

February 27, 2011 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

8th Sunday After The Epiphany

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.*

\*Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Trinity

Noel Johnson

Prelude

*Etude in G*

John Behnke

Wesley Ringers with Rhonda McGinnis, flute

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Receive with joy the calm and quiet of worship. Come with hope to this celebration of salvation.

People: **Surely our God will speak to us here. We come, thirsty for springs of living water.**

Leader: Come, as stewards of God's mysteries. Gather as servants of Jesus Christ.

People: **Surely Christ will feed us with living bread. We will be clothed with garments of righteousness.**

Leader: Be ready to receive more than you can ask. Be ready to give more than you thought you had.

People: **God will equip us with everything we need. We will learn how to live in God's realm.**

\*Hymn No. 126

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Mit Freuden Zart

\*Invocation

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

You know everything we need, O Heavenly Parent. Come among us to calm our worries, and help us to put first things first. Remind us of our covenant with you, and show us how to live by it. We want to seek first your realm of righteousness. We intend to lay aside all that blocks our trust in you, for you are more than we can imagine. Feed us here, and clothe us with your truth so we, in turn, may be a blessing to others. Amen.

\*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.*

Anthem

*Praise the Lord*  
Angel Choir

Mark Patterson

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:8-16a

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*Sometimes a Light Surprises*  
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Aria

Johann Galliard

\*Doxology 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

Susan Pinckney

*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.*

\*Hymn No. 548

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

McKee

†\*Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:24-34

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Not to Worry!"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

\*Hymn No. 140

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Faithfulness

\*Benediction

Leader: Like a rock,

People: **God is under our feet.**

Leader: Like a roof,

People: **God is over our heads.**

Leader: Like the horizon,

People: **God is beyond us.**

Leader: Like water in a pitcher,

People: **God is within us and in the pouring out of us.**

Leader: Like a pebble in the sea,

People: **we are in God.**

Leader: Let us go out and change our world

People: **as God has changed our lives.**

\*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*

# Music Notes

One characteristic of a good text is its ability to stay relevant through many years. William Cowper first published the text for *Sometimes a Light Surprises*, originally entitled, *Joy and Peace in Believing*, in 1779. But when thinking of the many uncertainties and difficulties in today's world, the text still rings true, more than 230 years later. The lyrics draw from references from Habakkuk 3:17-18 and Malachi 4:2 but can just as easily be related to today's Gospel reading.

## ***Sometimes a Light Surprises***

Craig Courtney

Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while she sings;  
It is the Lord who rises with healing in His wings;  
When comforts are declining, He grants the soul again  
A season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue  
The theme of God's salvation, and find it ever new;  
Set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,  
Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may.

It can bring with it nothing but He will bear us through;  
Who gives the lilies clothing will clothe His people, too;  
Beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed;  
And He who feeds the ravens will give His children bread.

Though vine nor fig tree neither their wanted fruit should bear,  
Though all the fields should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there;  
Yet, God the same abiding, His praise shall tune my voice;  
For, while in Him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

The second congregational hymn in today's service, *In Christ There Is No East or West*, was the Angel Choir **Hymn of the Month** for February.