

Celebration of Worship

January 16, 2011 The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

* *If you are able, please stand.*

+ + + *Arriving worshipers may be seated.*

WELCOME

(Please sign and pass the friendship pad, found in the pew, to the person next to you.)

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Finance Committee

Craig Dodd

ORGAN VOLUNTARY How Brightly Beams the Morning Star Johann Pachelbel

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**CALL TO WORSHIP*

The Reverend Dr. David J. Smazik

In the beginning the Spirit hovered over the face of the waters.

Escaping Egypt, God led the Hebrew people through the sea.

Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River.

The voice of God is over the waters; the God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

**HYMN 263*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—but naught changeth Thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore the, all veiling their sight;
All praise we should render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Walt Fleischer (9:15)

Morgan Osburn (11:00)

“What are you looking for?” Jesus asked his new disciples.

“What are you looking for?” He asks us still today.

Gracious God, we confess that we are uncertain. So many things that seemed sure and good have led us astray and exhausted us. So much of what we have tried to do has disappointed those we love, failed to help our neighbors in need, and emptied us of conviction and hope. We do not know what we are looking for. Deliver us, O God, from all that is desolate and vain. Set our feet upon solid rock. Open our ears to hear you. Fill our hearts with trust and our mouths with praise for the saving help and steadfast love you show to us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (from Hymn 379, My Hope is Built on Nothing Less)*

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

**Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. R**

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UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Living God, help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand;
that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all
faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 40:1-11
(Old Testament, page 486)*

ANTHEM (9:15)

*The Gift of Love
The St. James Quartet*

English Folk Melody,
arr. Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, spirit come, our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole. O come, spirit, come, let inward love, guide ev'ry deed. By this we worship, we are freed. Amen.

ANTHEM (11:00)

*Psalm 40
The Chancel Choir*

Heinrich Schütz

I waited for my Savior, who stooped and heard my cry; from pit of mire my Helper secured my feet on high. Now in my mouth a new song proclaimeth praise of God, declareth awe the day long, and spreadeth truth abroad. How blessed they who trust thee, and from all idols turn. Thou hast done

great things for me; with thee compareth none. How vast thy plans and wonders: O might I make them known! Yea, far exceed our numbers the marvels thou hast done. I love to do thy bidding; thy law is deep within. I tell thy righteous tidings; nought doth my lips restrain. All this, my God, thou knowest: thy love do not withhold. Compassion thou bestowest; let it my soul enfold.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:29-42
(New Testament, page 86)

SERMON:

“Come and See”

Dr. Smazik

**HYMN 391*

Take My Life

Hendon

**Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in endless praise,
Let them flow in endless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing,
Always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Every pow’r as Thou shalt choose,
Every pow’r as Thou shalt choose**

**Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,**

**A single great commission compels us from from above
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**

**We all are called to service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**

**Now let us be united, and let our songs be heard;
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

**BENEDICTION*

BENEDICTION ANTHEM (9:15)

In the Shadow of Your Wings

John Leavitt

The St. James Quartet

Gracious God, be merciful. O my God, be merciful. My soul is crying out to you. My only refuge, Lord, is you, God most high. In the shadow of your wings, 'neath the shadow of your wings, my soul finds rest from my deep distress. My heart hides there till this darkness passes by. I cry to God on high whose purpose is fulfilled for me. He reaches down to save and reproaches him who threatens me. Gracious God, be merciful. O my God, be merciful. My soul finds love and truth in you. No other place of safety, Lord, but you. In the shadow of your wings I hide.

BENEDICTION ANTHEM (11:00)

How Brightly Beams the Morning Star

Dirck Janszoon Sweelinck

The Chancel Choir

How brightly beams the morning star! What sudden radiance from afar doth glad us with its shining? Brightness of God, that breaks our night, and fills the darkened souls with light, who long for truth were pining! Thy word, Jesus, inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing. Praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing!

The congregation is requested to remain seated during the concluding anthem.

If you must leave, please do so respectfully.