

November 8, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

23rd 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

Madeline Johnson

Prelude

This Is My Father's World
Belle Canto with Rhonda McGinnis, flute

arr. Kirsty Mitchell

*Call to Worship

Peggy Ackerman

Leader: Come all who are anxious and burdened. This is a time to experience good news.

People: **This is God's house, and we can meet God here. We are brought together in the family of God.**

Leader: Come with expectancy and anticipation. God is present to greet you and change your life.

People: **We are here to remember the ministry of Jesus. We have come to be equipped for our ministry.**

Leader: In our eager waiting, there is fullness of joy. In our preparation for worship, we discover life.

People: **Unless God is the shaper of our lives, we live in vain. Unless we view our city as God's own, there is emptiness here.**

*Hymn No. 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Beecher

Invocation

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

In the security of your love, mighty God, it is well with us. Our work is fulfilling, our relationships reflect your faithfulness, and our ability to trust is strengthened. We are here, seeking an extra measure of reassurance, the restoration of our best selves and the clarification of our responsibilities. You are the builder in whose hands the church can become a community of joy and fulfillment. You keep watch over us, strengthening us to be the church wherever we live and serve. Be known to us now and save all who eagerly await your word. Amen.

Stewardship Moment

Brab Crooks

Old Testament Reading

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

Pgs. 301 & 302 (OT) in pew Bibles

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

Page 275 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Solo

The Gift of Love

arr. Hal Hopson

Myra Shaffer, soprano, Rhonda McGinnis, flute, Joyce Nickles, organ

A Litany for Veterans Day

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

PEOPLE: **WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

PEOPLE: **WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world's common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

PEOPLE: **WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**

Leader: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

PEOPLE: **WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**

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Offering

Offertory

How Firm a Foundation
Belle Canto with Rhonda McGinnis, flute

arr. Kirsty Mitchell

*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

Lisa Smith

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. 557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

*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 12:33-44

Page 60 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Leftovers"

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Prayer Shawl Blessing

*Hymn No. 438

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

Duke Street

*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