

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 31st, 2009

Pentecost

•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name"
The Bells of Bethel

Greetings and Announcements

Recognizing Our Graduates

Gathering Song "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"

Call To Worship (Acts 1:8)

Leader: You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you . . .

People: . . . and you shall be My witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Prayer of the Day

Time With Children

•**Hymn 324** "Open My Eyes That I May See"

OPEN MY EYES

•**Prayer of Confession**

Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and transform our timid lives by the power of Your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be Your faithful people. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (Matthew 5:3)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

•**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: Esther 3:1-5

Anthem "Spirit of God, Descend"

Adult Choir

New Testament Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Sermon "Beyond the Pale"

Rev. Joel Thornton

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•**Apostles' Creed** (p. 14)

•**Hymn 423** "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

DUKE STREET

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offering our Lives and Presenting our Tithes

Offertory "As The Deer"
The Bells of Bethel

•**Doxology (#592)**

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(continue Great Prayer of Thanksgiving)

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Power and Might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

(continue Great Prayer of Thanksgiving)

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People (Please hold the bread and cup until all are served)

Prayer

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

•**Hymn 525** "Here I Am, Lord"

Daniel L. Schutte

•**The Charge and Blessing**

•**The Congregational Response** #438 "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