

May 29, 2011 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

11:00 am

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

Cecelia McGinnis

Prelude

Praise the Lord

Cesar Franck

*Call to Worship

Henrietta Morton

Leader: The God of Heaven and earth calls us together. We come to explore matters of the Spirit.

People: **There is so much we do not know or understand. So much of God is unknown to us.**

Leader: Let us look carefully at the objects of our worship. Our attention is easily diverted from God.

People: **We want to worship the One who gives us breath. We reach for the Reality beyond our knowledge.**

Leader: In God we live and move and have our being. All that we have and are comes from God.

People: **God is not limited to shrines made by us. God is everywhere present in the whole universe.**

*Hymn No. 308

Thine Be the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

*Invocation

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Let the sound of praising you be heard among us today, and in all the places of your dominion, O God. We believe you are present with us even when we cannot feel or see or hear you as we would like. We thank you for the times when you have caught our attention. We ask for one of those times today. Shake us out of our complacency and our cherished iniquities. Hold us in your steadfast love and call forth within us an awareness of all your blessings. Stimulate among us an eagerness to live as you intend. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith from Corinthians and Colossians

Leader: This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

People: **Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. 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.

New Testament Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Page 168 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter

Psalm 66

Please see insert

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

Page 284 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Memorial Day Litany (Please see insert)

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 in D Minor

G. F. Handel

*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

Myra Shaffer

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. 181

Ye Servants of God

Hanover

†*Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

Page 133 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

My Peace I Give to You

Kenneth Kosche

Chancel Choir with Myra Shaffer, soprano

Sermon

"The Heart of Christian Faith"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

*Hymn No. 152

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Forest Green

*Benediction

May God take our hands, and work through them.

May God take our lips, and speak through them.

May God take our minds, and think through them.

May God take our hearts, and set them on fire with love.

By the power of Christ who goes with you. Amen.

*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

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