

**August 24, 2008
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Meditation

"Which will it be? Lip service or Life service?"

Len Sweet

Gathering in the Spirit

GATHERING

"Surely the Presence"

No. 338

PRELUDE

"Come, Peace of God"

James Southbridge

CALL TO WORSHIP

Seasons of the Spirit

If not for God, we would be searching for a purpose in lots of dead-end places.

Our help is in the name of God, who made heaven and earth.

If not for God, we would be burdened with the idea that all of this life is up to us.

Our help is in the name of God, who made heaven and earth.

If not for God, we would look at the hard and mean things and say, "That's the end of the story."

Our help is in the name of God, who made heaven and earth.

We worship today to tell God's story and receive renewed purpose, release, and hope.

**We make lively offerings of our mouths and our breath,
our ideas and our feelings, our movement and our stillness.**

**Whether we are singing or speaking, thinking or praying,
we worship you, God, with our whole selves.**

HYMN SING

Choose three favorites

*CONTEXT FOR CONFESSION Exodus 1:8-14

*CONFESSING OUR LIVES BEFORE GOD Abingdon Worship Annual

Merciful God, hear our prayer. When we have made lives bitter with hard service or cruel words, forgive us and guide us back to your path of love and compassion. When we have imposed ourselves or our agendas on those around us, forgive us and help us to listen and cooperate with loving hearts.

When we have been the oppressor, forgive us and redeem us to be your people of justice and compassion.

In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYER

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
sin would have swallowed us up alive.

But thanks be to God who is on our side.

In Christ Jesus, the bonds of sin and death have been broken,
and we are forgiven! Hallelujah! Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S TIME

Opening to God's Word

SPECIAL MUSIC

MaryAnn Desrosiers

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

RECEIVING PRAYER REQUESTS AND SINGING

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

**All who are able, please stand.*

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:13-20

*SINGING

"Here I Am, Lord"

No. 593

MESSAGE

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Only Trust Him"

Edward Broughton

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

No. 94

**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!**

*SINGING

"Forward through the Ages"

No. 556

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

"A Day for Rejoicing"

Lani Smith

Liturgist

Linda Currier

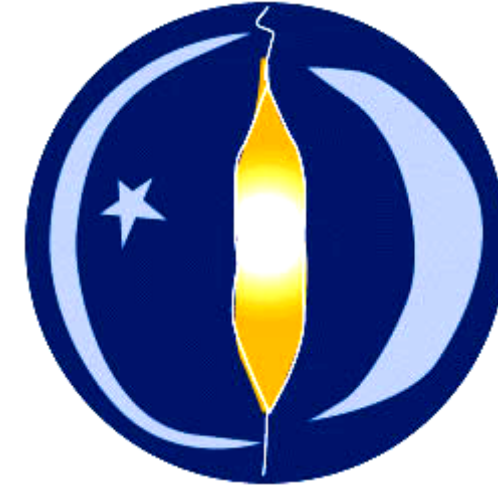
*Communion will be offered at the altar rail following worship for all who wish to partake.
Please listen for the bell.*

Come join us for coffee and fellowship after Worship!

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