

January 31, 2010 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Liturgical Color: Green

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 Trinity

Prelude

Aria from the Tenth Organ Concerto

G. F. Handel

*Call to Worship

Mary Lyle Smith, Staff Parish Relations Committee Member

Leader: Come, people of God, to the one in whom we trust. Praise God who delivers and rescues us.

People: **God is our rock and refuge, our strong fortress. God saves us amid wickedness and cruelty.**

Leader: Hope in God, who has created you. Open yourself to the one who knows you well.

People: **God accepts us, even when people do not. God affirms us, even when we fail.**

Leader: Our God gives us tasks to do and strength to do them. God's Word of love is ours to proclaim.

People: **We have come to embrace the mysteries of our faith. We are here to worship the God who empowers us.**

*Hymn No. 568

Christ for the World We Sing

Italian Hymn

Invocation

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

God of love, in whose name we have been consecrated for discipleship and service, encounter us in this hour, that we may grow in knowledge and actions. Disturb our certainties so we will be open to new insights. Upset our priorities to make room for faith, hope, and love. Expand our horizons to encompass ideas we have not entertained before. Open our hearts to people we have failed to welcome into our midst. Perfect among us that childlike trust that allows change to transform us in the presence of your love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Page 854 (OT) in pew Bibles

†Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Page 212 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (See insert for words)

A Loving Heart
Chancel Choir

Timothy Bushong

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Meditation on a Hymn Tune

Gordon Young

*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

Children's Message

Jim Dennis

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.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn No. 133

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Showalter

*Affirmation of Faith No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:21-30

Page 75 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Tired of Talk"

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Hymn No. 408

The Gift of Love

Gift of Love

*Benediction

*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

Nursery Provided