

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

August 24, 2008

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time/15th Sunday after Pentecost

As you enter the Sanctuary, please be mindful of those around you who may wish to prepare for worship with prayer and silent reflection.

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE Every Time I Feel the Spirit SPIRITUAL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Our Living Church*

OPENING SENTENCES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before God our Maker.

People: We come in humility, opening ourselves to God's wisdom and strength.

Leader: We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

All: We come with expectation, that in God's presence we may know ourselves and one another, and be truly at home in the world.

*HYMN #91 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! CORONATION

*GATHERING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Unison)*

O God, we often recognize you at one moment, as Peter recognized Jesus as Christ, and then we, too, turn away from you. It is not you who hides from us, but we who hide from you. Help us to come to our senses and discover in you the way to true life; through Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray, saying: *"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."*

*ACT OF PRAISE *The Gloria Patri (Unison)*

Glory be to the Father (God), and to the Son (Christ), and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ANTHEM SOLO 3rd Movement of Spring Vivaldi

Nicole Arsenis

SERVICE OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S CHAT

(As children leave for their program, greet those near you.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 16:13-20 *(pew Bible page 798)*

SERMON: "JESUS, MESSIAH, SON OF GOD" Rev Thomas
Text: "Matthew 16:16

SERVICE OF RESPONSE

*HYMN #273 Built on the Rock KIRKEN DEN ER ET

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Solo Sonata VI, 2nd Movement Handel

*Doxology *(Unison)*

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. *(Alternatively - Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.)*

*Prayer of Dedication

DISMISSAL

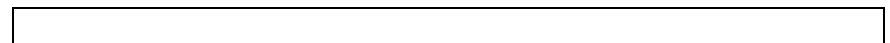
*HYMN #272 The Church's One Foundation AURELIA
(verses 1, 2 & 5)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE How Firm a Foundation TRADITIONAL

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

We thank **Nicole Arsenis** for her gift of violin music.
Betty Gray & Jerry Lyle are Deacons of the week.
Dana Crawford serves as Liturgist.
Suzanna Arpante 898-0058 is Trustee liaison.



START-UP SUNDAY – Sept 7

9:30-10:30 AM

Church School pre-registration

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**10:30 AM WORSHIP with Communion
and Chancel Choir**

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Children (Kindergarten – Eighth Grade) meet in the Chapel to hear our first rotational story, “Creation”, followed by crafts & games in the classrooms

WELCOME SUNDAY – Sept 14

9:00-10:30 AM

Church School pre-registration

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

“COME AND WORSHIP THE LORD!”

We will have a **Service of Worship & Praise** featuring the ***Pleasant Street Junior Choir*** from the Pleasant Street Seventh Day Adventist Church in Worcester (Music Director Curtis Richardson’s home church). Curtis and Director Patrick Chambers will lead a group of musicians, singers and liturgical dancers (ages 5 to 16) to help us get in the spirit for an uplifting fall return! *We call on all our children to join in the Processional singing, “Siyahamba” with them.* Our Chancel Choir will also sing!

Circle it on your calendar! You won’t want to miss it! This is a musical event to invite family and friends to attend.

Following Worship... 11:45 AM or so

Stay for a Light Lunch and ice cream sundaes! We will host our visiting choir, so come, mingle and socialize!