

June 17, 2012 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
fill all the world adore his sacred name.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Noel Johnson

PRELUDE

The Church's One Foundation

Charles Callahan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bayard Lindell

Leader: The Holy Spirit has given us life and pours on us the power to become new people!

People: The winds of the spirit have given us breath and the fire of the spirit has enkindled in us a love for God and each other.

Leader: Come here in faithfulness and be ready for the surprises that God's Spirit brings.

People: We open our lives to the presence of God and trust God's promise to us that we can live new lives of freedom and grace. May God help us to be true people of the spirit, letting holy surprises fill our days.

- Sandra E. Graham in *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship*

*HYMN NO. 66

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

*INVOCATION

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

**O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives,
bringing new life out of destruction,
hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.**

**We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole.
Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives,
and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit,
that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.**

-Ruth C. Duck

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 885

A Modern Affirmation

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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.

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Page 220 (NT) in pew Bibles

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 4:26-34

Page 47 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER (Please see insert)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me
Chancel Choir

arr. K. Lee Scott

***DOXOLOGY**

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**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Myra Greene

Following the message, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

***HYMN NO. 419**

I Am Thine, O Lord

I Am Thine

SERMON

"Fatherly Parable"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

***HYMN NO. 540**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

St. Thomas

***BENEDICTION**

Go out into the world in peace.

Whatever you do, in word or deed,

do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,

giving thanks to God through him.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

based on Colossians 3:17

***BENEDICTION REPONSE 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.

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided