

June 20, 2010 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Red

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Myra Shaffer

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Trinity

Marisa Rogers

Prelude

Praise the Lord

Cesar Franck

*Call to Worship

Marilyn Murphy, United Methodist Women President

Leader: God is ready for us to seek what is eternal. God wants us to find the truth beyond ourselves.

People: **Our spirits long for God, as a deer longs for water. We cry out for some evidence of God's presence.**

Leader: God seldom comes as an earthquake, wind, or fire. Rather, in moments of sheer silence, God is revealed.

People: **We come in quiet expectation to this holy place. We approach the altar of God, hungering to be fed.**

Leader: All are welcome here as brothers and sisters in Christ. Here is a place to find healing and promise.

People: **Our hope is in God, who gives us life and identity. Our help is from God, who is in covenant with us.**

*Hymn No. 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

Invocation

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

God our refuge and our hope, come among us today to give us energy and purpose. Move us beyond the discipline of the law to the discipleship of faith. Free us from the shackles of fear and a sense of failure that keep us from stepping bravely into your future. Grant us the sense that we are not alone but are part of a great company of your faithful people of every nation and tongue. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Please see insert)

Christina Lynn Andrews and Tyler Julian Andrews

Father's Day Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace, and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other. Today we pray for our fathers, who have given us life and love that we may show them respect and love. (Silent prayer)

Lord in your love, **Hear our prayer.**

For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them. (Silent prayer)

Lord in your love, **Hear our prayer.**

For men, though without children of their own, who like fathers have nurtured and cared for us, (Silent prayer)

Lord in your love, **Hear our prayer.**

For fathers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families. (Silent prayer)

Lord in your love, **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Meditation

Cesar Franck

*Doxology No. 95

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

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. 534

Be Still, My Soul

Finlandia

*†Gospel Lesson

Luke 8:26-39

Pages 82 & 83 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Here's One
Chancel Choir

arr. Tom Fetke

Sermon

"The Demons That Drag You Down"

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Stephen Ministry Commissioning

*Hymn No. 593

Here I Am, Lord

Here I Am, Lord

*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.*

†Sermon Text

*Please stand if you are able

Nursery Provided