

Celebration of Worship

May 15, 2011 The Fourth Sunday of Easter 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.)

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Dr. David J. Smazik

The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need.

**Even when I walk through death's shadow, I fear no evil,
for you are with me.**

Surely goodness and mercy will follow us forever.

We dwell now and always in the house of the Lord!

*HYMNS *(We'll sing the first 2 verses of all hymns in the service, unless otherwise noted.)*

9:15: HYMN 138 *Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!* Nicaea

 HYMN 469 *Morning Has Broken* Bunessan

11:00: HYMN 464 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Hymn to Joy

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.**

**Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Black bird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing
Fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where His feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning.
Born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
Praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation
Of the new day!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

John May (9:15)

Ginny Pontious (11:00)

O Lord, our shepherd, your care is our joy and our hope. How then have we gone so far astray? We balk at your guidance and refuse your sure provision. We turn aside from you to seek our own paths. We fail to be content with your love, so we seek more from the world, and come up empty. In your mercy, God, forgive us. Cure our fevered souls with your Spirit. Lead us anew in ways that will strengthen us, to make our lives a glory to your name through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have confessed our sins; now it is time to forget the past and to live new lives in the present. Our hope is that we can start anew, following a new life of loving, forgiving, and caring.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy, strife and discord cease:
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. *Refrain*

HYMN 40 Joy to the World!

Antioch

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: John 10:1-10
(New Testament, page 97)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

“No Time Like the Present”

Dr. Smazik

<i>*HYMN 9:15</i>	<i>HYMN 525</i>	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	Daniel L. Schutte
<i>11:00</i>	<i>HYMN 594</i>	<i>This Is the Feast of Victory</i>	Festival Canticle

Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God? *Refrain***

**Power, riches and wisdom and strength,
And honor and blessing and glory are his. *Refrain***

**Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation; *Refrain***

**Blessing and honor and glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain***

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. *Refrain***

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY (9:15)

HYMN 391 Take My Life Hendon

HYMN 302 I Danced in the Morning Simple Gifts

OFFERTORY (11:00)

HYMN 391 Take My Life (All Verses) Hendon

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Let them flow in ceaseless 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 power as Thou shalt choose.
Every power 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.
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

**RESPONSE 9:15 HYMN 467 How Great Thou Art O Store Gud*
11:00 HYMN 467 How Great Thou Art O Store Gud

**O Lord my God,
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all
The worlds Thy Hands have made,
I see the stars,
I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout
The universe displayed;**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!**

When through the woods

**And forest glades I wander
I hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze;**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!
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How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!**

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

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 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.

<i>*HYMN</i>	<i>9:15</i>	<i>HYMN 543</i>	<i>Abide With Me</i>	Eventide
	<i>11:00</i>	<i>HYMN 371</i>	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	Crucifer

Refrain

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred Name.*

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.**

Refrain

**Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Him Who died.**

Refrain

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw the world to Thee.**

Refrain

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory.**

Refrain

**BENEDICTION*

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE:*

9:15	<i>HYMN 315</i>	<i>Every Time I Feel the Spirit</i>	Pentecost
11:00	<i>HYMN 315</i>	<i>Every Time I Feel the Spirit</i>	Pentecost

Chorus

**Every time I feel the spirit
Movin' in my heart I will pray
Every time I feel the spirit
Movin' in my heart I will pray**

Verse

**Up on the mountains my Lord spoke
Out of His mouth came fire and smoke
Looked all around me, it looked so fine
I asked the Lord could it be mine**

Chorus

Verse

**The Jordan river, chilly and cold.
It chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track.
It runs to heaven and then right back.**

Chorus

Participating in the services today are the Reverends Dr. David J. Smazik and Cynthia J. Alloway, and Elders John May and Ginny Pontious, and organist, James D. Hicks. The music today was chosen by the congregational vote.