

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 20, 2006

11:00 AM

*A nursery is available during the service. An usher will be happy to assist you.
Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available upon request from an usher.*

Welcome and Announcements Moments of Friendship

PRELUDE *Song of Joy* Boodle
(Please take this time to silently prepare yourself to worship God.)

CALL TO WORSHIP John Denzer, Liturgist

Liturgist: Praise the Lord!

People: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

Liturgist: God has sent redemption to the people; God has commanded the covenant forever.

People: Holy and awesome is God's name!

Liturgist: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

***HYMN No. 458** *Earth and All Stars* Dexter

*CONFESSION OF SIN *(In Unison)*

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

(Let each worshipper pray silently.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI *(The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 (Pew Bible, OT Section, page 298)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *A Simple Song* Bernstein
Lauren Shriver, Soloist

EPISTLE LESSON: John 6:51-58 (Pew Bible, NT Section, page 91)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN No. 555** *Now Thank We All Our God*

SERMON LESSON: Ephesians 5:15-20 (Pew Bible, NT Section page 180)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Thanks for Everything?** Jonathan Fettig

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** – *(In Unison)* Apostles' Creed (traditional)
The Presbyterian Hymnal p. 14

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Meditation on "The Ash Grove"* Lasky

*PRESENTATION, The Doxology *(The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 592)*

**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 THANKSGIVING

***HYMN No. 554** *Let All Things Now Living* Ash Grove

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Recessional on "Let All Things Now Living"* Sedio

***Those who are able, please stand**

MUSICAL NOTES

Hymn Notes:

Now Thank We All Our God

This joyous Thanksgiving refrain was written by the Reverend Martin Rinkart, minister in the little town of Eilenburg, Saxony, at the close of the Thirty Years' War in 1648. Rinkart was the only surviving clergyman in the town, which was so crowded with refugees and so ravaged with plague and pestilence, famine and fury, that often fifty to one hundred funerals were held each day. When news finally arrived that the Peace of Westphalia had ended the great and terrible war, a decree was circulated ordering Thanksgiving services to be held in every church. Ministers were requested to preach on the text, "Now bless ye the Lord of all, who everywhere doeth great things." Martin Rinkart was so moved by the thought of this text that he sat down and wrote these words for his own Thanksgiving service:

*Now thank we all our God,
With hearts, and hands, and voices;
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices.*

(adapt. from H.S. Rizk)