

May 10, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

5th Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

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.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Paraphrase on DIADEMATA

James Denton

Chiming of the Trinity

***Call to Worship**

Kennedy Britt and Suzanna Jones

Leader: Come to worship God whose love was revealed in Jesus. Let all the ends of the earth turn to God.

People: We will worship the Almighty and sing praises. We will proclaim good news to others.

Leader: Beloved, we are called to love as God loves us. We are to love one another as sisters and brothers.

People Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. We seek to let God's love be perfected in us.

Leader: Remember that you have been baptized. God claims you and has high expectations of you.

People: Christ is the vine; we are the branches. We will bear fruit when we abide in the vine.

***Hymn No. 529**

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

Invocation

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Open our senses to your direction, amazing God, so we may be alert to opportunities you give us. Fill us with good news to share with those who seek meaning for their lives. We are here because we need the good news ourselves. There is much in life that we do not understand. We seek to know your Word and to be led by it. Recall us to the vows of our baptism, reconfirming in us the covenant promises that link us to you and to one another. As we meet you here, our hearts are lifted up in praise. May our worship glorify your name and be pleasing to you. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Acts 8:26-40 [Page 154 (NT) in pew Bibles]

Jackson Nickles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalter

Psalms 22

See insert

Epistle Reading

1 John 4:7-21 [Page 292 (NT) in pew Bibles]

Jacob Stockman

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Meditation

César Franck

***Doxology No. 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**

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Children's Message

Jessica Morris

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.

Mother's Day Prayer

Jones Pendergrass

***Passing of the Peace**

Abbey Dent

***Hymn No. 111**

How Can We Name a Love

Terra Beata

†*Gospel Lesson

John 15:1-8

Page 134 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Leaving the Nest"

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Service of Confirmation (Please see insert.)

***Hymn No. 571**

Go Make of All Disciples

Lancashire

***Benediction**

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

***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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