

October 12, 2008

300th Anniversary Brethren Celebration

Bless, O Lord, this church of thine, which thou with thy blood didst buy. Fill us with thy grace divine; 'twas for us that thou didst die. Thou hast chosen us to be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

—Alexander Mack, Jr.

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**

Joyful Proclaiming

***Call to Worship:** based on *Matthew 18: 3*, Wayne Judd

All: *Just as a growing child plants roots and grows wings
to be both well grounded and able to leave the nest,
so is the church gifted in the same manner.*

*Roots are for holding firm in times of change,
in seasons of uncertainty,
when we face the unknown.*

*Wings are for flying into the new,
to ride the currents and brave storms,
to seek and sail into the future.*

*To be the church is to treasure both roots and wings,
to leave the earth and be borne up as on eagles wings,
to become as little children.*

***Invocation:** based from Psalm 89: 1-2a, Becky Baile Crouse

***Hymn:** *Jesus Christ, God's only Son* #40

Holy Spirit, come with power #26

Prophetic Proclaiming

First Scripture Reading: *Philippians 4: 1-9*

Message: *How shall the Brethren be grown?—Part 1*

Children's Story Tom Brown

Prayful Proclaiming

“For this we rejoice...”

“For this we pray...”

Hymn Call to Prayer *Holy Spirit, come to us* #1131 (HS)

Prayer for all God's children

Narrative Proclaiming

Hymn *'Tis not with eyes of flesh we see* # 571

Scripture: *John 15: 1-17*

Message: *How shall the Brethren be grown?—Part 2*

Responsive Proclaiming

Invitation to Giving: Carla Kilgore

Offertory Choir

***Offertory Response:** *He is Lord* #1009 (HS)

***Prayer of Dedication:** Carla Kilgore

Divine Proclaiming

Message: *How shall the Brethren be grown?—Part 3*

Licensing Service for S. Thomas August

Hymn: *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian* #632

Proclamation Sent Forth

***Hymn:** *Go now in peace* #429

***Benediction:** Unison #1055 (HS)

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

***Postlude**

*Please stand as you are able.

Welcome to all who are visiting here today. Please join us for a slideshow of Pastor Cara's Heritage trip to Germany following the service. Then join us for a Fellowship meal at 11:30 am.