

*** THE HYMN 356**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE RESPONSE**

O for a World

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*Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship. Should you find that your child grows restless, there is child care available. Infants are cared for in the Nursery in Room 105, toddlers 18 months through two years in Room 112.*

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Three's Nursery: Anne and Will Barnette

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**WORSHIP**

**AUGUST 31, 2008**

**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Thank you for making sure your cell phone is off during the worship hour.

**THE PRELUDE**

Walter Huff

**\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Robert Gray

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: The Lord is good to all, and God's compassion is over all creation.**

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**People: Our mouths shall speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 285** *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

**THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

*\* (The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.)*

## THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, whose reign we have denied and whose purpose we have opposed, we pray for forgiveness and healing. You have given us a bounty, and we have hoarded its abundance. You have given us wholeness, and we have fragmented creation. You have given us each other, and we have manipulated those around us for our own profit and gain. You have given us wisdom, but we have been content with convenience. We have conserved the abundance of your love as though it could be exhausted, and we have wasted the resources of your world as though they were imperishable. Forgive us, O God. Turn us around and claim us for your own purposes. Receive us into the outstretched arms of your mercy. Amen.

**A MOMENT OF SILENCE** *(for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession)*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn 280)  
The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

**\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST**  
*(Children ages 2-11 are invited to leave after the **Passing of the Peace** for special classes. Three-year-olds are in Room 204; Pre-K in G-11; K - 2nd grade in G-1; 3rd - 5<sup>th</sup> grades in G-3.)*

**THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**  
*(Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue friendship register pad and pass it down the pew.)*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Isaiah 58:6-10 (page 647 in the Pew Bible)

**THE SOLO** *It Is Well with My Soul* Bliss/Beck  
Noelle Miller, guest soloist

**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Matthew 20:1-16 (page 20 in the Pew Bible)

**THE SERMON** "Whose Justice?" Christopher Henry  
*"So the last will be first, and the first will be last." Matthew 20:16*

**\* THE HYMN 400** *When We are Living*

**\* THE APOSTLES' CREED**  
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
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, forever. Amen.

**THE OFFERTORY** *Larghetto* Handel

**\* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Hymn 592)