



## MORNING WORSHIP

May 23, 2009

9:30 AM

### Approaching God

WELCOME

Dr. Alan Landes

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Spirit's Comin'*  
Chancel Choir and Instruments

J. Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP

Debbie Handkins

Leader: Jesus says: If you love me, obey me; and I will ask the Father and he will give you another Comforter, and he will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who leads into all truth.

**People: Through your Word, we learn the Holy Spirit will never leave us; he will lead us into all truth; he will live with us and in us and will teach us.**

Leader: We know the Holy Spirit reminds us of Jesus' words; he is the source of all truth; he convinces us of sin, the availability of God's goodness, and the certainty of God's judgment.

**People: The Holy Spirit gives insight into future events and he shows Christ's glory.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit has been active among people from the beginning of time, but after Pentecost, he came to live in all believers.

**People: As we come to worship you Father, Son, Spirit, we thank you for the light which wakes us morning by morning and for the greater light which shines in Jesus Christ. Renew us through your Spirit day by day.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Hymnal, No. 43

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Alan Landes

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Debbie Handkins

Children: May the Lord bless you as you worship him...

**People: and may the Lord bless you as you learn to follow him.**

### Confessing Sin

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rodney Barbour

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith. You raise the dead to life in the Spirit--Lord, have mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart---Christ, have mercy.

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided---Lord, have mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees. You will be my people, and I will be your God." Friends in Christ: by the power of the Spirit, we are united with Christ and given a new spirit. Live in the joy and peace of that assurance.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\*SHARING THE LOVE AND PEACE OF CHRIST

**Telling Truth**

SCRIPTURE

John 14

SERMON

*A Gift from God*

Dr. Alan Landes

**Responding to God**

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

*The Lone, Wild Bird*

Robert Powell

Teri McKibben

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

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Rodney Barbour

**Going into the World**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

*Sing Praise to the Father*

Hymnal, No. 9

\*CHARGE & BLESSING

Dr. Alan Landes

\*POSTLUDE

*Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

*Wilbur Held*

Teri McKibben

*\*Congregation standing for those who are able*