

February 8, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

5th 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

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Robert Vandall

Supriya Lal, Girl Scout Troop 520

Chiming of the Trinity

\*Call to Worship

Jacob Thornton, Boy Scout Troop 911

Leader: Worship God, who is from everlasting to everlasting! The God of creation does not faint or grow weary.

People: **How good it is to sing praises to our God! How expansive is God's understanding of us!**

Leader: The whole universe is subject to God's power. Creation continues as the universe expands.

People: **God rules all time and space, yet cares about us. God is pleased with all who reflect steadfast love.**

Leader: Sing to God with great thanksgiving. Praise God with the best you have to offer.

People: **We lift up our eyes to see God's wonders. We open our ears to receive God's message.**

\*Hymn No. 139

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Lobe Den Herren

Invocation

Jacob Thornton

**Powerful God, before whom we are as nothing, we dare to approach you because you assure us that we are not like mere grasshoppers to you. Our individual potential is not hidden from you, and the faithfulness of your church is important to you. We have gathered with great expectation, seeking to have our strength renewed and our hope restored. Make yourself known among us as we unite in your praise. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Jacob Stockman, Boy Scout Troop 911

Isaiah 40:21-31

Pages 817 & 818 (OT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (See insert for words)

*How Can I Keep From Singing*

arr. Bradley Ellingboe

Chancel Choir with Rhonda McGinnis, flute

†Epistle Reading

Rakeem Chiles, Boy Scout Troop 911

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

(Page 209 (NT) in pew Bibles)

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.)

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

**\*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**

Supriya Lal

**Children's Time**

Hunter Riley, Boy Scout Troop 911

*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. 160**

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

Marion

**Affirmation of Faith No. 881**

Led by Rachel Bates, Girl Scout Troop 520

**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 1:29-39

Page 43 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

"History... *His Story*"

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

**\*Hymn No. 421**

*Make Me a Captive, Lord*

Diademata

**\*Benediction**

Scouts

**\*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*