

March 21, 2010 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in 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 Trinity

Julia Baker

Prelude

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

harmonized by J. S. Bach

\*Call to Worship

Isaac Shaffer, Administrative Board Chairperson

Leader: God's spirit is moving among us; give thanks! Our God is about to do a new thing in our midst.

**People: How good it is to be chosen by God; we gather to sing our praises and thanks.**

Leader: God has done great things for us; we are glad! Now God is pointing us toward new goals.

**People: We are waiting to hear what God would have us do; we are ready to risk new behaviors to be faithful.**

Leader: Into the wilderness of our lives comes living water. Into the sorrow of our days comes reason for joy.

**People: Forgetting what lies behind, we greet our future; we press on, responding to the upward call of Christ.**

\*Hymn No. 102

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Nun Danket

Call to Confession

Larry Moore

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

**O God, whose upward call in Christ Jesus we have so often chosen to ignore, we confess that we settle for lesser goals while you summon us to embrace the realm of heaven. We seldom look beyond our own interests to the well-being of our sisters and brothers. We can see the wasteful acts of other people but not our own selfish habits. We exaggerate the contributions we make but ignore the sacrifices of others. We need forgiveness, O God. Hear our prayers and do a new thing within and among us.**

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

God summons us to return and welcomes us with joy. We are restored to full communion with the saints and are united in the heavenly call of Christ. Together, we find our horizons expanded and our priorities refined. God forgives us and sets before us once more the promise of fullness of life. Embrace God's pardon with renewed faith and joy. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (see insert)

Amber Elizabeth Thomas

Old Testament

Isaiah 45:16-21

Page 823 (OT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalter

Psalms 126

Page 847 (Response 2)

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

Page 242 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Gilbert Martin

**Pastoral Prayer**

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

**Lord's Prayer** (In Unison)

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked*

Geoffrey O'Hara

**\*Doxology No. 95**

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

**\*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. 172**

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Gordon

†**Gospel Lesson**

John 12:1-8

Page 129 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

"A Shameful Waste!"

Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

**\*Hymn No. 452**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Olivet

**\*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*