

THE SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP – July 1, 2012

11:00 am

The 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

* Stand if you are able

A nursery is provided

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk: Lay Leader

ENTRANCE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Marisa Rogers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Patriotic Medley

Myra Greene, soprano

*GREETING

Trinitarian Acclamation, The Commands of God

As the friends of God, let us bless the Lord:

Blessed be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

"God spoke from the mountain and said:

'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me'."

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.

"You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy."

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.

Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.

"Jesus said, 'The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:

The Lord our God is the only Lord.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,

with all your mind and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these."

***HYMN, NO. 698**

God of the Ages

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father,
before whom the nations rise and fall,
we give you thanks for a free church in a free land,
for the great dream that gave our nation birth,
and for the structures of law that guard our liberties.
Yet we are neither the believers nor citizens you call us to be.
We demand our rights and forget our responsibilities.
We turn faith into a private thing and are silent about evil in our midst.
We beg you to stay your hand of righteous judgment which we deserve.
Give us grace and time to turn to you and away from the habits of sin.
Raise up prophets to prick the conscience of our people.
Restore to us a vision of the common good and the will to sacrifice for it.
Restore to us the holy respect we have lost for your commandments:
first given to Moses in tablets of stone,
perfectly fulfilled in the flesh of Jesus Christ,
and written on the hearts of all the faithful by the Holy Spirit.
Amen.** (Silence is kept for confession. Pardon is announced.)

***ACT OF PRAISE, NO. 70**

Glory Be to the Father

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT: Ezekiel 37:1-14

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

***PSALM 72:1-17 (Response 2)**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision (Michael Burkhardt)

Joyce Nickles, organist

***DOXOLOGY, NO. 95** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(3-year-olds through Kindergarteners leave for Extended Session.)

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace (arr. Jack Schrader)
Larry Moore: Music Director

Chancel Choir

SERMON LESSON

The Earliest Easter Report 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What the Early Church Confessed Phil Thraillkill: Pastor
Why is clarity about Jesus' resurrection the foundation of a lively faith?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, NO. 318**

Christ Is Alive

***THE APOSTLES' CREED, NO. 881**

***A LITANY FOR THE NATION**

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, NO. 696**

America the Beautiful

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

***SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666**

Shalom to You

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After greeting worshipers, Pastor Phil will stay at the front to pray with any who desire.

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