

# Celebration of Worship

January 30, 2011      The Fourth 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.)*

*BELL VOLUNTARY*

*Triumphant Celebration*

Paul A. McKlveen

*The Ringers-on-the-Green*

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\**CALL TO WORSHIP*

*The Reverend Dr. David J. Smazik*

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all our hearts.

**Before all others we will sing your praise.**

Because of your love and faithfulness,

**we will bow down and praise your name.**

Bless the Lord!

**The Lord's name be praised!**

\**HYMN 483*

*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

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**Sing praise to God Who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory.**

**What God's almighty power hath made God's gracious mercy keepeth,  
By morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of God's might, Lo! all is just and all is right:  
To God all praise and glory.**

**The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,  
An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.  
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory.**

**Thus, all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises,  
That earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

*Sherry Guthrie (9:15)*

*Ken Hashagen (11:00)*

**Merciful God, You call, but we seldom hear. You beckon, yet we turn away. Sin keeps us from responding to you, and so often we seem incapable of doing good. Forgive our lack of attention to things that matter. Focus us on our call to worship and service. Release us from all that prevents us from being the people you would have us be, so that we may choose the path that points in the way of Jesus Christ, whose love is stronger than death. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

Friends, believe the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (from Hymn 388 O Jesus, I Have Promised)*

**O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.  
O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.**

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*UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION*

**Living God, help us so 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 15*

*(Old Testament, page 469)*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*ANTHEM (9:15)*

*Winter Carol*

Austin Lovelace

*Cantate Omnes*

'Tis winter now; the fallen snow has left the heav'ns all coldly clear; through leafless boughs the sharp winds blow, and all the earth lies dead and drear, and yet God's love is not withdrawn; His life within the keen air breathes; His beauty paints the crimson dawn, and clothes the boughs with glitt'ring wreaths. And though abroad the sharp winds blow, and skies are chill and frosts are keen, home closer draws her circle now, and warmer glows her light within. O God! who gives the

winter's cold, as well as summer's joyous rays, us warmly in Thy love enfold, and keep us through life's win'try days. Amen.

*ANTHEM (11:00)*

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Mack Wilberg

*The Chancel Choir*

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing. Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam, alleluia! O praise him! Alleluia! Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice; ye lights of evening, find a voice, Alleluia! O praise him! Alleluia! Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright, that gives to man both warmth and light, Alleluia! Dear mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way, Alleluia. The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow, let them his glory also show, Alleluia!

*SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:1-12*

*(New Testament, page 4)*

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*SERMON:*

*"Being Called Blessed"*

*Dr. Smazik*

*\*HYMN 392*

*Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

Hall

**Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray,  
Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;  
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;  
Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.**

**Take Thou our hearts, O Christ—they are Thine own;  
Come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne;  
Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love;  
Use us to make the earth like heaven above.**

**Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full sway;  
Have in our inmost souls Thy perfect way;  
Guard Thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;  
Guide Thou our ordered lives as Thou dost please.**

**Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;  
Through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.  
We yield ourselves to Thee—time, talents, all;  
We hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.**

*OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD*

*(Pew envelopes, prayer request cards and visitor cards are located in the pew pockets for your convenience.)*

*OFFERTORY (9:15)*

*Twelve Gates Into the City*

Spiritual, arr. Hopson

*Cantate Omnes*

Oh, what a beautiful city, well, twelve gates into the city, Allelu. Three gates into the east, three gates into the west. Three gates into the north. Three gates into the south, making that twelve gates into the city. Allelu. There's no need for the sun, there's no need for the moon. Christ is Light of the Day. Christ is Light of the Night, making that one bright and glorious city, Allelu. In that city so fair, there's no temple or veil, there's no altar to see, God's own presence is there, making that one bright and glorious city. Allelu.

*OFFERTORY (11:00)*

*Arise, O God, and Shine*

Walter Pelz

*The Chancel Choir*

Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might and prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light; let healing streams of mercy flow that all the earth Thy truth may know. Bring distant nations near to sing Thy glorious praise; let ev'ry people hear and learn Thy holy ways. Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause, and govern by Thy righteous laws. Put forth Thy glorious pow'r that Gentiles all may see and earth present her store in converts born to Thee. God, our own God, His church will bless and fill the world with righteousness. To God, the only wise, the one immortal King, let alleluias rise from ev'ry living thing; let all that breathe, on ev'ry coast, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*\*RESPONSE (from Hymn 542, Tallis' Canon)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

*PRAYER 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*\*HYMN 538*

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

Sicilian Mariners

**Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each Thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Traveling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration  
For Thy Gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of Thy salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.**

**Ever faithful, ever faithful,  
To the truth may we be found.**

**So that when Thy love shall call us,  
Savior, from the world away,  
Let no fear of death appall us,  
Glad Thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever,  
Reign with Thee in endless day.**

*\*BENEDICTION*

*BENEDICTION ANTHEM (9:15)*

*Dona Nobis Pacem*  
*Cantate Omnes*  
Grant us Thy peace.

16<sup>th</sup> Century Canon,  
arr. Hopson

*BENEDICTION ANTHEM (11:00)*

*God Be in My Head*  
*The Chancel Choir*

H. Walford Davies

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at  
mine end, and at my departing.

*The congregation is requested to remain seated during the concluding anthem.  
If you must leave, please do so respectfully.*

*Participating in the service today are the Reverend Dr. David J. Smazik  
and Elders Sherry Guthrie and Kenneth Hashagen.  
The music is under the direction of Dr. James D. Hicks.*