be a part of your faithful remnant in a world that too often loses sight of the holy. Help us, we pray. Amen.

Stewardship Moment

John DeLoach, Stewardship Chairperson

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Amazing Grace

arr. Dale Grotenhuis

Chancel Choir with Rhonda McGinnis, flute

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Improvisation on "For the Beauty of the Earth"

C. Calahan

*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 Message

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. 454

Open My Eyes That I May See

Open My Eyes

*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 10:46-52

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Have Mercy on Me"

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Hymn No. 110

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

*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