

October 4, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am A Service of Word & Table Color: White

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

In silence and reverence, let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Prelude

O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
arr. Charles Callahan

***Call to Worship**

Zella Williams, Sr. Adult Coordinator

Leader: God's Word has lived among us. We gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: Christ is a part of God's ongoing creation. We gather before the One who is heir to all things.

Leader: Long ago, God spoke to our spiritual ancestors. Today, God continues that revelation through Jesus.

People: Who are we that God is mindful of us? Yet God crowns us with glory and honor.

Leader: Jesus has named us as brothers and sisters. We are called to recognize all humanity as children of God.

People: The realm of God is for all people. God's dominion is over all creation.

***Hymn No. 547**

O Church of God, United Ellacomb

Invocation

The Reverend Jim Dennis

O loving, sovereign God, whose reign extends round our globe and beyond, we rejoice in your far-flung greatness; we give thanks for your unending goodness. In all the corners of the earth, you are faithfully building your church:

- in crowded Indian villages,
- in sunny Caribbean islands,
- in remote Chinese hamlets,
- in busy South African townships,
- in racially-diverse North American cities.

We give thanks for the vast embrace of your love, for the multi-colored church you are creating. Grant, O God, that we may truly be one church with one baptism, one hope, in one Lord Jesus Christ, to the end of the age, to the praise of Your glory. Amen.

†Epistle Reading

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Page 558 in Pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

In Christ There Is No East or West
arr. David Cherwien

***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 Reverend Jim Dennis
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. 521**

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Sojourner

Sermon

"Why Me, Lord?" The Reverend Jim Dennis

Anthem

O Living Breath of God arr. John Helgen
Chancel Choir

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
Who earnestly repent of their sin
And seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God,
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
We have broken your law,
We have rebelled against your love,
We have not loved our neighbors,
And we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Leader to people:

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
That proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Leader and people:

Glory to God. Amen.

***THE PEACE**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Musical Setting)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so,
With your people on earth
And all the company of heaven
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho ly, ho ly ho ly Lord, God of pow er and might.



Heav en and earth are full of your glo ry, Ho- san na in the



high- est. Bless- ed is he who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died, Christ is ris_en, Christ will come a gain!

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



A- men, a- men, a_____ men.

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. 614 For the Bread Which You Have Broken**

The Reverend Jim Dennis

***Benediction Response Shalom to You**

**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**

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