

ACT OF CELEBRATION

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 17, 2008

10:00 A.M.

THIS SERVICE IS BEING BROADCAST OVER RADIO STATION WATN 1240

* *Indicates that those who are able may stand.*

GATHERING

GREETING

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE

*“How Firm a Foundation”
Toccata on Old Hundredth*

A.L. Page
F. Bock

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 67)

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

All: that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

*HYMN 220

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy forgive us for our foolish questions? We ask what is truth? Yet we know the truth is the will of God. We ask, can anything be done? All the while we ask we know the lowly are to be lifted, the faint of heart are to be aided. How long you endure our confusion; what mercy you have shown in our failing. Forgive us for neglecting the obvious and forsaking what can be done. In your mercy let us be bold in becoming your church. Amen.

*WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

. . . in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ you are also forgiven.

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Gloria Patri - Hymnal 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.

WORK OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING ~ Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Old Testament, page 735 in pew Bibles)

SOLO

Amazing Grace

arr. Jay Althouse

Julia Sprague, soloist

CHILDREN'S TIME

SECOND READING ~ Matthew 28:16-20 (New Testament, page 34 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“All That I Have Commanded You”

Rev. Jerry Benjamin

*HYMN 343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

“I Vow to Thee”

G. Holst

(In memory of Jeanne Stanley, 1927-2008)

DOXOLOGY - Hymn #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 DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN 361

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

“All People that on Earth Do Dwell”

F. Bock

*A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in the Education Building.
Please ask an usher to show you the way.*

*Large Print Bulletins and Children's Bulletins
are available from the ushers.*

*Peace to all who enter here! We extend a warm welcome as you worship today.
You are cordially invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for
refreshments immediately following our worship this morning.*

Prayer Concerns

Charlie Hyde, Robert Hyde, Dottie LeFevre, Eleanor Heisler, Marilyn Adams,
Connie Parker, Helen Fluno, Nella Stone, Jack Heisler, Arlene Wilson,
Shane McWayne, Carol Gorman, Eli Adams Revelle, Mary LaRue, Al Elmer,
the Garry Family, and for the sick and those who need God's comfort.

Prayers of Sympathy and Condolences

for David Stanley and family on the loss of their wife, mother
and grandmother, **Jeanne Stanley**, who died August 8, 2008

Prayers for those in our church family who have been deployed

Ryan Haskins, Mike Sybrant, Jeff Larson, John Elwood,
Bob Krenzel, Ralph Heaton, James Collado
and all of their families.

Prayers for our Adopted Platoon, who have been deployed to Iraq

Bob Krenzel, Michael Spencer, Adrian Veseth-Nelson, Kurt Chastain,
Chris Stockbridge, Scott DeCaro, Robert Rocha, Eric Wesel,
Matt Neuenfeldt, Edward Carr, Dan Coughlin, Alex Ibarra, Sean Mahler,
Jeff Parish, Nick Perchatsch, Marc Jackson, Brendon Cornelison.

*You can find today's sermon in the narthex and you can read and listen to
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We will be a force for Christianity in the Community

Mission Statement

Seeking God's help, we will pursue growth and renewal as a united Christian body.
We will nurture people within our church and provide Christian leadership and care
throughout our community.