



MORNING WORSHIP

MAY 16, 2009

9:30 AM

Approaching God

WELCOME

Dr. Alan Landes

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

E. Butler

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Debbie Handkins

Leader: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

People: We praise you, God, for these ancient words of worship that resound across the centuries.

Leader: Along with all who fear you, we reverently add our voices to these timeless words, affirming that you are the mighty One.

People: May we never forget, and may our children always remember, that you are the God above all gods, and that you deserve our love above all other loves.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Almighty King

Hymnal, No. 5

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Debbie Handkins

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS

Confessing Sin

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves.

People: Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble.

Leader: Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive.

People: Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you.

SILENT CONFESSION *(Use this time for your personal confession as the Holy Spirit leads you.)*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear these comforting words: If you repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven. Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life with God and all people in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

*SHARING THE LOVE AND PEACE OF CHRIST

Telling Truth

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 119: 97-104

SERMON

Sweeter than Honey-The Alphabet of Grace

Dr. Alan Landes

Responding to God

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

Teri McKibben

(Please pass the Fellowship Pad to record your presence with us.)

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Dr. Alan Landes

Going into the World

*SONG OF RESPONSE

How Sure the Scriptures Are!

Hymnal, No. 312

*CHARGE & BLESSING

Dr. Alan Landes

*POSTLUDE

Teri McKibben

**Congregation standing for those who are able*