

May 2, 2010 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

The 5th 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

Cindy Skinner

Prelude

Diademata

arr. Bill Ingram

*Call to Worship

Ronda Rogers, Children's Coordinator

Leader: Come to praise God, all you faithful people! Come, for God welcomes you and offers to draw you close.

People: **Praise to God, who rules over all the earth. Praise to God, who is as near as our next breath.**

Leader: Sun and moon and stars shine in praise to God. God created them and established for each a place.

People: **God has a place for us in the world; we have come that God may instruct and equip us.**

Leader: Mountains and hills, trees and animals praise God. Let all the rulers of the earth do as well.

People: **God provides abundantly for our needs. God makes of one family all who dwell on earth.**

*Hymn No 547

O Church of God, United

Ellacomb

Invocation

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

We praise you, O God, and celebrate your presence with us. Your glory fills all heaven and earth, all time and space. Your gifts surround us and dwell within us. We are your children. Come to wipe away our tears and comfort us in our distress. Come to heal our divisions and overcome our prejudices. Come, that we might be loved into discipleship. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Page 158 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter

Psalms 148

Page 861

Epistle Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

Page 315 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
Chancel Choir

Dale Wood

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Beautiful Savior

arr. Karen Kuehmann

Rhonda McGinnis, flute and Joyce Nickles, organ

*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

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.
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. 553**

And Are We Yet Alive

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**

John 13:31-35

Page 132 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Love Each Other: It's the Law!”

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

***Hymn No. 384**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Beecher

***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