

January 8, 2012 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Liturgical Color: White

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Cecelia McGinnis

PRELUDE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

arr. Charles Callahan

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dave Chastain

Leader: The powerful voice of God created all worlds. That same voice calls us to worship.

**People: Ascribe to our God glory and strength. Come before God's glorious majesty.**

Leader: God's strength shakes the wilderness. That same strength is offered to people of faith.

**People: The flames of God penetrate our cold hearts. May God bless all people with true peace.**

Leader: Come together to remember your baptism. Gather to celebrate the Spirit's gifts.

**People: The heavens open to us at the Word of God. Surely God forgives and makes whole.**

**\*HYMN NO. 62**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
Verses 1,4,5,7

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

**\*INVOCATION**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

In the beginning, O God, you fashioned a universe. Each star and planet had its beginning in you. Out of the void, you brought light and life. Through eons of creativity, you have acted, and today we are here, inheritors of an amazing process, tiny specks in the limitless reaches of time and space. And you are here, waiting to greet us. As you acted in our baptism, you are acting still to make all things new within us and among us. Let your light awaken us and your Spirit empower us for faithful living. Amen.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from Christian Reformed Church)

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—which some seek to control, but which others view with despair—we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God! From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until his kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever. Our world belongs to him! God is King! Let the earth be glad! Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah! The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation. Praise the Lord!

**\*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.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-5

Page 1 (OT) in pew Bibles

EPISTLE READING

Acts 19:1-7

Page 169 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*  
Chancel Choir

Robert Lau

**†\*GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 1:4-11

Page 42 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**LORD’S PRAYER** (In Unison)

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

arr. David Cherwien

**\*DOXOLOGY No. 95**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Mary Alexander

*As the children come to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message, they are invited to bring change to help in Heifer International. If any adults want to contribute, please pass your money to a child as they come forward. Following Children’s Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.*

**\*HYMN NO. 557**

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

Dennis

**SERMON**

“John’s Confession”

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

**\*HYMN NO. 347**

*Spirit Song*

Spirit Song

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: We go forth as the people of shalom

**People: to heal the brokenness and bring justice and liberty to all the world.**

Leader: May the peace of God be with you.

**People: And with you. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION REPOSE 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*