

Hymn Call to Prayer *Peace, Be Still and Know That I Am God*
1120 (HS)

Prayer for all God's children

July 13, 2008

Gathering and Praising

Music for Meditation

*Be receptive to the Spirit of God as worship begins
with Music for Meditation*

Prelude and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

***Passing the Peace**

***Call to Worship:**

One: God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path,
Open yourselves this day to receive the Word.

All: *We have committed ourselves to follow the light.
We come now to be instructed by God's law.*

One: Minds set on the flesh are hostile to God.
Let us, therefore, open ourselves to the Spirit.

All: *We reach out for more than we can see and hear.
We long to know Love's embrace deep within.*

One: The Spirit of God raised Jesus from the dead.
That Spirit dwells in you and offers you new life.

All: *We praise God, who saves us and gives us hope.
God cares for the earth and for each one of us.*

***Hymn:** *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* # 324

***Invocation**

Songs of Praise: *Cornerstone* Insert
If you believe and I believe # 1101 (HS)

Praying

“For this we rejoice...”

“For this we pray...”

Proclaiming

Scripture: *Acts 2: 42-47*

Message: *Why Church?* Rev. Sue Spurlin, Chaplain

Hymn: *For We Are Strangers No More* # 322

Offering

Invitation to Giving

Offertory

***Offertory Response:** *Praise God* #119

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sending

***Hymn:** *Don't Be Afraid* # 1103 (HS)

***Benediction:**

One: Carry the lamp of God's Word into the week ahead.
Share its light with all you meet.

All: *God's Word lights our path and guides our feet.
The heritage we have received is ours to pass on.*

One: Do not be bound by concerns of the flesh.
Set your minds on matters of the Spirit.

All: *The Spirit of Christ dwells in us.
God gives us gifts of life and peace.*

One: Share in daily offerings of praise to God.
Pass on the joy of living in the Spirit.

All: *Our hearts are inclined to God's statutes.
Your ways, O God, bring joy to our hearts.*

All: Amen. *Amen.*

***Sending Christ's light out into the world**

***Postlude**

*Please stand as you are able.

Please join us after the service for a time of fellowship and refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.