

*** THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(Hymn 592)

*** THE HYMN 268**

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

O God the Creator

Patterson

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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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**WORSHIP APRIL 26, 2009**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**

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

**THE PRELUDE**

Walter Huff

**\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christopher Henry

Leader: O Lord, open my lips.

**People: And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader: You created the day and the night, O God;

**People: You set the sun and the moon in their places;**

Leader: You set the limits of the earth;

**People: You made summer and winter.**

Leader: You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

**All: Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to God forever and ever. Amen.** (from Psalms 51, 74; Revelation 5, 21)

**\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 455** *All Creatures of Our God and King*

**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

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being; whose face is hidden from us by our sins; and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts; cleanse us, we beseech you, from all our offenses; and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires; that with lowliness and meekness we may draw near to you; confessing our sins, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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 **Peace of Christ** 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 RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

**THE FIRST READING** Psalm 8 (responsive) (page 466 in the pew Bible)

**THE ANTHEM** *From All that Dwell Below the Skies* Young

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise. Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue. Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord. Eternal truth attends Thy word. Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

**THE SECOND READING** Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31 (page 1 in the pew Bible)

**THE SERMON** "Two Cheers for Charles" Joanna Adams

*In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth...Genesis 1:1*

**\* THE HYMN 339** *Be Thou My Vision*

**\* THE NICENE CREED** (Ecumenical)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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** *As the Deer Longs for the Streams* Raney