

March 8, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Second Sunday of Lent

Liturgical Color: Purple

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

The Nave

Gordon Young

Chiming of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

John Redfern, Finance Committee Chairperson

Leader: We are invited to walk with God. We are welcomed by God as people of the covenant.

People: **How awesome to stand in the presence of our Creator! We bring our praise to glorify God.**

Leader: God calls us by name and gives us new names. We are summoned to faithfulness and fruitfulness.

People: **God not only speaks to us but also listens. God hears our cries and meets our need.**

Leader: Let the ends of the earth remember and turn to God. Let the families of all nations worship the Creator.

People: **We will pay our vows to the One who calls us. We praise the God of all nations and all peoples.**

*Hymn No. 116

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

Call to Confession

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of our ancestors, we come to you, confessing that we have set our minds on human things. We have sought to gain the world – so many things to buy, so many things to do. Yet we are not satisfied. Life's meaning eludes us. Your ways seem out of date; your promises appear as the hopes and dreams of a past generation. But in our hearts we sense an eternal design which is for all generations, a way of life more satisfying than we have allowed ourselves to explore. O God, we confess our need for you.

Silent Prayer (You are invited to the altar for personal prayer time.)

Words of Assurance

God's face is not hidden from those who truly seek. God does not withhold love from us when we go our own way. When we open our eyes to see God's works, when we open our ears to hear God's word, when all our senses are alert to God's leading, we will realize how we have been blessed by an unseen hand, forgiven and restored to wholeness. God offers us the opportunity to live as ones in tune with the universe, filled with hope, upheld in love, dwelling in covenant. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Pages 15 & 16 (OT) in pew Bibles

Epistle Reading

Romans 4:13-25

Page 188 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (See insert for words)

We Walk By Faith
Chancel Choir

Kenneth Kosche

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Ah, Holy Jesus

arr. David Cherwin

*Doxology No. 95

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Children's Time

Myra Shaffer

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. 420

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

*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 8:31-38

Page 53 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Me, Me, Me"

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Hymn No. 297

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

St. Christopher

*Benediction

The Rev. 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