

January 24, 2010

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY 11:00 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE

Preludio

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
MOMENTS OF FRIENDSHIP

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP These Are The Offerings

CALL TO WORSHIP Melanie Bolender, Liturgist

Liturgist: If the Lord had not been on our side, let the people of God now say.

People: If the Lord had not been on our side when enemies rose up against us, they would have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us.

Liturgist: The water would have overwhelmed us, and swift torrents would have swept over us.

People: Blessed be the Lord who has not made us their prey. Our help is in the name of God who made heaven and earth.

Liturgist: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN No. 143 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*CONFESSION OF SIN (*In Unison*)

God of salvation, you have not left us alone in times of distress, but have drawn near to comfort us, bound up our wounds, brought light into our darkness, and made our way safe. Yet we have turned away from you, looking to other sources for prosperity, to other teachers for wisdom, and to other healers for wholeness. Rather than keeping our hearts and eyes firmly fixed upon you, we have set our gaze and fastened our grasp on things of this world. We have claimed to be your followers, but have lost sight and hold of you. In mercy forgive us. By your Spirit, draw us again near to yourself, that our hearts would be rekindled to trust and proclaim the good news of how kind you are to your children, how merciful you are to the wayward, and how strong you are to the weak, and how responsive you are to all who call upon you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *(Let each worshipper pray silently)*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (*The 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.

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 30: 1-10 (*Pew Bible, OT page 62; Lg. Print page 134*)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kyle Peters

(Children in grades Kindergarten to 3rd Grade will be dismissed to Children's Church)

ANTHEM Offertory

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 2: 1-12 (*Pew Bible, NT pg.681, Lg. Print pg.1497*)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN No. 36 In the Bleak Midwinter

SERMON LESSON: Hebrews 9 (with readings from John) (*Pew Bible, NT pg.850, Lg. Print pg.1871*)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Pursuing Christ After Christmas-Bringing Incense Rev. Jonathan Fettig

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

OFFERTORY Here I Am, Lord

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*PRESENTATION, The Doxology (*The 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. 327 O Word of God Incarnate

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION More Precious Than Silver

POSTLUDE Jubilant March