

Celebration of Worship

May 22, 2011

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.

** If you are able, please stand.*

+++ Arriving worshipers may be seated.

WELCOME

Angela Rines

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

INTROIT

Sing Praise

Mark Patterson

Noah Hubbard, Evan Quinn, Matt Stark, handbells

Bel Melodia and Bel Canto Choirs

Barbara Valenti, piano

*Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord with a song of joy. Sing praise,
sing praise to the Lord with alleluias. Come sing praise to the Lord.*

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**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Brooke Bartleson

*Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.*

**Congregation: Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

*Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.*

**All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

**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 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.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Nicky Fraebel

**Most holy and merciful Father,
We confess to you and to one another,
that we have sinned against you
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

continued...

**We have not loved you with our
whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.
You alone know how often we have grieved you
by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.
Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father;
And free us from our sin.
Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit,
for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

And now hear this assurance of forgiveness. Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Cassie Shipe

31:1 In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

31:2 Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.

31:3 You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

31:4 take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

31:5 Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

31:15 My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

31:16 Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Blessed Be the Lord

Timothy Shaw

Bel Melodia Choir

Barbara Valenti, piano Eric Rappeport, violin

Blessed be, blessed be the Lord. Praise his name evermore, alleluia. Who alone does wondrous things; blessed be the Lord. May his glory fill the earth, alleluia. Who alone does wondrous things; blessed be the Lord. May his glory fill the earth, alleluia.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Mackenzie Genthe

God is an understanding friend

God is with me, supporting me, pulling me up, helping me in every aspect of life.

God will always love me, and I will always love him.

He is the only one I can trust with any secret, any feeling or any emotion.

God is always listening to my prayers. He takes care of me, my family, and my friends.

God is capable of helping me with anything. He is there for me when I need him

God helps me get out of tough situations in my life.

God is always present in my life.

He lights my pathway in times of darkness and guides me through to the light.

(compiled from the 2011 Confirmation Class Statements of Faith)

CONFIRMATION RECOGNITION

Nicky Fraebel, Mackenzie Genthe, Patrick May, Pierce Mead, Dylan Taunton

Mentors: John Eyre, Cheryl Maginley, Ken Hashagen, Bruce Smith, Vern Verhoef.

INTRODUCTION TO HYMN by the Bel Melodia Ringers, chimes

**HYMN 319*

Spirit

James K. Manley

Refrain:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness.

Blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness. Stir me from placidness.

Wind, wind on the sea.

**You moved on the waters, You called to the deep,
Then You coaxed up the mountains. From the valley of sleep,
And over the eons You called to each thing,
"A wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." Refrain**

**You swept through the desert, You stung with the sand,
And You gifted your people With a law and a land,
And when they were blinded With their idols and lies,
Then You spoke through Your prophets To open their eyes. Refrain**

**You sang in a stable, You cried from a hill,
Then You whispered in silence When the whole world was still,
And down in the city You called once again
When You blew through Your people On the rush of the wind. Refrain**

**You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes,
From the bondage of sorrow The captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions, Our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions Your people arise. Refrain**

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Cassie Shipe

2:2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation-

2:3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

2:4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and

2:5 like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

2:6 For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

2:7 To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

2:8 and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

2:10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

“As I Have Loved You”

Emily McCachren

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFERING

Haley Smith

As we offer to God a portion of the gifts given to us, Let us be reminded that it is God, and not money, that brings us joy and refreshment. God help us share freely and joyfully, knowing that you will meet our needs. And now, if the ushers would come forward for our morning offering.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Paul M. Vasile

Bel Canto Choir

Barbara Valenti, piano

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, My God and King! The heav'ns are not too high, God's praise may thither fly; The earth is not too low, God's praises there may grow. Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, My God and King! The church with psalms must shout: No door can keep them out; But, above all, the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, My God and King!

**DOXOLOGY*

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, we give our gifts today, knowing that you are doing new things in your world. Use these for your work and help us to catch the vision of the new works you are doing. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sasha Jones

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.

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*BENEDICTION

Emily McCachren

BELL VOLUNTARY

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen

arr. Bill Ingram

Bel Canto Ringers

*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 Angela Rines, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries and members of our Youth groups. The music is under the direction of Julie Ramseyer, Director of Children's Music. The organist is James D. Hicks.