

MORNING WORSHIP

August 6, 2006 ~ 9:30 A.M.

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Those who are able are asked to stand +Latecomers will be seated

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Mutual Blessing:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Opening Hymn: *How Lovely Is Your Dwelling* . . . Psalter Hymnal 243

*Opening Sentences:

Leader: O God, your constant love reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness extends to the skies.

**People: Your righteousness towers like the mountains,
your justice is deeper than the sea.**

Leader: All find protection under the shadow of your wings.
We feast on the abundance you provide.

**People: You are the source of all life,
and in your light, we see light.**

*Greeting of God and God's People

+*Song of Praise: *We Are Called* (on insert)

(Little Stars are dismissed during the last verse
and exit under the south balcony.)

WELCOME AND ENFOLDMENT OF NEW MEMBERS

We welcome --- --- ---.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: God blesses those who are merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

**People: But we have often presided as harsh judges
over the lives of others.**

**We have been quick to place blame
on anything or anyone but ourselves.**

**We have avoided obligations to care for
or to help people in need.**

Leader: Lord, please show us your mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us in the name of the Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response: *My Song Forever Shall Record* . . . Psalter Hymnal 593

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Prayer for Illumination:

Leader: Teach us your way, O Lord, and lead us on a level path.

Teach us, O Lord, to follow your decrees;
then we will keep them to the end.

Give us understanding, and we will keep your law
and obey it with all our hearts.

Through Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 6:6-8 page 757

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lessons: Matthew 5:1-12 & 18:21-35 . . . pages 785 & 800

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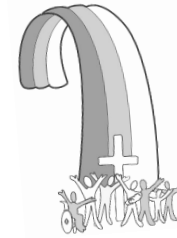
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Blessed Are the Merciful*

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response: *When A Prophet Sings of Justice*

Sing! A New Creation 264



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WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayer of the People

Announcements

Offerings of our Gifts to God:

First Offering is for the General Fund and all Envelopes.

Second Offering is for Christian Education.

Reverse Offering is for the Back 2 School Bonanza.

*Closing Hymn: *To God We Pray*

(on insert—sung to tune of Psalter Hymnal 422)

*Blessing

*Doxology: *Praise God, You Angel Hosts Above* . . . Psalter Hymnal 628

*Call to Service:

Leader: Let us go out from here and into the world to do as our
God has commanded us: to do justice, to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with our God.

**People: Blessed are we when we are merciful for we will
receive mercy.**

*Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Thea Leunk, preaching

Carol Peters, organist

John Apol, reader

David Wilkins, prayer

Jim and Marsha Shade, guitarists

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Welcome! We are glad you are here! We at Eastern Avenue seek to be a redeemed and redeeming community in the core city of Grand Rapids. To that end, we offer education and service opportunities for all ages. We especially seek to minister to and with the youth of our neighborhood and of our church and have several programs which help us do that. If you would like to know more about the ministries of Eastern Avenue, please contact Fred Sterenberg—church administrator, one of the ushers, or note your interest on the welcome pad.

During the offering, please print your name and address on the welcome pad so we can get to know you. Also, we invite you to join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Fellowship Room following this morning's service.

Hearing assistance receivers and large print Bibles are available in the back of the sanctuary and large print bulletins are in racks at the entrances to the sanctuary.

Our nurseries for infants and toddlers are available in the northwest corner of the Fellowship Room next to the kitchen.

Little Lambs is available for children two-years-old (by Dec. 1, 2005). Parents bring children downstairs to Room 17 prior to worship and meet their children downstairs after the service.

Little Stars is available for children three-years-old (by Dec. 1, 2005). Little Stars meets downstairs in Room 19 after the children are dismissed from worship. Parents meet their children downstairs after the service.

Worship materials for worshipers 4 years old – 5th grade are available on the Worship Table in the Fellowship Room.