

MORNING WORSHIP

August 27, 2006 ~ 9:30 A.M.

The 19th 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: *Come, All Who Fear the Lord God*

Psalter Hymnal 240

*Opening Prayer:

Leader: O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.

People: For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Leader: For you the kings of the earth shall bow, the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

People: Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

Leader: Great is your name.

People: Great is your love. Amen.

*Greeting of God and God's People

*Song of Praise: *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Sing! A New Creation 267:1, 2

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

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Sung Call to Confession: *Lord, I Pray*

Psalter Hymnal 268

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: God blesses those who are persecuted because they live for God, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

People: But we have too often retreated from the disapproval of others. We've sought to please the world rather than risking the disapproval of those who need the Messiah. We regard rejection for righteousness as a burden to be borne, rather than an honor to be humbly received.

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: People of God, all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ. In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed, and made to be a community united in faith.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response: *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Sing! A New Creation 267:5

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 49:5-13

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lessons: Matthew 10:16-39; Matthew 5:1-12

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

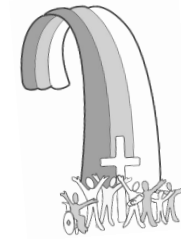
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Blessed Are the Persecuted*

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response: *When the Storms of Life Are Raging*

Sing! A New Creation 200



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WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

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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 Missionaries supported by Eastern Ave.

*Closing Hymn: *How Firm a Foundation* Psalter Hymnal 500:1, 4, 5

*Blessing

*Doxology: *I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord* Psalter Hymnal 311:5

*Call to Service:

Leader: People of God, go forth as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves to testify to all that our God reigns.

Be alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong and let that all you do be done in love.

People: Blessed are we when we are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for the kingdom of heaven is ours.

*Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Thea Leunk, preaching

Mike Ribbens, liturgist

Mary Rusticus, organist

Blair Heethuis, reader

Lisa Walhout, pianist

Marsha & Jim 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.