

# MORNING WORSHIP

August 20, 2006 ~ 9:30 A.M.

The 18<sup>th</sup> 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: *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

Sing! A New Creation 182

\*Opening Sentences:

Leader: Come, let us go up to the house of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob;

**People: That we may know God's ways and walk in God's paths.**

Leader: The Lord shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away.

**People: They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;**

Leader: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

**People: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

\*Greeting of God and God's People

+\*Song of Praise: *Bring Forth the Kingdom* Sing! A New Creation 123

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

## WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Call to Confession:

Leader: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." In this assurance let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.

**People: But we are often at war with one another. In a thousand little ways we demand to be catered to. We seldom esteem others as more important than ourselves. We often create strife by demanding our way rather than walking in God's Spirit.**

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:

Leader: Just as I swore that the waters of Noah would never again go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you and will not rebuke you. For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

Sung Response: *The Lord's Prayer* (sung on our behalf) Michael Head

## WE ORDAIN NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS

Instruction

Questions

Prayer and Laying on of Hands

Charge to the Elders

Charge to the Deacons

Charge to the Congregation:

Leader: I charge you, people of God, to receive these office bearers as Christ's gift to the church. Hold them in honor; take their counsel seriously; respond to them with obedience and respect; accept their help with thanks. Sustain them in prayer and encourage them with your support, especially when they feel the burden of their office. Acknowledge them as the Lord's servants among you. Do you, congregation, pledge to receive them as you have been charged?

**People: We do, God helping us.**

Song of Response: *Christian Hearts in Love United* . . . Psalter Hymnal 513

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Prayer for Illumination:

Leader: Lord God, help us turn our hearts to you and hear what you will speak, for you speak peace to your people through Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10 . . . . . page 596

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lessons: Mark 4:35-41; Matthew 5:1-12 . . . pages 816; 785

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *Blessed Are the Peacemakers*

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Response: *Peace to You* (on insert)

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 Bethany Christian Services.

\*Closing Hymn: *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace* . . . . . Psalter Hymnal 545

\*Blessing

\*Doxology: *O Christians, Haste* . . . . . Psalter Hymnal 525:1

\*Call to Service:

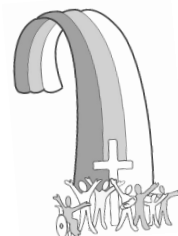
Leader: People of God: Go out into the world as a people of peace: bring compassion and justice, harmony and wholeness to our world; invite others through your example to live in God's shalom.

**People: Blessed are we when we are peacemakers, for we will be called the children of God.**

\*Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Thea Leunk, preaching  
Mike Ribbens, liturgist; Carol Peters, organist  
Sarah Greenfield, reader, Dave Koetje, prayer  
Lisa Walhout, soloist; Jim Shade, guitarist



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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 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are available on the Worship Table in the Fellowship Room.