

August 30, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

13th 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

*Prelude in G Minor*

G. F. Handel

\*Call to Worship

Larry Moore, Director of Music Ministries

Leader: The Lord has dominion from sea to sea, from here to the ends of the earth.

**People: A scepter of equity is in the Lord's hand,**

Leader: As the Lord rides forth to defend the truth and to destroy all falsehood.

**People: The hand of the Lord reaches out to lift up the needy and feed the hungry.**

Leader: Therefore, with joy and gladness, let us come into the presence of the Lord our God.

**People: And praise the name of the Lord with the words of our lips and deeds of our lives!**

\*Hymn No. 101

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

Duke Street

Invocation

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Eternal Creator, you have been good, beyond all deserving. All we have and all we are is the gift of your love. You have surrounded us with your light and your love, with beauty and with friends. You have placed hope in our hearts. As we unite in worship, make us alert to every desire you have for us. Where our hearts are hardened, soften them. Where our minds are closed to your truth, open them. Where our feet are slow to follow you, spur us on. Do all of this and more as you know our need, in this time of worship together. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Please see insert)

William Reed Nickles

Baptismal Response No. 147

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Royal Oak

†Epistle Reading

James 1:17-27

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*Prayer of St. Francis*

Allen Pote

Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J. S. Bach

\*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

The Reverend 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.*

### \*Passing of the Peace

#### \*Hymn No. 402

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

I Want To Be A Christian

#### \*Gospel Lesson

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### Sermon

"Are You Religious?"

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

#### \*Hymn No. 557

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Dennis

#### \*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*