

* **THE HYMN 243** *We Thank You, Lord, For You Are Good*

* **THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *For the Beauty of the Earth* Rutter

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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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Greeters: Gail Kitchens, Ellen Brown, Beverly Tatum, Grace Howard, Bill & Cindy Humphries

Coffee & Conversation Host: Gail Kitchens

Counters: Carolyn Morton and Van Crisco

Infant Nursery: Jeanne Ward

Two's Nursery: Amy Santy

Three's Nursery: Bill and Sanda Means

Preschool Program Volunteers: Betsy Holland and Amy Jarrett

Children's Worship Volunteers: Ward Howell and Rhonda McIntosh

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**Staff**

Joanna M. Adams.....Pastor

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**WORSHIP      SEPTEMBER 14, 2008**

**24TH 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**

Kevin Weber

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**People: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\* **THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 229**      *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

**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

God of grace, you draw us into yourself even when we turn away from your presence. Your love reaches out to embrace us wherever we are, whatever we do. For such love we offer our deepest thanksgiving. Yet we confess that we have not loved you as you have loved us. We have abandoned hope in your promises. Our eyes have been upon ourselves rather than upon you. Forgive us for giving up faith in you, for discounting your enduring promises to us. Fill us anew with your Spirit, that we may press forward in joy and confidence, doing your good work, trusting in your purposes, witnessing to the good news of Jesus Christ--good news that will never be silenced. Amen.

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

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn 473)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild - Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

## **\* 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 COMMISSIONING OF USHERS, GREETERS, AND THE PEW GUILD

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**      Romans 13:8-10      (page 152 in the Pew Bible)

## THE ANTHEM

*This Day*      Edwin Hawkins

Quartet - Tami Giusto, Linda Rozakis, Gabe Couret, Chris Hawkins

Give us this day our daily bread. You said You would supply all my needs according to Your riches. I have but to ask and I shall receive. To go from here and share this love You gave to me, to show someone who's lost and help them find their way, the way to truth and faith so they can be free. Lord, we need Your love. We need Your peace. We need Your joy this day.

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**      Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67      (page 19 in the Pew Bible)

**THE SERMON**      **Sermon Series: *Insights for Living from the Old Testament***

Sermon II: "The Joy of Human Love"      Christopher Henry  
*"He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her." Genesis 24:67*

**\* THE HYMN 241**      *Behold the Goodness of Our Lord*

## **\* 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

*Prelude in E Major (WTC II)*      Bach

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