

23^d Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 9, 2007

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE PRELUDE Mrs. Joan Pascoe
THE INTROIT The Choir
***CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)**
Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me, and are acquainted with all my ways.
People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
People: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! I try to count them - they are like the sand.
***SONG #35** "Open the Eyes of My Heart"
THE CALL TO CONFESSION (Unison)
THE COMMUNAL CONFESSION OF SIN
God in Christ, who endured the cross in your own flesh for our sakes, hear us as we confess our sin. We would be your bold disciples, but we fear suffering. We would carry our cross, but it weighs too much. We count the cost of following you - as long as there are benefits; but to renounce all we have is a devastating prospect. Forgive the conditions we make when we try to obey, and free us by your grace to forsake all and follow you.
Amen.
THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION
THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: God is just and takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked.
People: Through Christ there is hope of eternal forgiveness.
Leader: Turn back from your past and embrace God's promised assurance: In Christ there is redemption and release from all sin.
***THE GLORIA PATRI**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1: 1-4
THE ANTHEM The Choir
SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 21: 24-45
THE SERMON "The Good Message"
***SONG #8** "Change My Heart, O God"
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed" (p.14)
THE ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER
OFFERING OUR GIFTS
***The Doxology** #544
***Prayer of Dedication**
***HYMN #339** "Be Thou My Vision"
***THE BENEDICTION**
***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
***THE POSTLUDE**
Hymns have been selected from the BLUE hymnbook.

BIBLE IN 90 DAYS: WEEK ELEVEN

TODAY: Matthew 26:57 - Mark 9:13
Monday: Mark 9:14 - Luke 1:80
Tuesday: Luke 2:1 - Luke 9:62
Wednesday: Luke 10:1 - Luke 20:19
Thursday: Luke 20:20 - John 5:47
Friday: John 6:1 - John 15:17
Saturday: John 15:18 - Acts 6:7