

April 25, 2010 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

The 4th Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

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

Schuyler McGinnis

Prelude

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

David Cherwien

*Call to Worship

Billy Dukes, Co-Church Historian

Leader: Arise, people of God, to greet the one who calls us; come alive to the Spirit's energy among us.

People: **God awakens us and restores our souls. Surely God's goodness and mercy are with us here.**

Leader: The shepherd is calling us to new ventures. We are invited to a higher quality of life.

People: **We will not fear to walk through shadowed valleys. God's love in Christ is with us everywhere.**

Leader: Come to drink from springs of living water. Gather to find comfort and blessing here.

People: **Surely God will guide our search for truth. We seek eternal values within our daily walks.**

*Hymn No. 88

Maker, in Whom We Live

Diademata

Invocation

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Draw us together, Eternal One, from paths of aimless wandering. Lead us today toward the community you intend. Draw the fragments of our lives together into some meaningful whole. Help us deal with present concerns in constructive ways yet point us beyond our selves to engage with you in larger issues. Help us feel the hunger and thirst of others; then lead your church to make a caring response. May your love fill us and overflow into the lives of others. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Page 156 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Brother James' Air
Chancel Choir

arr. Gordon Jacob

Epistle Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

Page 303 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Dale Wood

*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

Glenn Williams

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. 181**

Ye Servants of God

Hanover

***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**

John 10:22-30

Page 126 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"No Good Deed Goes Unpunished"

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

***Hymn No. 381**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury

***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