
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP



The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — November 2, 2003

The Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 100

*Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers



The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 100*

Pastor Chris Smith

†Hymn "All people that on earth do dwell"

(see insert)

†Salutation & Responsive Scriptures

†Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!**

Matthew 28:19

The LORD be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

Psalm 146:5-6

Whose hope is in Yahweh his God.

Yahweh made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

He keeps faith forever!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your glorious Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

The Purification

†Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin,

1 John 1:8-9

We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us

If we confess our sins,

He is faithful and just to forgive our sins

and to cleans us from all unrighteousness.

Let us humbly confess our sins to God our Father:

O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you.

I justly deserve your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for my sins, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may genuinely amend my sinful life and earnestly persevere in doing your will. Lord, be gracious to me, for Jesus sake I pray. *Silent Prayer.* Amen!

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news . . . !

The Ascension

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

†Truly it is proper, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to you O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting King. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing . . .

†Hymn #87 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Trinity Hymnal

The Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 11:27 - 12:8*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

The Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 12:1-17*

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 8:18-34*

Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

Congregation: **Thanks be to you, O Christ!**

†We Confess our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

(see insert)

SERMON: THE DIFFICULTY OF FOLLOWING JESUS

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

XXIV. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

The Tribute Offering

†Hymn #498 "O God of Bethel"

Trinity Hymnal (Tune of #26)

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†Prayer of Dedication & Prayer of the Church

†The *Gloria Patri*

The Sacrifice of Peace

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution & Invitation

Communion Hymn (*Romans 8:31-39*) "If God is on our side" (see insert)

Pastoral Benediction

The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Congregation: **Amen!**

†The Song of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*): Luke 2:30-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

O God our Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness did send your one and only Son to take on our flesh, we thank you that for his sake you have given us the assurance of pardon and peace in this service; and we ask you not to forsake your children, but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Benediction & Exit

†Hymn #489 "The Son of God goes forth to war" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude & Greet One Another!

The Evening Service

Our Evening Sacrifice of Prayer and Praise

November 2, 2003, 6:00 P.M.

Meditate on *Psalm 2*

Prelude & Scripture Meditation: *Psalm 2* Pastor Jeff Meyers

†*Psalm 2* "Why do the restless heathen madly rage?" *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*
Hymns and Psalms, & Prayer

†*Psalm 98* "Sing to the LORD, a new song voicing" *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Scripture Reading

Sermon Mr. Ross Dixon

†Hymn #336 "At even, when the sun was set" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction