

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 24th, 2009

7th Sunday of Easter

•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

“Sabbath Reverie”

Sara Ann and JoAnn

Greetings and Announcements

Four Cents A Meal Offering

Gathering Song

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Call to Worship (from Joshua 24:14-25)

Leader: Fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and truth. Put away the idols that your fathers served in Egypt. Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.

People: The LORD is our God. He brought us out of slavery in the land of Egypt. We will serve the LORD, for He is our God.

Leader: You cannot serve the LORD, for He is a holy God. If you forsake Him and serve foreign gods, then He will turn on you and consume you.

People: No, but we will serve the LORD!

Leader: You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve Him.

People: We are witnesses.

Leader: Then put away any idols which are among you and incline your heart to the LORD God of Israel.

People: The LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey.

Leader: And the covenant was renewed. . .

Prayer of the Day

Time With Children

•**Hymn 515**

“God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand” (Red Hymnal)

NATIONAL HYMN

•**Prayer of Confession** (Psalm 51:1-2)

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your loving kindness. According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon and Charge** (Romans 1:16-17; Galatians 5:13-14)

Leader: For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

People: For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

Leader: For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

People: For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

•**Responding to God's Forgiveness - The Gloria Patri #579**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Micah 4:4

Anthem

“He Laid His Hand On Me”

Adult Choir

New Testament Reading: Galatians 5:1

Sermon

“They Were Not Intimidated”

Rev. Joel Thornton

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.12 - Red Hymnal)

•**Hymn 425**

“For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest”

SINE NOMINE

(First Tune - Red Hymnal)

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes

Offertory

“Andante Religioso”

Sara Ann and JoAnn

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

•**Hymn 510**

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” (Red Hymnal)

MATERNA

•**The Charge and Blessing**

•**The Congregational Response**

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“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds

Our hearts in Christian love:

The fellowship of kindred minds

Is like to that above.

Postlude