

**\* THE HYMN 248**

*You Are Before Me, Lord*

**\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Higher Ground*

Gabriel

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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 012.*

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**Ushers: Guerry and Michelle Mashburn, Brenda Fishpaw, Shari Tant**

**Greeters: Bill and Sanda Means, Gail Kitchens, Brad Odom**

**Coffee & Conversation Host: Gail Kitchens**

**Counters: Leslie Prince, Lynsley Tyler**

**Infant Nursery: Jo Ann Bertrand**

**Two's Nursery: Lele Ruby**

**Three's Nursery: Betsy Holland**

**Preschool Program Volunteers: Beth Baer, Van Crisco**

**Children's Worship Volunteers: Joe and Ann Brady**

**Fellowship: The Men of Morningside**

**Staff**

Joanna M. Adams.....Pastor  
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**WORSHIP JULY 26, 2009**

**17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

*Our preparation for worship is as follows: Before the prelude begins, the liturgist for the morning will greet the congregation from the lectern, saying "The Lord be with you." The people will respond, "And also with you." At this point, the prelude will begin. After the prelude, the chimes will be sounded, and the call to worship will take place, followed by the processional hymn. Our goal is to make the sanctuary as worshipful as possible as the congregation gathers to honor God's holy name.*

**THE GATHERING**

Glenn Small

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**THE PRELUDE**

*Voluntary in D Major*

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**\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Long before the dawn and as the first light shines;

**People:** Praise the Lord.

**Leader:** Throughout the day and in every season;

**People:** Praise the Lord.

**Leader:** Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord.

**People:** The Lord's name be praised.

**Leader:** Let us worship God.

**\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 478**

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

**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

Gracious and merciful God, you have created us in your image. Yet, too quickly we deny your life-giving ways. You teach us to forgive as we have been forgiven. Yet, we cling to our anger and disappointments; we hold on to our hurts and frustrations. You embrace us with your love. Yet, we hoard this gift, hesitant to embrace our neighbor and share the love you so freely give. By your steadfast love and mercy, release us from our sinfulness. Return to us the joy of your salvation. Hear, O Lord, our prayer for your forgiveness. Amen.

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

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(Hymn 466)

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

### \* 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 FIRST LESSON

Psalm 13

Joe Ballay

(page 468 in the pew Bible)

### THE ANTHEM

*I Need Thee Every Hour*  
Stefanie Sudduth, soloist

Beck

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like Thine can peace afford.  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

### THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-21

(page 182 in the pew Bible)

### THE SERMON

“Holy Conversation”

Christopher Henry

*“I pray that...Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.”*

*Ephesians 3:16-17*

### \* THE HYMN 165

*When in the Night I Meditate*

*(verses 1 through 5)*

### \* 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

*Chorale*

Mathias

### \*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Hymn 592)