

The Order of Celebration for the Worship of God

2nd Sunday of Eastertide

April 11, 2010

To Ponder As We Gather

“The difference between goals and mission is reflected in the difference between I want to get married and I want to have a successful marriage.” (source unknown)

Greetings And Shared Announcements

The Tone Calls Us To Silence

Prelude *“Durch Adams Fall” by Gottfried August Homilius*

Introit 10:45am “Shower The People With Love” Jubilee

Call To Worship (unison)

In Christ’s name we come together now to worship.

Spirit calls to spirit.

Hand reaches out to hand.

Heart joins with heart.

Voice lifts with voice a song of praise to God.

Come, let us worship together.

***Singing** #2208 “Let All Things Now Living” (black hymnal)

Witness from the Ancient Text Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

An Anthem 9:00am “Shower The People With Love”
by James Taylor
Jubilee

A Time For Children

#2233 “Where Children Belong” (black hymnal)

The Lord’s Prayer

We Greet One Another

We Offer Our Gifts

Offertory *“Toccata in G Major”*

by William Hieronymous Pachelbel

One: All things come from you, O God!

Many: And of your own have we given to you!

***Song Of Praise #94 (red hymnal)**

Prayer Of Thanksgiving

The Community Of Faith In Prayer (following the pastoral prayer the congregation is invited to lift up their own prayers of concern and celebration.) We Light a candle for prayers spoken and silent.

We close with:

One: Lord, in your mercy

Many: Hear our prayer

The Anthem

10:45am “Halle, Halle, Halle” arr. Hal Hopson
Chancel Choir

Witness From The Ancient Text 1 Corinthians 13

Singing #643 “When Love is Found” (red hymnal)
(congregation remains seated)

A Contemporary Witness

“Marriage as Mission” Rev. Brolin Parker

The Tone Calls Us To Silence

Singing Of Eastertide

#327 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (red hymnal)

Final Blessing

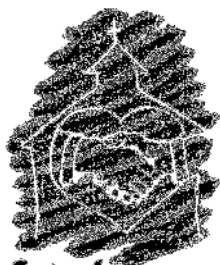
The Postlude *“Toccata in E Minor” by Johann Pachelbel*

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Unless otherwise noted, the liturgy for today was written by Rev. Brolin.

Bible Notes.....

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Protestant Bible translators unfortunately changed the name of this book from the original title, Song of Songs. Over the centuries, all kinds of allegories were made of this book trying to tone down the utter physicality of the love imagery. The poem is erotic, but not salacious. Outside of one passage talking about Solomon (whose harem of 300 wives and 1000 concubines could hardly be what the pastoral shepherd that this selection and the bulk of the poem is talking about), there is no mention of marriage or child bearing in the poem. The poem is a hymn to the joy of human love making for two people who genuinely love each other.

I Corinthians 13. This passage is read so often at weddings that it is one of the best known chapters in the Bible. Unfortunately, this passage when used by itself is taken out of context. In a three chapter dissertation on "spiritual gifts" (chapters 12-14), Paul is cautioning against excessive public display during corporate worship of "speaking in tongues". As Chapter 13 points out, a much better "way" to express a "spiritual gift" is to practice "love" and to practice it at all times.



*Welcome
To our Church*

The people of this church welcome you today. We sincerely hope that you are blessed, as we are blessed by your presence.

If you need a hearing-assist device, or a large print bulletin, speak to an usher. If you would like a Bible to use during worship or to take home, a cart of various translations is in the back of the Worship Area.



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