

MORNING WORSHIP

April 13, 2008

9:30 A.M.

(* indicates congregation will please stand)

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome-Joy Nash

* Call to Worship:

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

People: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

* Opening Hymn: *This Is the Day* #241, *Psalter Hymnal*

* We Greet One Another

* Songs of Praise: *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* #44,
Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty Reigns #39,
Sing! a new creation

* Opening Prayer

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Easter Prayer:

Lord God, early in the morning, when the world was young, you made life in all its beauty and terror; you gave birth to all that we know.

Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning, when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come among us, that you were one of us.

Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning, surrounded by respectable liars, religious leaders, anxious statesmen and silent friends, you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God: you shouldered and suffered the cross.

Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, that you had come back to those and for those who had forgotten, denied and destroyed you.

Hallowed be your name.

This morning, in the multi-colored company of your Church on earth and in heaven, we celebrate your creation, your life, your death and resurrection, your interest in us; so we pray,

Lord, bring new life, where we are worn and tired; new love, where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness, where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit, where we are prisoners of ourselves.

To all and to each, on His community and on His friends, where regret is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God!

Amen!

Hymn of Response: *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* (insert)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (p. 1062)

Message: **A Firm Foundation**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn of Celebration: *A Shout Rings Out, a Joyful Voice*
#392, *Psalter Hymnal*

Morning Prayer

Offering (The second offering is for the Biloxi Mission Trip.)

Offertory (While the offering is being taken, please sign and pass the red fellowship pads.)

* Hymn of Dedication: *Thine Is the Glory* (insert)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing from God

* Closing Hymn: *Celtic Alleluia* #148, *Sing! a new creation*

* Postlude

Organ/Piano: Jill Friend