

Order of Worship  
July 8, 2007

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO CELEBRATE

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements (Red Hymnal)

Interlude

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all people of the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

People: **For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

\*Hymn of Praise: #20 "It is Good to Sing Thy Praises"

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your abundant Spirit.**

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (#546 in the Red Hymnal)

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

## THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS GOD'S WORD

Anthem

Children's Chat

\*Hymn of Commitment: #385 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Scripture Reading: I Thessalonians 5:12-23, pages 1269, 1270

Sermon: "A Formula For Living" Rev. Crea M. Clark  
"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." I Thessalonians 5:16-18

## THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORD

Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology (#544 in the Red Hymnal)

\*Prayer of Dedication - (in unison)

**In life and in death, we belong to you, gracious God. With gratitude we offer these gifts as a sign of our desire to live for his sake and for the work of your realm. Accept and bless the offering we make this day; through your Spirit, use our lives to your glory. Amen**

## THE CHURCH GOES OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE

\*Hymn: #504 "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude