

you will be my witnesses

-- (Acts 1:8)

February 7, 2010

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Ten Forty-five in the Morning

Assemble in God's Name

Greeting

John Hewett

*The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.*

Introit

by Hal Hopson

SATB voices

Ho-ly is the Lord, Ho-ly is the Lord, Ho-ly is the Lord

Call to Worship

Paul Sims

*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!*
from Psalm 138

+ Hymn 2

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

NICAEA

+ Prayer of Praise and Adoration

John Hewett

+ Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

*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.*

Preschoolers are dismissed for Extended Session after a prayer with Dr. Hewett

Proclaim God's Word

The First Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-8

setting by David McK. Williams

"In the Year that King Uzziah Died" -- sung by the Chancel Choir

*In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne,
high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.
Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings;
With twain he covered his face, with twain he did fly.
And one cried unto another, and said,
"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."
And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried and the house was filled with smoke.
Then said I, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips,
and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips:*

*for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts."
Then flew one of the seraphim, having a live coal in his hand,
which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar;
and he laid it upon my mouth, and said,
"Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin is purged."
Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
Then said I, "Here am I, send me."*

The Second Lesson

Luke 5:1-11

John Hewett

*The Gospel of our Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

*"Who Are You, Really?"
"You Are God's Apostle"*

John Hewett

Give Thanks to God

Confession

Paul Sims

*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 your 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

*We have strength for the task and love for the journey
– this is our good news today.
 Thanks be to God.*

The Peace

John Hewett

*The peace of the Lord be with you.
 And also with you.*

The Celebration of Communion

Breaking the Bread

"Love Bade Me Welcome"

by R. Vaughan Williams

Seth Joyner

*Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back, guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack from my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning if I lacked anything.
"A guest," I answered, "worthy to be here." Love said, "You shall be he."
"I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on Thee."
Love took my hand and smiling did reply, "Who made the eyes but I?"
"Truth, Lord; but I have marred them; let my shame go where it doth deserve."
"And know you not," says Love, "Who bore the blame?"
"My dear, then I will serve."
"You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my meat."
So I did sit and eat.*

George Herbert, 17th century

Sharing the Cup

"The Summons"

setting by John Bell

Jim Stubbs

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
 Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership

John Hewett

+ Hymn 40

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

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+ Offertory Prayer

Nathan Hopper

All loose change received in February will benefit Loaves and Fishes of Union County, a local food bank agency that provides groceries for families in need. Please give as you are able.

Organ Offertory

"Meditation on 'Union Seminary'" arranged by Charles Callahan

+ Doxology

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Please rise as the deacons pass your pew in returning the offering to the Chancel

*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.*

Go In God's Name

+ Commission

Sara Spahr Stubbs

*God provides abundantly.
We will live in joyful gratitude.
God has a great purpose for us all.
We will follow God's lead.
Let us trust God who has been ever steadfast.
We will be bold and answer God's call.*

Sent out in Je sus' name, our hands are rea-dy now to
 make the earth the place in which the king-dom comes.
 The an-gels can-not change a world of hurt and pain in
 to a world of love, of jus rice and of peace. The
 task is ours to do, to ser it real ly free. O
 help us to o - bey and car - ry out your will.

+ Benediction

John Hewett

Organ Postlude

"Festive Toccata on 'LOBE DEN HERREN'"

arranged by Craig Phillips

+ Those who are able may stand
 Personal Listening Devices are available for worship. Request one from an usher.

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Paul M. Sims, Minister
Sara Spahr Stubbs, Minister
Timothy Belflowers, Organist
The Chancel Choir
Seth Joyner and Jim Stubbs, Soloists
Nathan Hopper, Deacon

*The sanctuary flowers are given by Mark and Kim Tyson
 to the glory of God and in loving honor of their son, Eli Brody, for his 2nd birthday*