

July 5, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

5th 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

*America, the Beautiful*

arr. Mark Hayes

\*Call to Worship

Larry Moore, Director of Music Ministries

Leader: Great is our God and greatly to be praised. Worship the One whose grace covers all our needs.

People: **The God of hosts is with us here. We praise, with joy, God's holy name.**

Leader: Ponder God's steadfast love in the temple. Practice sharing that love while we are together.

People: **God's love is amazing, beyond our understanding. We seek to share the love we are receiving.**

Leader: We are here to be equipped for the journey of life. We have gathered that our daily witness might be strengthened.

People: **Sometimes we are not strong enough to love. We pray that God will use our weakness for good.**

Hymn No. 698

*God of the Ages*

NATIONAL HYMN

Invocation

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

God of faithful elders and lowly followers, our sure defense and faithful guide, we invoke your presence among us in this time of worship. Your name is proclaimed through all the earth, and by your hand we are made victorious over the unclean spirits and unbeliefs that stalk our paths. When we ponder your greatness, we are filled with awe. When we come to your holy mountain, we are amazed. Who are we to approach your majesty? How can we fulfill the covenant you offer us? Come, spirit of truth, to show us the way. Amen.

Salkehatchie Commissioning (Please see insert)

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (See insert for words)

*Paeon of Promise*

Joseph Martin

Chancel Choir with Leah Wilson, flute

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

*Andante from Sonata No. 5*

J. S. Bach

Leah Wilson, flute and Joyce Nickles, organ

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

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Children's Message

The Rev. 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. 568

*Christ for the World We Sing*

Italian Hymn

\*†Gospel Lesson

Mark 6:1-13

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Freedom: Just Another Word for Nothing Left to Lose"

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

\*Hymn No. 696

*America, the Beautiful*

Materna

*(All veterans and active military are asked to come forward to the chancel rail during the singing of the last two verses of the hymn to help lead the Pledge of Allegiance.)*

\*The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Christian Flag

Led by Cub Scouts

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all.

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands. One brotherhood, uniting all Christians, in service and love.

\*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*