

United Evangelical United Church of Christ

OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission

Of reaching out Embracing everyone Enriching all

Becoming living examples Bonding all with the love of God

JANUARY 2, 2005 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"In the Bleak Mid Winter"

arr. Innes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Jeremiah 31:7-14)*

(L) Sing and shout, praise God who seeks out and rescues those who live on the edges of the world.

(P) **To those who feel discarded – rejoice – God gathers you close...**

(L) To those who feel parched and dry – like sun-dried waterholes – be thankful – God will guide you to springs of living water...

(P) **So come, let us sing and shout and praise this generous God who speaks the word – who is the Word – transforming sorrow into gladness, mourning into joy and brokenness into wholeness.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Another Year is Dawning"

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*TRINITARIAN DECLARATION

(L) In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

(P) **Amen.**

*GREETING

(L) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(L) Standing at the manger, let us expose the darkness of our sin to the light of God's redeeming love. Let us pray.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most loving God, we admit to you and to each other, that we are beings in whom light and darkness are uncomfortably mixed. We are beings of cleverness yet foolishness, faith yet much unrest, strength yet frailty, compassion yet self interest. We want to be close to you yet we

ignore you, we praise you yet defy you, we serve you yet evade you, we love you yet deny you. God of liberation and healing, through your grace in Christ Jesus, we ask to be cleansed and made new in the Spirit once again. Amen.

*KYRIE

(L) Lord have mercy upon us

(P) **Lord have mercy upon us**

(L) Christ have mercy upon us

(P) **Christ have mercy upon us**

(L) Lord have mercy upon us

(P) **Lord have mercy upon us**

*DECLARATION OF GRACE

The gift of God's grace has appeared for our salvation. We are empowered to sing a new song and to declare God's marvelous works to all the world. Let us lift our voices in praise to our God.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Adeste Fideles

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

O sing all ye citizens of heaven above.

Glory to God, glory in the highest.

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

Christ the Lord. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m.

Solo – Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m.

"Shine Jesus Shine"

Senior Choir

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

*HYMN

"Light of the World, We Hail Thee"

124

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:(1-9), 10-18

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"We Three Kings"

see insert

SERMON

“GRACE UPON GRACE”

Rev. Liz Colton

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

P. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,

Hear our prayer O Lord,

Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

arr. Johnson

*DOXOLOGY

Greensleeves

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,

Come peasant, king, to own him

The King of kings salvation brings,

Let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King,

Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

*RECESSIONAL

“At Thy Feet, Our God and Father”

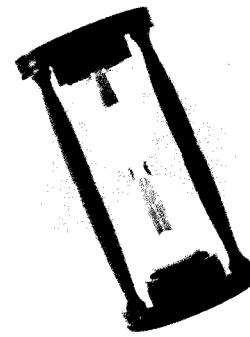
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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

“The Three Kings”

Young



Behold, I make
all things new . . .
I am the Alpha
and the Omega,
the beginning
and the end.

----- Revelation 21:5,6 KJV



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PRELUDE "Open My Eyes, That I May See" arr. Johnson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 29 adapted)

(L) Let the heavens and the earth ascribe glory and strength to the LORD!

(P) Let us worship the LORD in holy splendor.

(L) The LORD sits enthroned as King forever! Give strength, O God, to your people!

(P) Bless us, O God, with your peace!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" see insert

*TRINITARIAN DECLARATION

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*WORDS OF ABSOLUTION

(L) The God who judges people with righteousness, defends the cause of the poor and gives deliverance to the needy cleanses us from sin - for - "if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(L) Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel.
(P) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

(L) O Lord open my lips
(P) And my mouth will declare your praise

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m. "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Senior Choir

10:30 a.m.

"Steps"

Pam Georgiadis, Florence Gundlach, Margaret Myrick

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" see insert

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Acts 10:34-43

(P) Thanks be to God

***GLORIA TIBI**

“Glory Be to Thee, O Lord”

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 3:13-17

***LAUS TIBI**

“Praise Be to Thee, O Christ”

***HYMN**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

see insert

SERMON

“SERVANTS OF GOD”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00)** Apostles' Creed P. 38 Hymnal

ORDER OF BAPTISM (10:30)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,

Hear our prayer O Lord,

Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”* arr. DeCou

***DOXOLOGY** #551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

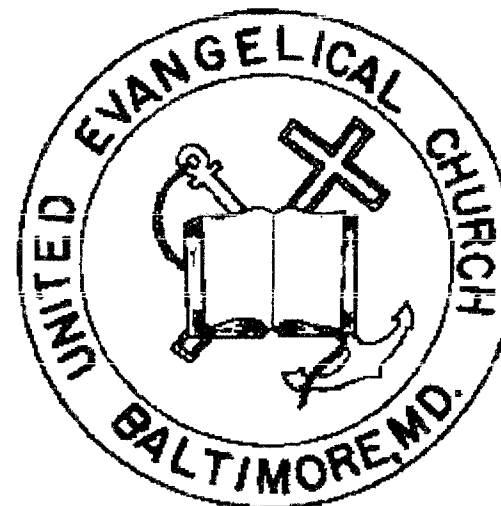
***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

***RECESSIONAL** *“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”* # 126

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *“To Jordan Came Our Lord the Christ”* Bach

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" arr. DeCou

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) Listen, all who are near and all who are far away; God is calling us as servants and as saints.

(P) **We are here to receive God's message. Our hearts are open to the Word we will hear.**

(L) Do not be afraid to serve God with your whole being. Neither fear the call to join the saints of Jesus Christ.

(P) **We trust that God will strengthen us for our tasks. We are ready to be led into new frontiers.¹**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Ye Servants of God" # 11

*TRINITARIAN DECLARATION

(L) In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

(P) **Amen.**

*GREETING

(L) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(L) Let us seek the mercy of God, let us pray...

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m.

"The Lord's Prayer"

Solo - Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

10:30 a.m.

"Here I Am to Worship"

Senior Choir

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised" # 271

FIRST READING Isaiah 49:1-7

(L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON John 1:29-42

*LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" # 193

SERMON "FOLLOWING THE LAMB"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed P. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
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Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Akers

*DOXOLOGY #551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL "O Zion Hast" # 380

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "The Church's One Foundation" arr. Innes

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Jesus Calls Us"

arr. DeCou

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 27 1, 4-9 adapted*)

(L) God is our light and our salvation. God is our stronghold; we need not fear.

(P) **Enemies lose their power when we look up to God. We come now, seeking God's face.**

(L) Come and behold the beauty of our God. Come and find shelter for the day of trouble.

(P) **We will sing and make melody to God. We will dare to lift up shouts of joy.¹**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"We Praise Thee, O God"

19

***TRINITARIAN DECLARATION**

(L) In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

(P) **Amen.**

***GREETING**

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WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m. *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

Chuck and Gloria Rohlfing, Florence Gundlach

10:30 a.m. *"Jesus Calls Us"*

Senior Choir

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" # 205

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:1-4

(L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

(L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 4:12-23

*LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" # 462

SERMON "POWER OF LOVE"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed P. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling" arr. Johnson

*DOXOLOGY #551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

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Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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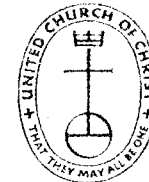
*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

*RECESSIONAL "We're a Story to Tell to The Nations" see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Prelude on a Classic Theme" Young

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Jesus Calls Us"* arr. DeCou

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 15 adapted)*

(L) Who is welcome in your house, O God? And who can dwell upon your holy mountain?

(P) **Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right. Those who speak the truth from their heart; and do not slander against a neighbor.**

(L) Those who honor and reverence the Lord; these are the ones who shall never be moved.

(P) **Come faithful people, let us worship the Lord.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *"Be Thou My Vision"* see insert

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CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m. *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

Darlene Waters

10:30 a.m.

"Offertory"

Senior Choir

COLLECT (I) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" # 158

FIRST READING Micah 6:1-8

(I) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

(I) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:1-12

*LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN "Blest Are They" see insert

SERMON "HOW BLESSED WE ARE"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed P. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Softly and Venerably, Jesus is Calling" arr. Johnson

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

*RECESSIONAL "Ask Ye What Great Things I Know" #239

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Prelude on a Classic Theme" Young

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"O Lord Most Holy"

Franck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 99 adapted)*

(L) Let us worship God who rules over all;

(P) **We praise God's great and holy name.**

(L) God is a lover of justice and righteousness;

(P) **We bow down before God whose name is holy.**

(L) God answered when Moses and Aaron cried out for guidance.
God spoke to them, hidden in a cloud, and God speaks to us now
in Jesus Christ.

(P) **We worship and adore you, O God, and joyfully praise your
holy name.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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*TRINITARIAN DECLARATION

(L) In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

(P) **Amen.**

*GREETING

(L) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(L) Let us seek the mercy of God, let us pray...

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We acknowledge with gratitude, O God, that Jesus' ministry was
marked by his servanthood. Jesus did not use his power to dominate
others, but to perform acts of humble and caring service. He radiated
your glory through his acts of love, justice, and mercy; bringing hope,
and the promise of a new and transformed future, to people clouded
by darkness and despair. In baptism we are empowered for ministry

and mission as your servants. We confess that there are times when
we fail to serve others in Jesus' name. We confess that there are times
when we use our power to dominate - such that our identity as God's
beloved becomes difficult to recognize. We confess that there are
times when we fail to lighten people's darkness, or to ease their
burden of despair and hopelessness. Merciful God, forgive our
reluctance to respond as Jesus would. Remind us that your love is
made most evident through gentle and persistent acts of justice and
mercy. Strengthen us with your Spirit to discern the hopelessness
and despair which imprison people, and empower us to respond with
sensitivity and determination to their needs, both here and throughout
our world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

*KYRIE

(L) Lord have mercy upon us (P) **Lord have mercy upon us**

(L) Christ have mercy upon us (P) **Christ have mercy upon us**

(L) Lord have mercy upon us (P) **Lord have mercy upon us**

*WORDS OF ABSOLUTION

(L) The God who judges people with righteousness, defends the
cause of the poor and gives deliverance to the needy cleanses us
from sin - for - "if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(L) Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel.

(P) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

(L) O Lord open my lips

(P) And my mouth will declare your praise

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen, Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m.

Solo - Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m.

"Holy Is the Lord"

Senior Choir

COLLECT (I) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN "Turn Your Eye Upon Jesus" see insert

FIRST READING Exodus 24:12-18

(I) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 2 Peter 1:16-21

(I) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 17:1-9

*LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" see insert

SERMON "TRANSFIGURED, TRANSFORMED"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed P. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
Hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" arr. Innes

*DOXOLOGY # 551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

*RECESSIONAL "Lift High the Cross" see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "In Peace and Joy I now Depart" Frescobaldi

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February 9, 2004 Ash Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

PRELUDE *"Lord Have Mercy"* Bach

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Joel 2:12-17 adapted)

- (I) Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning. Rend your hearts and not your clothing.
- (P) **Let us return to the LORD, our God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**
- (I) Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people.
- (P) **Let us return to the LORD, our God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**
- (I) Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.
- (P) **Let us return to the LORD, our God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**
- (I) Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations.
- (P) **Let us return to the LORD, our God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

*OPENING HYMN *"Amazing Grace"* see insert

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE (Psalm 51, read responsively)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
Deliver me O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

(Time of silent reflection)

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

- (I) Almighty God does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore we implore God to grant us true repentance and the Holy Spirit that those things which we do this day may be pleasing to God, that the rest of our lives may be lived faithfully, and that at the last we may come to God's eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- (P) **Thanks be to God!**

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

*HYMN

"Refiner's Fire"

see insert

MESSAGE

"WHAT IS IN YOUR HEART?"

PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY – LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Amazing Grace"

arr. Bish
Hamburg

*DOXOLOGY

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*BLESSING

*PARTING HYMN *"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"*

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"

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ou are dust,
and to dust
you shall return.

—Genesis 3:19

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FEBRUARY 13, 2005 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace"

arr. Martin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Psalm 32)*

(L) Our hearts sing with joy when we know that we are free from deceit, and our sins are forgiven, but our lives disintegrate with worry and guilt when we keep silent about our wrongdoings.

(P) When we seek your truth, O God, and acknowledge our sin, we experience your forgiveness.

(L) When we listen for God's word and follow God's direction for our lives, our stubbornness melts away and our tempers are controlled

(P) When we fail to listen, and persist in following other than God's way, our hearts are hardened and our lives tormented.

(L) But when we put our trust in God, we are surrounded and filled with God's steadfast love.

(P) Let all those who are upright in heart rejoice and shout for joy.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"

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*TRINITARIAN DECLARATION

(L) In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

(P) Amen.

*GREETING

(L) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(L) A broken and contrite heart is the worship acceptable to God. Let us humble ourselves in the presence of our God. Let us pray.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you our reluctance to enter

the wilderness of Lent, where we are called to confront our true selves. We want to experience the new life that the Spirit offers us but we don't really want our present condition disturbed too much. We confess, O God, our readiness to affirm our belief in your guidance, yet afraid to move into the unknown on behalf of the gospel. Forgive us when our words and actions conceal the truth of the gospel. Forgive our lack of trust in you. Break through our resistance and our fear O God, with your love; so that we may hear and respond to your call on our lives with heightened enthusiasm and deepened faith. Fill us with the joy and peace of your salvation, and strengthen us with your Spirit during this Lenten season that we may put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did. This we pray in his name. Amen

*KYRIE

(L) Lord have mercy upon us **(P) Lord have mercy upon us**

(L) Christ have mercy upon us **(P) Christ have mercy upon us**

(L) Lord have mercy upon us **(P) Lord have mercy upon us**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(L) Our hope is in God whose steadfast love surrounds us and in whom there is great power to redeem. Forgiveness is for all who confess, and do not hide, their iniquities.

(P) The power of redemption is revealed in Jesus Christ who promises us life and forgiveness of sins. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

(L) O Lord open my lips

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m.

"Here I Am to Worship"

Solo – Gloria Rohlfing

10:30 a.m.

"Since By Man Came Death"

Senior Choir

COLLECT (I) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" # 141

FIRST READING Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

(L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Romans 5:12-19

(L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 4:1-11

*LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN "Forty Days and Forty Nights" # 143

SERMON "BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00) Apostles' Creed P. 38 Hymnal

ORDER OF BAPTISM (10:30)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,

Hear our prayer O Lord,

Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Forty Days and Forty Days" arr. Martin

*DOXOLOGY Hamburg

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

That were a present far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine,

Demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

*RECESSIONAL "Amazing Grace" see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "O Savior Blest" Bach

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February 16, 2004 Second Wednesday in Lent 7:30 p.m.

GREETING

- (I) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
(P) And also with you.

GATHERING IN SONG

LITANY OF CONFESSION¹

Create in me a clean heart O God,
 **Open and receptive, so that I may embrace the many
 ways you choose to visit my life.**

Create in me a clean heart O God,
 **Cleared of the remains of old battles with others and
 deadly opposition with myself.**

Create in me a clean heart O God,
 **Bathed from harsh thoughts, shame, and
 perfectionistic tendencies, warmly welcoming others
 with the embrace of nonjudgment.**

Create in me a clean heart O God,
 **Brushed free of frantic busyness, so that I will have
 time to dwell with you in the listening space of
 solitude and silence.**

Create in me a clean heart O God,
 **Cleansed of anxiety and lack of trust, restoring in me
 an enduring faith in your abiding presence and
 unconditional love.**

Create in me a clean heart O God,
 **Scrubbed of racism and prejudice, drawing me
 toward all as my sisters and brothers.**

Create in me a clean heart O God,

Washed with your mercy and strengthened by your
love, helping me move beyond whatever keeps me
from union with you.

- (ALL) Create a clean heart in me, O God. Dust off
the unmindful activity that constantly collects there.
De-clutter my heart from harsh judgments and
negativity. Wash away my resistance to working
through difficult relationships. Rinse off my un-
loving so the beauty of my generous and kind heart
can shine forth. Remove whatever keeps me from
following in your compassionate footsteps. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 3:1-7
1 Peter 5:5b-6

MESSAGE "CHOOSING HUMILITY"

*HYMN *"Blest Are They"* see insert

PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY – LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Hamburg

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

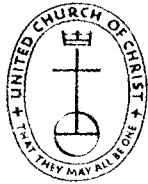
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

*PARTING HYMN *"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"* see insert

POSTLUDE

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FEBRUARY 20, 2005 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"For God So Loved the World"* **arr. Hustad**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 121 adapted)*

(L) From where does our help come?

(P) Our help comes from God who made heaven and earth.

(L) God, who never slumbers nor sleeps, keeps us through the darkness and dangers of life.

(P) All the days of our lives are kept in the hands of God.

(L) From where does our help come?

(P) Our help comes from God who made heaven and earth.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"The God of Abraham Praise"* **# 61**

*TRINITARIAN DECLARATION

(L) In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

(P) Amen.

*GREETING

(L) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(L) A broken and contrite heart is the worship acceptable to God. Let us humble ourselves in the presence of our God. Let us pray.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Forgive our lack of trust in you. Break through our resistance and our fear O God, with your love; so that we may hear and respond to your call on our lives with heightened enthusiasm and deepened faith. Fill us with the joy and peace of your salvation, and strengthen us with your Spirit during this Lenten season that we may put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did. This we pray in his name.

Amen

*KYRIE

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(L) Christ have mercy upon us **(P) Christ have mercy upon us**

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World without end. Amen, Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m. *"God So Loved the World"*

Senior Choir

10:30 a.m. Duet: Florence Gundlach and Lynn Sanders

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***HYMN** *"Unto the Hills"* **# 86**

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"
 *GOSPEL LESSON John 3:1-17
 *LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"
 *HYMN "For God So Loved the World" see insert
 SERMON "BIRTH PAINS"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed P. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
 Hear our prayer O Lord,
 Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Faith of Our Fathers" arr. DeCou

*DOXOLOGY Hamburg

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were a present far too small;
 Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL "Faith of Our Fathers" # 282

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "The God of Abraham Praise" arr. Innes

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February 23, 2004 Third Wednesday in Lent 7:30 p.m.

GREETING

(I.) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) And also with you.

GATHERING IN SONG

LITANY OF CONFESSION¹

Create in me a clean heart O God,

Open and receptive, so that I may embrace the many ways you choose to visit my life.

Create in me a clean heart O God,

Cleared of the remains of old battles with others and deadly opposition with myself.

Create in me a clean heart O God,

Bathed from harsh thoughts, shame, and perfectionistic tendencies, warmly welcoming others with the embrace of nonjudgment.

Create in me a clean heart O God,

Brushed free of frantic busyness, so that I will have time to dwell with you in the listening space of solitude and silence.

Create in me a clean heart O God,

Cleansed of anxiety and lack of trust, restoring in me an enduring faith in your abiding presence and unconditional love.

Create in me a clean heart O God,

Scrubbed of racism and prejudice, drawing me toward all as my sisters and brothers.

Create in me a clean heart O God,

Washed with your mercy and strengthened by your love, helping me move beyond whatever keeps me from union with you.

(ALL) Create in me a clean heart O God. Dust off the unmindful activity that constantly collects there. De-clutter my heart from harsh judgments and negativity. Wash away my resistance to working through difficult relationships. Rinse off my un-loving so the beauty of my generous and kind heart can shine forth. Remove whatever keeps me from following in your compassionate footsteps. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 4:1-12; Ephesians 2:6-7

MESSAGE "KILLING WITH KINDNESS"

* HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" see insert

PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY – LORD'S PRAYER

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*DOXOLOGY Hamburg

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That were a present far too small;
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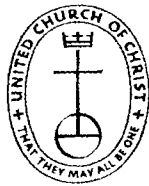
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

*PARTING HYMN "In The Cross of Christ I Glory" see insert

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March 2, 2004 **Fourth Wednesday in Lent** **7:30 p.m.**

GREETING

(I) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) And also with you.

GATHERING IN SONG

LITANY OF CONFESSION¹

Create in me a clean heart O God,

Open and receptive, so that I may embrace the many ways you choose to visit my life.

Create in me a clean heart O God,

Cleared of the remains of old battles with others and deadly opposition with myself.

Create in me a clean heart O God,

Bathed from harsh thoughts, shame, and perfectionistic tendencies, warmly welcoming others with the embrace of nonjudgment.

Create in me a clean heart O God,

Brushed free of frantic busyness, so that I will have time to dwell with you in the listening space of solitude and silence.

Create in me a clean heart O God,

Cleansed of anxiety and lack of trust, restoring in me an enduring faith in your abiding presence and unconditional love.

Create in me a clean heart O God,

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Washed with your mercy and strengthened by your love, helping me move beyond whatever keeps me from union with you.

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 22:21-34

MESSAGE

“PRACTICING PATIENCE”

*HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

472

PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY – LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Hamburg

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

*PARTING HYMN

“Old Rugged Cross”

inside hymnal cover

POSTLUDE

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MARCH 6, 2005 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"* arr. DeCou

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 23 adapted)*

(L) Let us praise God who meets our needs and leads us to places of tranquility and rest.

(P) Let us praise God who comforts us and replaces our fears with overflowing love.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *"Praise Ye The Lord The Almighty"* # 8

*TRINITARIAN DECLARATION

(L) In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

(P) Amen.

*GREETING

(L) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(L) A broken and contrite heart is the worship acceptable to God. Let us humble ourselves before our God in prayer.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you our reluctance to enter the wilderness of Lent, where we are called to confront our true selves. We want to experience the new life that the Spirit offers us but we don't really want our present condition disturbed too much. We confess, O God, our readiness to affirm our belief in your guidance, yet afraid to move into the unknown on behalf of the gospel. Forgive us when our words and actions conceal the truth of the gospel. Forgive our lack of trust in you. Break through our resistance and our fear O God, with your love; so that we may hear and respond to your call on our lives with heightened enthusiasm and deepened faith. Fill

us with the joy and peace of your salvation, and strengthen us with your Spirit during this Lenten season that we may put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did. This we pray in his name. Amen

*KYRIE

(L) Lord have mercy upon us (P) Lord have mercy upon us
(L) Christ have mercy upon us (P) Christ have mercy upon us
(L) Lord have mercy upon us (P) Lord have mercy upon us

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(L) Our hope is in God whose steadfast love surrounds us and in whom there is great power to redeem. Forgiveness is for all who confess, and do not hide, their iniquities.

(P) The power of redemption is revealed in Jesus Christ who promises us life and forgiveness of sins. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

(L) O Lord open my lips

(P) And my mouth will declare your praise

*GLORIA PATRI

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m.

Solo – Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m.

"Crass Medley"

Senior Choir

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN *"The Lord's My Shepherd"* see insert

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Samuel 16:1-13

(P) Thanks be to God
Ephesians 5:8-14

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:1-41

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"With Broken Bread In Our Hands"

see insert

SERMON

“A HEART FOR GOD”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed P. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
Hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *“The Lord’s My Shepherd”* arr. Johnson
Hamburg

*DOXOLOGY

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION see insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

*RECESSIONAL *“Go My Children, with My Blessing”* see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *“Prelude in C”* Bach

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March 9, 2005 Fifth Wednesday in Lent 7:30 p.m.

GREETING

(L) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) And also with you.

GATHERING IN SONG

LITANY OF CONFESSION¹

Create in me a clean heart O God,

Open and receptive, so that I may embrace the many ways you choose to visit my life.

Create in me a clean heart O God,

Cleared of the remains of old battles with others and deadly opposition with myself.

Create in me a clean heart O God,

Bathed from harsh thoughts, shame, and perfectionistic tendencies, warmly welcoming others with the embrace of nonjudgment.

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 26:13-26; Hebrews 6:9-12

MESSAGE "THE DUTY OF DILIGENCE"

*HYMN "There is a Balm in Gilead" see insert

PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY – LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Hamburg

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

*PARTING HYMN "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" see insert

POSTLUDE

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MARCH 13, 2005 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" arr. Hustad

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 130 adapted)

(L) Out of the depths of despair, I cry to you, O God; praying that you would hear my anguished calls for help.

(P) **I could not stand if you counted my sins against me; for I would be utterly helpless and my hope would be gone.**

(L) But out of your mercy and grace, you restore my hope.

(P) **O how I yearned to hear the promise of your forgiveness – with a longing as great as a watcher in the night waits for the dawn.**

(L) O that all people would put their trust in you, O God, and experience your steadfast love and forgiveness.

(B) **We worship and adore you, O God, we stand in awe of your great mercy.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "O My Soul" # 83

*TRINITARIAN DECLARATION

(L) In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

(P) **Amen.**

*GREETING

(L) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(L) A broken and contrite heart is the worship acceptable to God. Let us humble ourselves before our God in prayer..

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the wilderness of Lent, where we are called to confront our true selves. We want to experience the new life that the Spirit offers us but we don't really want our present condition disturbed too much. We confess, O God, our readiness to affirm our belief in your guidance, yet afraid to move into the unknown on behalf of the gospel. Forgive us when our words and actions conceal the truth of the gospel. Forgive our lack of trust in you. Break through our resistance and our fear O God, with your love; so that we may hear and respond to your call on our lives with heightened enthusiasm and deepened faith. Fill us with the joy and peace of your salvation, and strengthen us with your Spirit during this Lenten season that we may put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did. This we pray in his name. Amen

*KYRIE

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(L) Lord have mercy upon us (P) **Lord have mercy upon us**

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*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m.

"Cross Medley"

Senior Choir

10:30 a.m. "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"

Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" # 191

FIRST READING Proverbs 26:13-16

(L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Hebrews 6:9-12

(L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 10:25-37

*LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN "There Is a Balm in Gilead" see insert

SERMON "THE DUTY OF DILIGENCE"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00) Apostles' Creed P. 38 Hymnal

ORDER OF BAPTISM (10:30)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
Hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Spirit of the Living God" arr. Hustad

*DOXOLOGY Hamburg

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" #207

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee" Walther

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March 16, 2005 Sixth Wednesday in Lent 7:30 p.m.

GREETING

(I.) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) And also with you.

GATHERING IN SONG

LITANY OF CONFESSION¹

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**Open and receptive, so that I may embrace the many
ways you choose to visit my life.**

Create in me a clean heart O God,

**Cleared of the remains of old battles with others and
deadly opposition with myself.**

Create in me a clean heart O God,

**Bathed from harsh thoughts, shame, and
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**Brushed free of frantic busyness, so that I will have
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Washed with your mercy and strengthened by your
love, helping me move beyond whatever keeps me
from union with you.

(ALL) Create in me a clean heart O God. Dust off the
unmindful activity that constantly collects there.
De-clutter my heart from harsh judgments and
negativity. Wash away my resistance to working
through difficult relationships. Rinse off my un-
loving so the beauty of my generous and kind heart
can shine forth. Remove whatever keeps me from
following in your compassionate footsteps. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 23:1-5

Luke 12:15-21

MESSAGE "THE SECRET CONTENTMENT"

*HYMN

"I Am the Bread of Life"

see insert

PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY – LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Hamburg

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Demands my soul, my life, my all.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

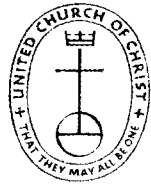
*PARTING HYMN

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

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POSTLUDE

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MARCH 20, 2005 PALM SUNDAY 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Ride On! Ride On! In Majesty" arr. Broughton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) Hosanna, blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

(P) **Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David**

(L) Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

(P) **Let us shout praises to our Lord, spread palm branches before him, and worship him this day and every day.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "The Palms" see insert

*TRINITARIAN DECLARATION

(L) In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

(P) **Amen.**

*GREETING

(L) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and later pronounced, "Crucify him," we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. In honesty and hope, let us confess our sins to God.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us. We confess our lack of humility. As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted, "Hosanna: Save us now!" On Good Friday they shouted, "Crucify!" We confess our praise is often empty. We sing Hosanna but cry Crucify. As the crowd laid their

palms in front of you, you took the way of God: you took no glory for yourself. We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way. We do not stay true to your will. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow in the way of obedience. Amen.

*KYRIE

(L) Lord have mercy upon us (P) **Lord have mercy upon us**

(L) Christ have mercy upon us (P) **Christ have mercy upon us**

(L) Lord have mercy upon us (P) **Lord have mercy upon us**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118: Let those who fear the Lord say, his steadfast love endures for ever. Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!

(P) **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

(L) O Lord open my lips

(P) **And my mouth will declare your praise**

*GLORIA PATRI

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m.

"The Holy City"

Solo – Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

10:30 a.m.

"Hosanna, Messiah"

Senior Choir

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN "All Glory, Laud and Honor" # 135

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Isaiah 50:4-9a

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Philippians 2:5-11

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"
*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:1-11
*LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"
*HYMN "*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*" # 136
SERMON "PART OF THE CROWD"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00) Apostles' Creed P. 38 Hymnal
ORDER OF CONFIRMATION (10:30) see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
Hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "*With Palms Before Thee*" arr. Nordman
Hamburg

*DOXOLOGY

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

*RECESSIONAL "*The Old Rugged Cross*" hymnal cover

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*" arr. Innes

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The crowds
that went
ahead of him
and that followed
were shouting,

HOSANNA

to the
Son of David!
Blessed is the one
who comes in
the name
of the Lord!

—Matthew 21:9

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MARCH 23, 2005 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK – TABLEAU 8:00 P.M.

PRELUDE "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" **Johnson**

SENTENCE OF ADORATION

***HYMN OF ADORATION** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" **# 161**

*TRINITARIAN DECLARATION

(L) In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

(P) **Amen.**

*GREETING

(L) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen

*KYRIE

(L) Lord have mercy upon us (P) **Lord have mercy upon us.**

(L) Christ have mercy upon us (P) **Christ have mercy upon us.**

(L) Lord have mercy upon us (P) **Lord have mercy upon us.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The past is finished and gone, everything has become new. Friends believe the good news of the gospel.

(P) **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*RESPONSIVE PRAISE

(L) O Lord open my lips.

(P) **And my mouth will declare your praise.**

*GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,

Hear our prayer O Lord,

Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" **Bach**

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC "There's Room at the Cross" **Ray Eberle**

DRAMATIZATION OF THE LAST SUPPER

BENEDICTION

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" **# 164**

POSTLUDE "O Saviour Blest" **Bach**

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MARCH 23, 2005 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - TABLEAU 8:00 P.M.

PRELUDE "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" **Johnson**

SENTENCE OF ADORATION

***HYMN OF ADORATION** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" **# 161**

***TRINITARIAN DECLARATION**

(L) In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

(P) **Amen.**

***GREETING**

(L) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Holy Name.
Amen

***KYRIE**

(L) Lord have mercy upon us (P) **Lord have mercy upon us.**

(L) Christ have mercy upon us (P) **Christ have mercy upon us.**

(L) Lord have mercy upon us (P) **Lord have mercy upon us.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

(L) Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The past is finished and gone, everything has become new. Friends believe the good news of the gospel.

(P) **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

***RESPONSIVE PRAISE**

(L) O Lord open my lips.

(P) **And my mouth will declare your praise.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,

Hear our prayer O Lord,

Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" **Bach**

***DOXOLOGY**

Hamburg

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

That were a present far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine,

Demands my soul, my life, my all.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SPECIAL MUSIC "There's Room at the Cross"

Ray Eberle

DRAMATIZATION OF THE LAST SUPPER

BENEDICTION

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" **# 164**

POSTLUDE "O Saviour Blest" **Bach**

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Thomas-----	Clarence Rowell
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MARCH 24, 2005 **MAUNDAY THURSDAY** **7:30 P.M.**

PRELUDE *"Ab, Dearest Jesus"* **arr. Middleton**

WELCOME

***GATHERING**

(L) On this night, as darkness falls, we gather to remember the events of the evening when Jesus shared his last supper with his friends.

(P) **This night we gather as the friends and companions of our Lord.**

(L) Come, let us lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

(P) **Let us sing praises to heaven and earth, for the God who sustained Jesus in his hour of trial is the One who sustains us in ours.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"My Song is Love Unknown"* **see insert**

***TRINITARIAN DECLARATION**

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***GREETING**

(L) The grace of our lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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***CALL TO CONFESSION**

We, like sheep, have all gone astray. We have turned, each one, to our own way and God has laid upon him the iniquity of us all. Let us humbly confess our sins which have betrayed and scarred.

(silent confession)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak. We have failed to serve as Jesus served; we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us. We have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then deny him by our actions.

Redeeming God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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(L) Christ have mercy upon us **(P) Christ have mercy upon us**

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***WORDS OF ABSOLUTION**

(L) God turns our morning into dancing and clothes us with joy through Jesus Christ, the Lamb who was slain and by whose blood we are ransomed.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

(L) People, hear and believe the good news:

(P) **In Jesus Christ we are understood, we are loved, we are forgiven.**

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Wondrous Love

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

***PEACE OF CHRIST**

(L) The peace of Christ be with you.

(P) **And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"No Greater Love"

Senior Choir

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** *"O Jesus We Adore Thee."* **# 162**

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

MEDITATION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"A Place Called Gethsemane"

Martin

***DOXOLOGY**

Hamburg

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That were a present far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine,

Demands my soul, my life, my all.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Consecration and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(We will commune at the rail by method of Intinction. You will be given a piece of bread, dip the bread in the common cup and then partake.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain and has redeemed us by his blood, to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing. O God, we thank you for these gifts that reside in us, as we journey in the presence of Christ through these Holy days. May we remain faithful in love and hope until we gather at this His table again. Amen.

HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" (verses 1-3) # 144

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

see insert



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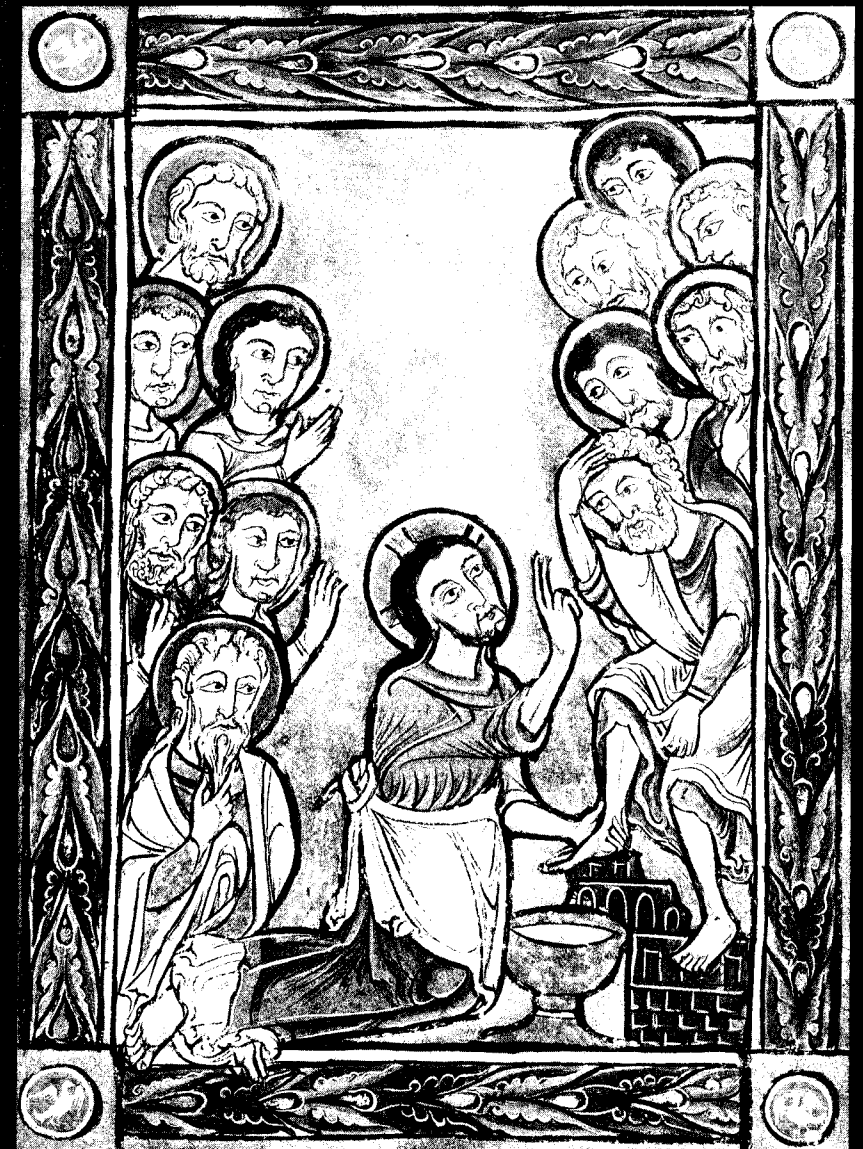
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MARCH 25, 2005 GOOD FRIDAY 9:00 A.M.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Were You There?"* arr. Innes

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN *"Ab Dearest Jesus"* # 147

*TRINITARIAN DECLARATION

(L) In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

(P) Amen.

*GREETING

(L) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(L) From the cross Jesus cried, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Let us confess our sins with the reassurance that our God is most merciful. Let us pray.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, it is with shame in our hearts that we confess how often we are so wrapped up in ourselves and our own needs that we completely ignore the needs of others and not even aware of the pain they bear. Forgive us our thoughtless and selfish ways. Show us how to understand those near to us, to reach out to them as you did to the one on the cross next to you. May we be the compassionate people you call us to be. Amen.

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SPECIAL MUSIC

"I Have Been To Calvary"

Senior Choir

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

COLLECT

(L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HYMN OF PREPARATION *"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"* # 462

THE PASSION OF CHRIST

The Arrest John 18:1-12

(silent reflection)

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" verses 1 & 2

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The Interrogation John 18:13-27

(silent reflection)

"In the Hour of Trial" verse 1

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The Trial John 18:28-19:16a

(silent reflection)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when They crucified my Lord?

The Crucifixion John 19:16b-3, 7

(silent reflection)

"O Sacred Head" verses 1 & 2
The Burial John 19:38-42
(silent reflection)

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MEDITATION

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD – LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE Threefold Amen

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Christ Lay In the Bonds of Death"

Bach

*DOXOLOGY

551

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

*RECESSIONAL "The Old Rugged Cross"

front cover

POSTLUDE

"Rest In Peace"

Bach



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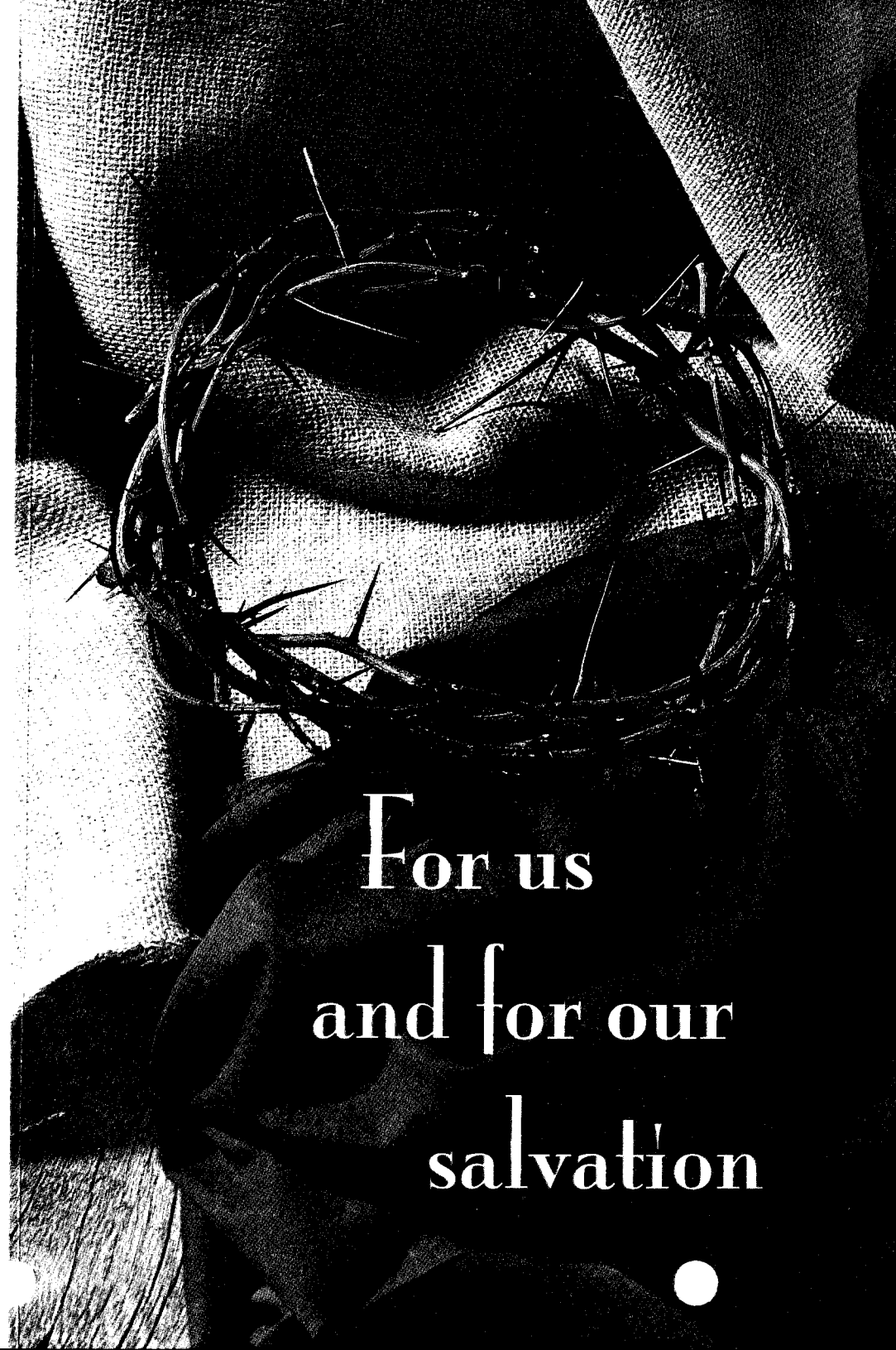
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For us
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salvation



Community Good Friday Service

Our Lady of Pompei

March 25, 2005

We want to extend a warm welcome to you this day. In our Service on this Holy Day, we worship, praise and thank our God for the priceless treasure of the gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Redeemer.

Offering plates are available in the rear of the church as you leave. The money collected today will be divided evenly between the three food pantries in our community located at these sites: Canton Baptist Food Bank, 3302 Toone Street, and Abbott's Bread of Love and We Care Ministries, 3426 Bank Street. Through this ministry, we Christians of Canton/Highlandtown are able to put our faith into action and help the poor and needy in our community.

The Order of Worship

Prelude: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" arr. Johnson

Words of Welcome Father Luigi Esposito
Our Lady of Pompei

The First Word – Of Forgiveness (12:05 PM)

"Father Forgive Them; For They Know Not What They Do" (Luke 23:34)

Special Music – Pam Georgiadis and Florence Gundlach

Lesson: Luke 23:23-34

Prayer

Sermon

Father Joseph Bochenek
St. Brigid Catholic Church
insert (1)

*Hymn: "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

The Second Word – Of Salvation (12:30 PM)

"Today Shalt Thou Be With Me In Paradise." (Luke 23:43)

Special Music – Florence Gundlach and Chuck Rohlfing

Lesson: Luke 23:35-43

Prayer

Sermon

George Schafer
Canton/Highlandtown Committee
insert (2)

*Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

La tercera Palabra – Sobre el cariño (1:00 PM)

"Mujer, Ahí Tienes A Tu Hijo... Ahí Tienes A Tu Madre" (Juan 19:26-27)

Intermedio

Lección: Juan 19:19-27

Oración

Sermón

Padre Luís Cremis
Sacerdote Asociado para el Ministerio Hispano
Our Lady of Pompei

*Himno: "There Is A Green Hill Far Away"

Hoja (3)

The Fourth Word – Of Anguish (1:25 PM)

"My God, My God, Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46)

Interlude

Lesson: Matthew 27:38-46

Prayer

Sermon

Father Luigi Esposito
Our Lady of Pompei
insert (4)

*Hymn: "At the Cross"

The Fifth Word – Of Suffering (1:50 PM)

"I Thirst." (John 19:28)

Interlude

Lesson: John 19:28-29

Prayer

Sermon

Rev. Paul Warren
Abbott Memorial Presbyterian Church
insert (5)

*Hymn: "Near the Cross"

The Sixth Word – Of Victory (2:15 PM)

"It Is Finished." (John 19:30)

Special Music – Shelly Quinn and Mary Quinn

Lesson: John 19:30-37

Prayer

Sermon

Williams Stievers
Canton Bible Institute
insert (6)

*Hymn: "The Old Rugged Cross"

The Seventh Word – Of Contentment (2:35 PM)

"Father, Into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit" (Luke 23:46)

Interlude

Lesson: Luke 23:44-49

Prayer

Sermon

George Lenning
Itinerant Preaching Mission
insert (7)

*Hymn: "In The Cross of Christ I Glory"

Closing

Presiding

Benediction

Postlude: "Rest In Peace"

Father Luigi Esposito

Bach

*People Standing

The third word will be preached in Spanish. We extend a warm welcome to our Hispanic Friends.

Our organist today is Robert Gundlach from United Evangelical Church. Please feel free to change seats or leave the sanctuary during the hymns between each word

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MARCH 27, 2005 EASTER SUNDAY 6:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"* arr. Young

THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

In the manger -- On the cross

At the tomb

(L) He is Risen!

(P) He is risen indeed!

Alleluia Christ is risen!

*OPENING HYMN *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"* # 167

*TRINITARIAN DECLARATION

(L) In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

(P) Amen.

*GREETING

(L) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(L) The God of ceaseless new beginnings, whose powerful love has raised Jesus Christ from the dead, invites us to begin again; to turn away from the ways of sin and death, that we may find new life. Let us pray

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of love, like the first witnesses of the resurrection, we too come to the empty tomb with a variety of responses. We hear the good news that Jesus has risen, but so often the evidence for this is difficult to detect in our lives. Forgive us when we fail to make the risen Christ evident through our words, our actions and our lives. As we come seeking forgiveness for all our faults and shortcomings, help us to reorder our priorities so that we put the risen Christ first in our lives at all times. Help

us to remain faithful in the midst of the demands thrust upon us by work and school, family and friends. Help us always to remember the costly act of Jesus Christ which led to victory over sin and death, an act which gives us the gift of a new beginning - guilt free and graced by love. This we pray in your name. Amen

*WORDS OF ABSOLUTION

(L) Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. We were going astray like sheep, but now have been returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(L) Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

(P) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, we are loved, we are made new. Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

(L) O Lord, open my lips

(P) And my mouth will declare your praise

*GLORIA

Hyfrydol

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise
He who on the cross as Saviour for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

6:00 a.m. *"Open the Gates of the Temple"*

Solo - Dolores Canoles

10:30 a.m. *"Jesus Is Alive!"*

Senior Choir

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"* # 166

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

***GLORIA TIBI** "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"
***GOSPEL LESSON** **Matthew 28:1-10**
***LAUS TIBI** "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"
***HYMN** *"Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven and Voices Raise"* # 174
SERMON **"CARRIERS OF THE COVENANT"**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Nicene Creed **p. 24 Hymnal**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
Hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Christ Arise"*
Solo - Dolores Canoles

***DOXOLOGY** # 551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION see insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

***RECESSIONAL** *"The Day of Resurrection"* # 165

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"* arr. Innes

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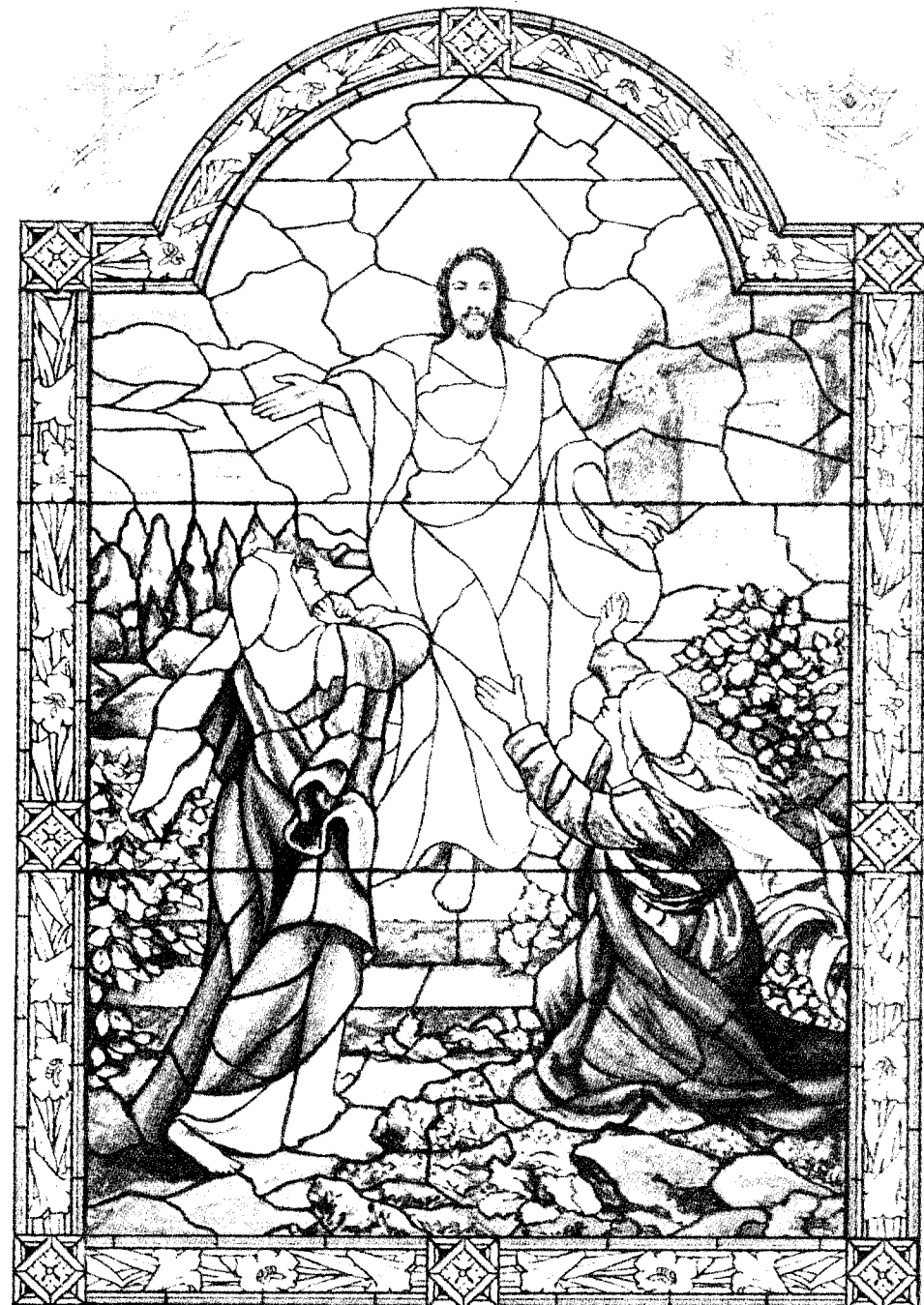
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APRIL 3, 2005 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"God's Son Has Triumphed"

Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 16)

(L) You, God are all we have. You give us all we need.

(P) **Our futures are in your hands. We come to you now.**

(L) You, God, guide us. We are always aware of your presence.

(P) **You are near and nothing can shake us. We come to you now.**

(L) You, God, show us the path to life;

(P) **Your presence fills us with joy, and brings pleasure forever. We come to you now.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *"Alleluia, Christ Has Triumphed"* # 174

*TRINITARIAN DECLARATION

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(P) **Amen.**

*GREETING

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He who on the cross as Saviour for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m.

Solo - Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m.

"To God Be The Glory!"

Senior Choir

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Amen

*HYMN

"Thine Be The glory"

see insert

SCRIPTURE READING Daniel 7 selected verses
 (L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God
 *GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"
 *GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31
 *LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"
 *HYMN "These Things Did Thomas Count" see insert
SERMON "DANIEL AND THE EMPIRE"
 Rev. John Oliver

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Let Us Break Bread Together" arr. Johnson

*DOXOLOGY # 551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION see insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

*RECESSIONAL "He Lives" see insert

LOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Christ the Lord Is Risen" arr. Young

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APRIL 10, 2005 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "How Great Thou Art" arr. Johnson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 116)

(L) I love the Lord who has heard my voice and my prayers.

(P) **I will call on the Lord as long as I live.**

(L) When I was in the depth of distress and despair I called on the name of the Lord, saying:

(P) **"O Lord, I pray, save my life."**

(L) What shall I return to the Lord for all this goodness to me?

(P) **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "This Is My Father's World" # 65

*TRINITARIAN DECLARATION

(L) In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

(P) **Amen.**

*GREETING

(L) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(L) The God of ceaseless new beginnings, whose powerful love has raised Jesus Christ from the dead, invites us to begin again; to turn away from the ways of sin and death, that we may find new life. Let us pray

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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our lives. Forgive us when we fail to make the risen Christ evident through our words, our actions and our lives. As we come seeking forgiveness for all our faults and shortcomings, help us to reorder our priorities so that we put the risen Christ first in our lives at all times. Help us to remain faithful in the midst of the demands thrust upon us by work and school, family and friends. Help us always to remember the costly act of Jesus Christ which led to victory over sin and death, an act which gives us the gift of a new beginning - guilt free and graced by love. This we pray in your name. Amen

*WORDS OF ABSOLUTION

(L) Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. We were going astray like sheep, but now have been returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(L) Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

(P) **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, we are loved, we are made new. Thanks be to God!**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

(L) O Lord, open my lips

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*GLORIA

Hyfrydol

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
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He who on the cross as Saviour for the world's salvation bled,
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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m.

"To God Be the Glory"

Senior Choir

10:30 a.m.

"Sheltered in the Arms of God!"

Florence Gundlach and Lynn Sanders

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***HYMN** "Fairest Lord Jesus" # 182

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Peter 1:17-23

(P) Thanks be to God

***GLORIA TIBI**

“Glory Be to Thee, O Lord”

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 24:13-35

***LAUS TIBI**

“Praise Be to Thee, O Christ”

***HYMN**

“In the Garden”

see insert

SERMON

Amy Sens

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles’ Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
Hear our prayer O Lord,
incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Interlude”

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***DOXOLOGY**

551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

***RECESSIONAL** *“The Old Rugged Cross”* hymnal front cover

LOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

“Postlude”

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APRIL 17, 2005 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Sheep May Safely Graze"* Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 23)

- (L) You are my shepherd, O God, and I want for nothing.
(P) **You rest me in green pastures and, leading me beside still waters, you restore my soul.**
(L) You lead me along right paths so that your name, O God, is glorified in all I say and do.
(P) **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me, guiding and comforting me.**
(L) You treat me as an honored guest; preparing a table before me even in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil and my cup of blessing overflows.
(P) **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in your presence for ever.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"* # 465

*TRINITARIAN DECLARATION

- (L) In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
(P) **Amen.**

*GREETING

- (L) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
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*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

- (L) Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
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*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

- (L) O Lord, open my lips
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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m. *"Had It Not Been"*

Pam Georgiadis and Chuck Rohlfing

10:30 a.m. *"The Lord is My Shepherd!"*

Senior Choir

COLLECT (I) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN "Sanior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" # 461

FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47

(L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:19-25

(L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON John 10:1-10

*LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN "Father Almighty, Bless Us" see insert

SERMON "PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00) Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

*ORDER OF BAPTISM (10:30)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord.

Hear our prayer O Lord.

Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Sanior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" arr. DeCou

*DOXOLOGY # 551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

*RECESSIONAL "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" # 343

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Festival Vocata" Fletcher

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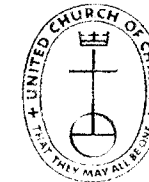
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APRIL 24, 2005 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Rock of Ages" arr. Bish

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 31:1-5, 15, 16)

(L) Come, worship the God who is our refuge and our strength in times of weakness.

(P) **We trust God to lead and guide us always.**

(L) Like Christ, we are confident to commit our spirit into your hands, O God, for you deliver us from our enemies and persecutors.

(P) **Let your face shine upon us, O God, and may your saving and steadfast love surround us.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" # 324

*TRINITARIAN DECLARATION

(L) In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

(P) **Amen.**

*GREETING

(L) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(L) The God of ceaseless new beginnings, whose powerful love has raised Jesus Christ from the dead, invites us to begin again; to turn away from the ways of sin and death, that we may find new life. Let us pray

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*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(L) Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

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*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m.

"Mansion Over the Hilltop"

Solo - Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

10:30 a.m.

"Cornerstone!"

Senior Choir

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

*HYMN

"He Keeps Me Singing"

see insert

FIRST READING Acts 7:55-60
 (L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God
SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:2-10
 (L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God
 *GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"
 *GOSPEL LESSON John 14:1-14
 *LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"
 *HYMN "Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me" # 217

SERMON "ROCKS IN THE FOUNDATION"
WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00) Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (10:30)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
 Hear our prayer O Lord,
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OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Cornerstone" arr. Leatherman

*DOXOLOGY # 551

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 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL "The Church's One Foundation" # 322

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "The Church's One Foundation" arr. Innes

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MAY 1, 2005 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"O Lamb of God"

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 66:8-20)*

(L) With word and song, we gather to praise God

(P) Who has blessed us with the gift of life in Jesus Christ.

(L) We are drawn into God's presence through him,

(P) And the burdens we carry he takes upon himself.

(L) We are truly blessed, for God has listened and responded to our prayers.

(P) We worship you, O God, with gladness in our hearts and songs of praise on our lips.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* # 15

*TRINITARIAN DECLARATION

(L) In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

(P) Amen.

*GREETING

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m.

Solo – Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m.

"His Strength Is Perfect"

Senior Choir

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

*HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

see insert

FIRST READING Acts 17:22-31
 (L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God
SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:13-22
 (L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God
 *GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"
 *GOSPEL LESSON John 14:15-21
 *LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"
 *HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" see insert
 SERMON "GETTING PREPARED"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed p. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
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 Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Thy Table I Approach" Bender

*DOXOLOGY # 551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
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 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION see insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

*RECESSIONAL "Go My Children with My Blessing" see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "In Peace and Joy I Now Depart" Kretchzmar

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" arr. DeCou

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 68:1-5)

(L) In your powerful presence, O God, evil is defeated. Those who oppose you are swept away like windblown smoke;

(P) **Melting away like the wax of a burning candle.**

(L) But those who obey your word rejoice and praise your name.

(P) **For you protect all those who are helpless and most vulnerable.**

(L) Holy are you almighty God who gives power and strength to your people.

(P) **Blessed be God forever and ever.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" see insert

*TRINITARIAN DECLARATION

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CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

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Senior Choir

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" see insert

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Acts 1:6-14
(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

(P) Thanks be to God

***GLORIA TIBI**

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 17:1-11

***LAUS TIBI**

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

***HYMN**

"Faith of our Mothers"

see insert

SERMON

"JESUS' DISCIPLES"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
Hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"O Lord That Will Not Let Me Go"* arr. Jordan

***DOXOLOGY** # 551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

***RECESSIONAL** *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* # 280

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Postlude on Diademanta"* arr. Henderson

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MAY 15, 2005 PENTECOST SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"* arr. Johnson

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 104 adapted*)

(L) O LORD, how numerous are your works! In wisdom you have made the earth and all of creation.

(P) **All life is dependant upon you. You open your hand, and goodness comes forth. You turn your face and the breath of life is gone.**

(L) When you send forth your spirit, life is created; you renew the surface of the earth. May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

(P) **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty"* # 8

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(L) Almighty God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and forgiveness when we acknowledge our weakness and shame. Let us confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving and merciful God, just as with your first disciples, you challenge us over and over again to risk becoming the people you know we can become with your Holy Spirit within us. We confess that too often we make self-centered decisions rather than Christ-centered ones. Through our neglect of others, our lives fail to show your goodness and

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*SILENT CONFESSION

*ACT OF CONTRITION

Morecambe

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,
And make me love you as I ought to love.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(L) The proof of God's love is this -- that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Friends believe the good news of the Gospel.

(P) **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

*GLORIA PATRI

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World without end. Amen, Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m. *"Prayer Is the Key to Heaven"*

Solo - Florence Gundlach

10:30 a.m. *"The Majesty and Glory of Thy Name"*

Senior Choir

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***HYMN** *"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"* # 188

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:24-30

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-21

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"
*GOSPEL LESSON John 7:37-39
*LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"
SERMON "LIVING BY THE SPIRIT"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

CONFIRMATION REUNION LITANY (10:30) see insert
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal
*HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be" # 253

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
Hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Take My Life and Let It Be" arr. DeCou
*DOXOLOGY # 551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL "Now In the Days of Youth" # 446
1955 Confirmation Class Hymn

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" arr. Hustad

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MAY 22, 2005

TRINITY SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"How Great Thou Art"

arr. Page

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 8 adapted)*

(L) O God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

(P) **The heart of creation throbs with your glory**

(L) Your glory is revealed in the vast reaches of the universe: in the twinkling stars reflected in the wondering eyes and simple songs of little children.

(P) **Compared with your awesome power, O God, our lives would seem insignificant if we did not know how deeply you are for us and for all of creation.**

(L) You chose to honor humanity by giving us the responsibility of caring for all of your wonderful creation.

(P) **O God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

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*SILENT CONFESSION

*ACT OF CONTRITION

Morecambe

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*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m. *"The Majesty and Glory of Thy Name"*
Senior Choir

10:30 a.m. *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*
Solo – Darlene Waters

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

467

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

***GLORIA TIBI** "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"
***GOSPEL LESSON** **Matthew 28:16-20**
***LAUS TIBI** "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

SERMON "THE EVIDENCE OF FAITH"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***HYMN (8:00)** "Teach Me, O Lord" # 262
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00)** Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal
ORDER OF BAPTISM (10:30) see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Hustad

***DOXOLOGY** # 551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
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Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

***RECESSIONAL** "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" # 198

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Majesty" arr. Leatherman

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MAY 29, 2005 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Be Still My Soul"

arr. Bish

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 46 adapted)*

(L) God is our refuge and our strength, especially present with us in troubling times.

(P) **Therefore we will not be afraid, even though storms rage around us**

(L) For God is in our midst and when God's voice is heard, all is still.

(P) **When things happen over which we have no control, we can count on God's presence with us from dawn till dusk.**

(L) God's way is the way of peace therefore God is glorified when peace reigns.

(P) **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"God of our Fathers"

440

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

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*SILENT CONFESSION

*ACT OF CONTRITION

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*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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(P) **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

*GLORIA PATRI

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL PRESENTATION (10:30)

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m.

"Softly and Tenderly"

Solo – Diane Borkman

10:30 a.m.

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Senior Choir

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN

"Be Still My Soul"

87

FIRST READING

Genesis 6:9-22; 7:24; 8:14-19

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING **Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-31**
 (L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God
 *GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"
 *GOSPEL LESSON **Matthew 7:21-29**
 *LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"
 SERMON "TO MAKE THEM FREE"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*HYMN (8:00) *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"* see insert
 *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00) Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal
 RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (10:30) see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
 Hear our prayer O Lord,
 Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

8:00 a.m. *"Interlude"* Stainer
 10:30 a.m. *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*
 Karalynn, and Katie O'Rourke

*DOXOLOGY # 551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL *"America, the Beautiful"* # 443

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Postlude on America"* Coulroy



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JUNE 5, 2005 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "You Are My Hiding Place" **arr. Letherman**

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 33 adapted*)

(L) Let all who are righteous praise God continually with sounds of rejoicing.

(P) **We shout our praise aloud, singing new songs and ancient hymns with thanksgiving on our lips and joy in our hearts.**

(L) For the word of God is always faithful and the works of God can always be trusted.

(P) **The breath of God's mouth and the love in God's heart gives life to all and fills the whole world with an everlasting and steadfast love.**

(L) Happy are those who make their response to such love by worshipping God with faith and with joy.

(P) **Let all who are righteous praise God continually with sounds of rejoicing.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "The God of Abraham Praise" # 61

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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*SILENT CONFESSION

*ACT OF CONTRITION

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m. "Do You Remember the Time"

Solo – Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m. "El Shad'dai"

Senior Choir; Julia Rowell, Clarinet; Pastor Cathy, Guitar

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***HYMN** *"There's a Balm in Gilead"* see insert

FIRST READING Genesis 12:1-9
 (L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Romans 4:13-25
 (L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God

***GLORIA TIBI** "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

***GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

***LAUS TIBI** "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

SERMON "HEALER OF THE SOUL"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***HYMN** *"Jesus Lover of My Soul"* # 316

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Nicene Creed p. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE
 Hear our prayer O Lord,
 Hear our prayer O Lord,
 Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Have Thine Own Way Lord"* arr. DeCou

***DOXOLOGY** # 551
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION see insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

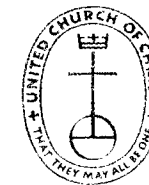
***COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

***RECESSIONAL** *"How Firm a Foundation"* see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"* Kretchzmar

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us" arr. Johnson

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 adapted*)

(L) Let hearts and lives be filled with love for God – for God hears our cries and answers our prayers.

(P) **What can we possibly offer in response for all God's goodness towards us?**

(L) Let us lift up the cup of salvation and call on God's name forever.

(P) **Let us testify to the love and faithfulness of God.**

(L) Each person is so precious in God's eyes that no-one is abandoned by God, not even in death.

(P) **We shall freely and faithfully serve you, O God, with thanksgiving in our hearts.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" # 169

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m. "Lord I Want to Be A Christian"

Senior Choir

10:30 a.m. "For Those Tears I Died"

Florence Gundlach and Lynn Sanders

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***HYMN** "Freely, Freely" see insert

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-8

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

***GLORIA TIBI** "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"
***GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 9:35- 10:8-23
***LAUS TIBI** "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

SERMON "OFFERING HOSPITALITY TO STRANGERS"
Amy Sens

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***HYMN** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" # 158
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
Hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Innes

***DOXOLOGY** # 551

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Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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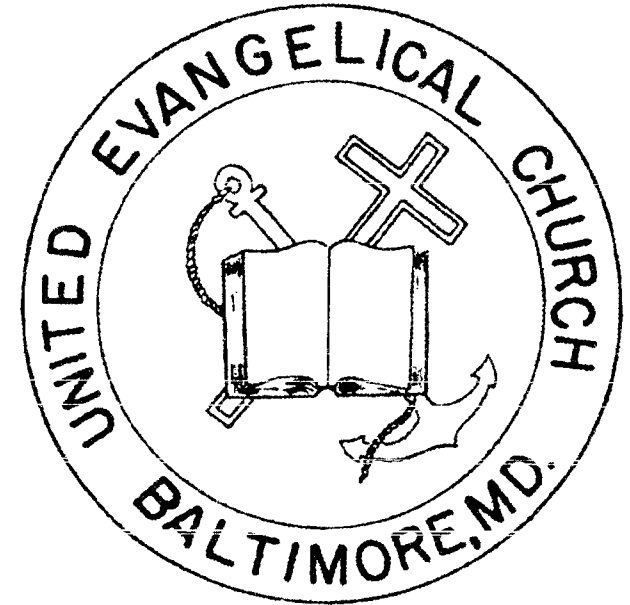
***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

***RECESSIONAL** "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" #461

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

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JUNE 19, 2005 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Faith of Our Fathers" **arr. Johnson**

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 adapted*)

(L) We place our trust in you, our Lord and our God.

(P) **Your ear listens to catch our every word – hearing even our unspoken cries for help.**

(L) We gather here today in the knowledge of your goodness and your mercy, O God;

(P) **Rejoicing in your steadfast love which surrounds us and all who call on your name.**

(L) For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

(P) **May our witness to your loving kindness help to turn lives around which are ruled by hateful thoughts and deeds. For you O God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, do great and wondrous things.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Faith of Our Fathers" # 282

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

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*SILENT CONFESSION

*ACT OF CONTRITION

Morecambe

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,
And make me love you as I ought to love.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(L) The proof of God's love is this – that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Friends believe the good news of the Gospel.

(P) **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

*GLORIA PATRI

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As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m. "Had It Not Been"

Pam Georgiadis and Chuck Rohlfing

10:30 a.m. "Jesus, Rose of Sharon"

Senior Choir

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***HYMN** "I Need Thee Every Hour" # 469

FIRST READING

Genesis 21:8-21

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 6:1b-11

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"
*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 10:24-39
*LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"
SERMON "CHOOSING VALUES"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*HYMN "Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed" see insert
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
Hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "His Eye Is On the Sparrow" arr. DeCou

*DOXOLOGY # 551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

*RECESSIONAL "Lift High the Cross" see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "A Trumpet Chorale" Bach

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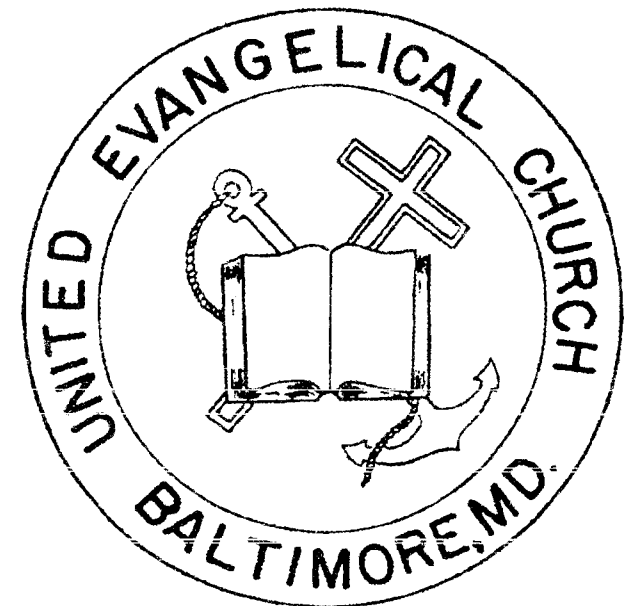
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JUNE 26, 2005 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "When In Our Music God Is Glorified" Pethel

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 13 adapted*)

(L) Hear our cries, O God, as you have in the past.

(P) **Dispel the dark horizons of our fear with the assurance of your presence.**

(L) Strengthened by the knowledge that we are never ever abandoned by you, we put our trust in your steadfast love.

(P) **For you O God, deliver us from darkness to light, from death to life; mindful of your great mercy, we lift our voices to you in songs of endless praise.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "All Creatures of Our God and King" # 15

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(L) Almighty God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and forgiveness when we acknowledge our weakness and shame. Let us confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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*SILENT CONFESSION

*ACT OF CONTRITION

Morecambe

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And make me love you as I ought to love.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

WHY WE SING

Because - We've Got A Message Sunday School Children
of a Wonderful... "Because He Lives"

Pam Georgiadis
Florence Gundlach
Margaret Myrick

Faithful... "Blessed Be Your Name"

Loving... "God's Eye Is On the Sparrow" Will Myrick

Attentive...

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using trespasses)

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
Hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

Worthy God. *"You Are Worthy of My Praise"* see insert

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Ode to Music"* Handel

***DOXOLOGY** # 551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Now Go and Tell *"Go in The Spirit of Love"* Sunday School
Others Children

***RECESSIONAL** *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* # 80

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals"* Karg-Elert

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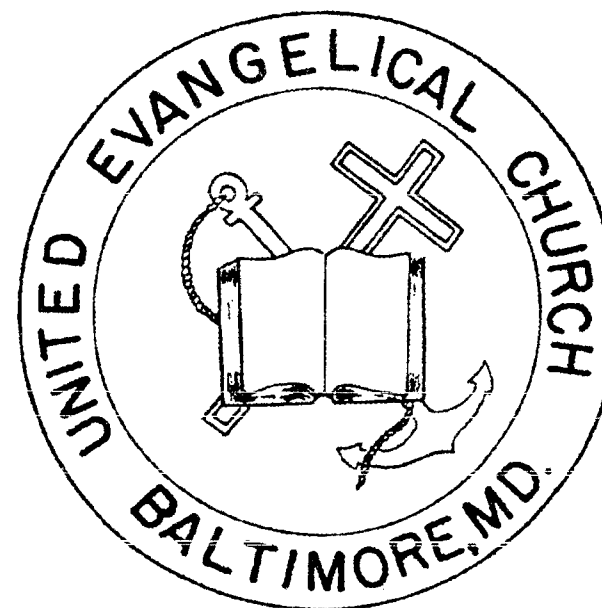
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JULY 3, 2005 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Come Unto Me"

Peterson

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalms 45:10-17 adapted*)

(L) Come, all who labor and are heavy-laden,

(P) **And God will give you rest.**

(L) Take God's yoke upon you,

(P) **For the Lord is gentle and lowly in heart.**

(L) Come, and find peace for your souls,

(P) **For the yoke of the Lord is easy, and the burden is light.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"My Eyes Have Seen the Glory"* see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

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*SILENT CONFESSION

*ACT OF CONTRITION

Morecambe

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*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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WE HEAR 'THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m.

"You Are My King"

Solo – Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m.

"Statue of Liberty"

Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN

"Come Unto Me"

see insert

FIRST READING

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 7:15-25a

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

SERMON

Rev. Clyde Spicer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*HYMN "Come Unto Me, Ye Weary" # 305

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed p. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
Hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "America, the Beautiful" arr. Johnson

*DOXOLOGY # 551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION see insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL "My Country 'Tis of Thee" # 441

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Fantasia on America" Coulroy

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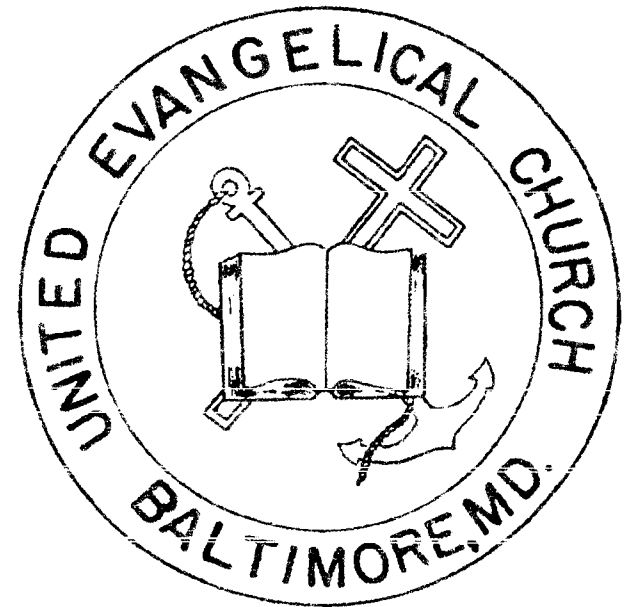
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Air From Suite in D"* Bach

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 119:105-112 adapted*)

(L) Come, let us worship the Lord our God,

(P) **For the Lord is our God, and we are the Lord's people.**

(L) As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our ears,

(P) **That we might both hear and heed the word of the Lord.**

(L) As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our eyes,

(P) **That we might both see and perceive the will of the Lord.**

(L) As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our hearts,

(P) **That we might understand with our hearts and turn to the Lord for healing.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit"* # 464

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

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*SILENT CONFESSION

*ACT OF CONTRITION

Morecambe

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*GLORIA PATRI

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World without end. Amen, Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Old Rugged Cross"
Solo – Darlene Waters

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN *"Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet"* see insert

FIRST READING

Genesis 25:19-34

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

SERMON

Rev. David Henry

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***HYMN** *"Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"* see insert

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles" Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
Hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Thy Word is a Lamp"* arr. Leatherman

***DOXOLOGY** # 551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

***RECESSIONAL** *"Onward Christian Soldiers"* # 292

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Toccata in C"* Bach

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"* arr. Leatherman

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 adapted*)

(L) We lie down to sleep and to dream; we awaken knowing that God is in that place

(P) **Wherever we are, we are in the presence of God.**

(L) We eat and dress and prepare for our day and, moment by moment, the chance is offered to know that God is in that place.

(P) **Wherever we are, we are in the presence of God.**

(L) We come from many directions to gather here, where we dare to hope that God is in this place.

(P) **Wherever we are, we are in the presence of God. Come, let us worship God in this place.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* # 272

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(L) Almighty God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and forgiveness when we acknowledge our weakness and shame. Let us confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray.

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*SILENT CONFESSION

*ACT OF CONTRITION

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*GLORIA PATRI

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World without end. Amen, Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

"I Asked the Lord"

Solo – Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

see insert

FIRST READING

Genesis 28:10-19a

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

SERMON

“THE HOUSE OF GOD”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*HYMN (8:00) *“We are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”* see insert

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00) Apostles’ Creed p. 38 Hymnal

ORDER OF BAPTISM (10:30)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
Hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* arr. DeCou

*DOXOLOGY # 551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL *“Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”* # 32

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *“Prelude in C”* Bach

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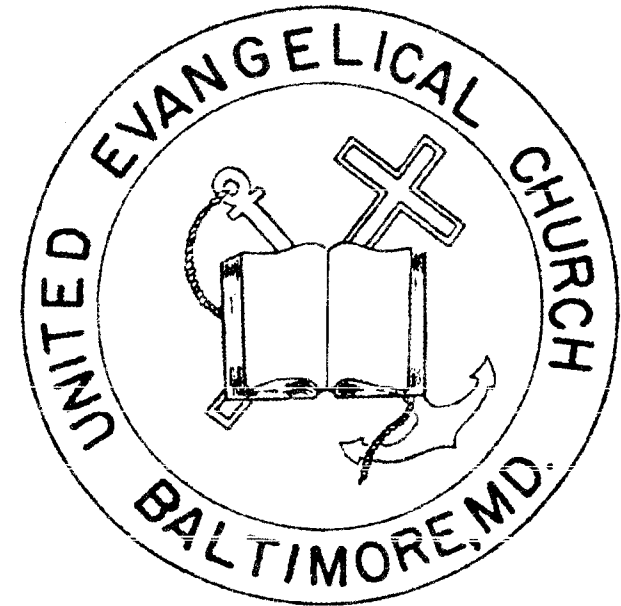
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AUGUST 7, 2005 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant"

GREETING

- (L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

- (L) Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we gather as people of faith.
(P) **The Holy Spirit is here among us as we gather and worship God.**
(L) Like our spiritual ancestors we call upon God to bless us.
(P) **Feed our deep hunger and come into our hearts we pray.**
(L) Where there are two or more gathered, we know that God is there.
(P) **Come Holy Spirit and grant us the healing we seek on this day.**

*OPENING HYMN "Be Thou My Vision [verses 1 and 3]" see insert

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

- (L) Gracious God, your ways are not always our ways. We wander away often consumed in our own affairs. Heal our wayward hearts. Search after us when we have strayed. Make us patient with our mistakes even as we are willing to forgive others. When, O Lord, will we have the courage to say "yes" to your call of Come and Follow Me? When will we turn from our self-centered living to your way of compassion?

[Silent time for reflection]

- (ALL) **When, O Lord will we hear you calling us? Let it be now! Amen!**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- (L) The Holy One calls each of us in a different way, naming us and blessing us. In God's presence, there is grace and healing in the name of Jesus, The Christ.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.*

*This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.
Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Romans 10:5-15

(P) **Thanks be to God**

CONTEMPORARY READING: God Is Still Speaking

*HYMN

"Here I am Lord"

see insert

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 14:22-33

(P) **Amen**

SERMON

"GET OUT OF THE BOAT!"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

p. 24 Hymnal

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection "Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

Response of Thankfulness

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Melt Me, Mold Me, Fill Me, Use Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

**WE SHARE IN GOD'S HEALING
AT THE COMMUNION TABLE**

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements and Prayers of Healing

Solo "How Beautiful is The Body of Christ"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(I) Let us pray

(P) **We give thanks, O God, that you have refreshed us at this table of love and healing in the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and send us forth into the world with courage, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(I) God sends us back into the world

(P) **To labor for the welfare of all those for whom Christ lived and died.**

(I) Give thanks to God who is with us when we sink in despair and lifts us into joy again.

(P) **Give thanks to God that we have received this Good News!**

(I) Give thanks to God that we are sent to bear the Good News to others.

(P) **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN**

*God be with you till we meet again. By good counsel guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again!
God be with you till we meet again. When life's trials thick confound you,
God's unfailing arms surround you. God be with you till we meet again.*

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

"Amazing Grace"

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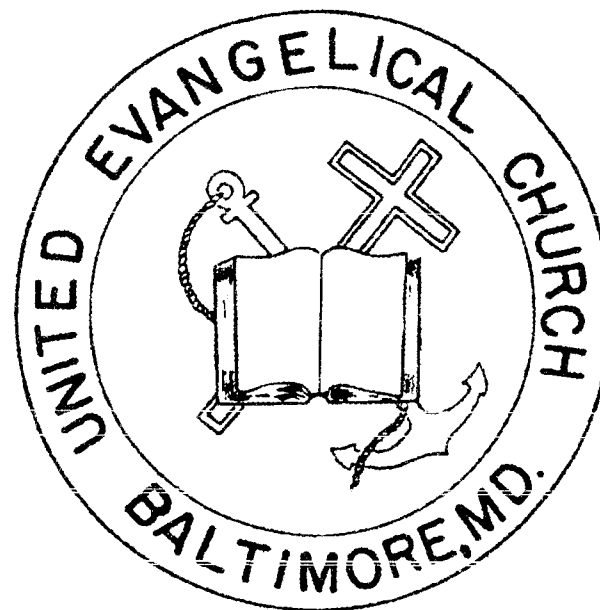
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AUGUST 14, 2005 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" arr. Johnson

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 133)*

(L) How good and pleasant it is when the people of God live in unity and peace.

(P) **It is like soothing oil that brings healing. It is like the freshness of the morning dew.**

(L) In the way of peace, God's blessings are truly visible, and life flows abundantly.

(P) **Come Holy Spirit, bless us with your life giving presence.**

***OPENING HYMN** "We Praise Thee, O God" # 19

***TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY**

(L) O God, we gather into our minds and hearts the places of age-old pain, the grudges and hostile words, the desires for revenge, the hatred and prejudice that are all around us, the fear and anger that consume us. And we lift our hearts in awe that pain can be healed and that the miracle of reconciliation can come into being.

[silent time for reflection]

Let us praise God for the hope of unity.

(ALL) **We praise you Gracious God that revenge can be forgotten, prejudice unlearned, forgiveness sought. We praise you for all your blessings. Amen**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

(L) Truly our God is anxious to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Truly our God

does not forsake us. Nothing, not even the depth of our sin, can separate us from the love of God!

***OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE**

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:

Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away,

O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire;

As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee

Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

Genesis 45:1-15

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

CONTEMPORARY READING: God Is Still Speaking

***HYMN**

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

see insert

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

(P) **Amen**

SERMON

"REUNIONS"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

p. 38 Hymnal

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER [Using Trespasses]

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection

8:00 a.m. "Jesus Lover of My Soul"

Denise Kelly and Allison Halsey

10:30 a.m. "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings"

Dolores Canoles

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

Response of Thankfulness

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Melt Me, Mold Me, Fill Me, Use Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

- (L) Go forth to celebrate the gifts and calling of God.
- (P) **We go to share the gifts and calling of God.**
- (L) Go forth to experience God's mercy
- (P) **We go to practice God's mercy in the name of Christ.**
Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"* # 324

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Vocata on Regent Square"* Smith

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Abba, Father"

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) O God you are our God.

(P) **We thank you for your faithfulness.**

(L) As we gather here today, teach us about gratitude and hospitality.

(P) **Feed our deep longing to be the Body of Christ in this place.**

(L) Where there are two or more gathered, we know that God is there.

(P) **Thank you for calling us to this faith community to learn about your love.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) Gracious God, you have spoken and are still speaking. You invite people to your House but we decline to come. You invite others into your Kingdom but we try to keep others out. We condemn those who are not like us and forget how to be faithful disciples. We often refuse to put on the Mind of Christ because the personal sacrifice might be too great.

[silent time for reflection]

(ALL) **Have mercy on us, O Holy One for the times we have forgotten how to love unconditionally as Jesus did. Help us to hear your invitation to become the Body of Christ in this place, in this neighborhood. Teach us today to take**

the risks we need to become a more welcoming place for all who seek God. Cleanse us and come into our hearts....make us new again as we pray for healing in the name of Jesus.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God who is gracious, never turns us away. By the generosity of God, we are assured of unending love through Jesus Christ.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,

That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,

Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Romans 12:1-8

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Philippians 2:1-5

(P) **Thanks be to God**

CONTEMPORARY READING: God Is Still Speaking

*HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

472

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 16:13-20

(P) **Amen**

SERMON

Rev. Karen O'Rourke

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

p. 38 Hymnal

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER [Using Trespasses]

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection *"The Prayer"* [English and Italian]

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

Response of Thankfulness

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Melt Me, Mold Me, Fill Me, Use Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

- (L) Go forth from this place and put on the mind of Christ every day this week.
- (P) **We go to discover the needs and opportunities around us.**
- (L) Christ ignites us and raises us up.
- (P) **We go forth into growing and changing and living.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Onward Christian Soldiers"* # 292

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Peace is Flowing Like a River"*

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AUGUST 28, 2005 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Holy Ground" arr. Leatherman

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c)

(L) We gather with thankful hearts to call on God's name and to make God's deeds known among all peoples.

(P) **Let our songs of praise proclaim all God's wonderful works.**

(L) Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice and glory in God's holy name hour by hour and day by day.

(P) **We remember God's wonderful saving deeds, eternal promises and just judgments.**

(L) Through the faith stories of old, we are united with the bearers of God's promises in past generations.

(P) **Through our own faith stories, we celebrate our identity as the bearers of God's promises in this place and this time. Let us praise God who is the same yesterday, today and forever!**

***OPENING HYMN** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" # 8

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) Generous God, you have created us in your image. You have filled us – each one – with wondrous gifts. Yet we confess that we do not always recognize those talents within ourselves, or others. Sometimes we use them to hurt rather than build up. We confess that sometimes we want everyone to be the same as us, to do things our way.

[silent time for reflection]

(ALL) **Forgive us, Merciful one. Nurture within us the gifts you have given us. Empower us to nurture our gifts and the gifts of others. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) The God who created us continues to call forth great gifts from us. We are one body in Christ. Thanks be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

*Just as I am, you will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because your promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

*Just as I am, your love unknown has broken every barrier down;
Now to be yours, and yours alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Exodus 3:1-15

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Romans 12:9-21

(P) **Thanks be to God**

CONTEMPORARY READING: God Is Still Speaking

***HYMN** "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"

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*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 16:21-28

(P) **Amen**

SERMON

"AN INVITATION"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER [Using 'trespasses']

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Darlene Waters

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

Response of Thankfulness

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Melt Me, Mold Me, Fill Me, Use Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

- (L) God commissions us to dream new dreams.
- (P) **God sends us to gather the outcast, to feed the hungry.**
- (L) God sends us to share the bounty, to heal the wounded.
- (P) **God commissions us to shout the truth, to whisper forgiveness,**
- (L) To build peace, to proclaim jubilee, to lead journeys.
- (P) **God commissions us. Let us go in the name of God.
Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *“Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant”* see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *“Vocata on Regent Square”* Smith

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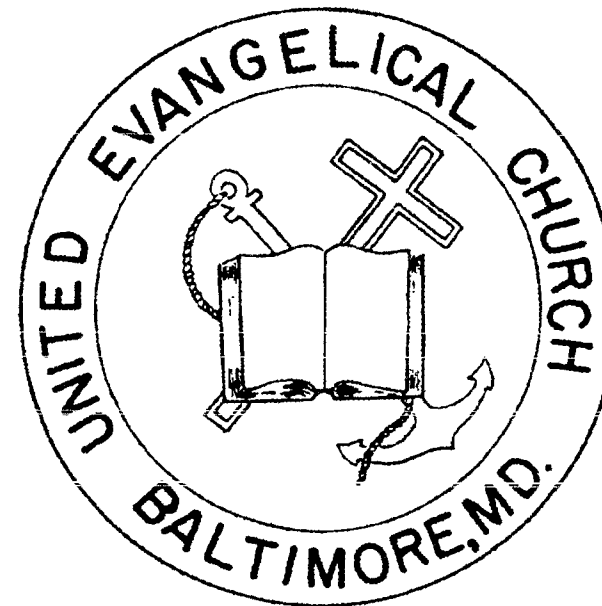
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) Rejoice and be glad for God takes delight in us.

(P) **We gather as God's community.**

(L) Come and hear God's good news.

(P) **We gather as God's community that listens to the good news of Christ's love.**

(L) Even when only two or three are gathered, Christ is here in our midst.

(P) **We gather as God's community that prays together. Let us worship God who is among us in this place.**

*OPENING HYMN "Ask Ye What Great Things I Know" # 8

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) Ever present and ever loving God, sometimes we think that the church is a building. Sometimes, we care about the building maintenance more than building our relationship with you and our sisters and brothers in Christ. For the ways in which we have neglected to maintain a holy sanctuary in our souls,

(P) **We pray for your guidance.**

(L) For the times when we held on to our grudges,

(P) **We pray that you soften our hearts.**

(L) When we have withheld our love from one another,

(P) **We pray for your forgiving love.**

(L) For the times, when we have forgotten who we are as your beloved children,

(P) **We pray that we be awakened.**

(L) Help us to let go of all that gets in the way of accepting your full embrace.

[silent time for reflection]

(ALL) Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God delights in us. Such is the nature of God's abundant love. God forgives our shortcomings. Such is the way of God's immeasurable grace. Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,

That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,

Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Exodus 12:1-14

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Romans 13:8-14

(P) **Thanks be to God**

CONTEMPORARY READING: God Is Still Speaking

*HYMN "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" # 278

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 18:15-20

(P) **Amen**

SERMON "BEING IN COMMUNE - ITY"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed p. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

Response of Thankfulness

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Melt Me, Mold Me, Fill Me, Use Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

**WE SHARE IN GOD'S HEALING
AT THE COMMUNION TABLE**

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION see insert

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(I) Go from this place in peace: be the church and take the church with you. Make each place you go a sacred place. Let others see and experience God through you. May God take delight in all that you do, and in all that God has made you to be. God bless.

(P) God bless. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Christ for the World We Sing"* # 373

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE



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SEPTEMBER 11, 2005 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) Despite what the reality may be, God's hope, forgiveness, and renewal never fail.

(P) **The God of hope empowers us to light a candle of hope for there is hope for today.**

(L) The depth of love calls us to forgive one another.

(P) **The God of love encourages us to light a candle of forgiveness for forgiveness is possible today.**

(L) God's Spirit helps us to let go and refreshes us again and again.

(P) **The God of new life moves us to light a candle of renewal for new life is ours today.**

(L) We light a candle of God's shalom present with us now.
(Candle is lit.)

(ALL) **Come, let us worship God whose love forgives, renews, and heals.**

*OPENING HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" see insert

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

God of patience and forgiveness, we come before you in a time of confession. Cleanse our hearts we pray, O God, for we come in to be one with your holy presence. We confess the

times when we have held on to our grudges rather than letting them go.

(silent time for reflection)

We confess those times when we have wanted to seek vengeance rather than seek peace and reconciliation.

(silent time for reflection)

We confess those times when we let our anger get the best of our judgment and reason.

(silent time for reflection)

We confess those times when we resist the call to walk in gentleness with your loving spirit.

(silent time for reflection)

We confess those times when we do not trust your wisdom and your caring.

(silent time for reflection)

Help us to let go of all that stand between us, O loving God.
Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God weeps with us in sorrow, and rejoices with us in joy. God loves us and forgives us. God journeys with us in the deepest valley of our lives, and supports us through all our troubles. God sees our sincere hearts and smiles at our desires for renewal. So we can go forth in light of God, in the light of hope, forgiveness, and renewal.

(ALL) **Thanks be to God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus, far, and grace will lead me home.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Exodus 14:19-31

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Romans 14:1-12

(P) **Thanks be to God**

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 18:21-35

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

(P) Amen

SERMON "CAUGHT IN THE CROSS HAIRS"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE, CONFESSION AND HOPE see insert

*HYMN "Our God Our Help in Ages Past" # 63

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD’S PRAYER (Using Trespasses)

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Prayer of Dedication... Amen.

Response of Thankfulness

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

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Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) God calls us to forgiveness.

(P) **God calls us to live a life of freedom, peace, joy, and
dignity for all our brothers and sisters around the world.**

(L) Let us go into the world with God’s eternal spirit that longs to
bring the world back to God in joy.

(ALL) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "How Firm a Foundation" see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2005 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Siciliano" arr. Bach

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) Come to the Lord who alone is our God.

(P) **Let us forsake the gods we have forged with our hands.**

(L) Come, and bow down before the Lord your Maker,

(P) **And declare God's wonderful works together.**

*OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" # 476

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

Gracious and Loving God, we live in a time when there are many things that prevent us from seeing your presence in our lives and in our world. We prefer the safe, the comfortable and easy life. We like to avoid the painstaking process of learning and growing and evolving to become what you call us to be.

We confess times when we seek knowledge without character, politics without principle and worship with sacrifice.

(silent time for reflection)

We suffer in many ways when we disobey your laws and your eternal ways. Guide us, we pray, that we may have the wisdom and courage to abide in your ways however difficult a sacrifice it may be. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God's love is greater than our deepest flaws, wider than our limited understanding more forgiving than our forgiveness of

ourselves. God's love knows no bounds. God offers us grace and promise of renewal and hope.

(P) **Thanks be to God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen, Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"The Lord's Prayer"

Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

10:30 a.m.

"Seek Ye the Lord"

Senior Choir

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Exodus 16:2-15

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Philippians 1:21-30

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 20:1-16

(P) **Amen**

*HYMN

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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SERMON "GRUMBLING, GRUMBLING, GRUMBLING"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER (Using Trespasses)

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Go into the world in peace. Live the life to which God has called you. May there always be truth, goodness and compassion in your life.

(P) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"* # 394

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* arr. Hegarty

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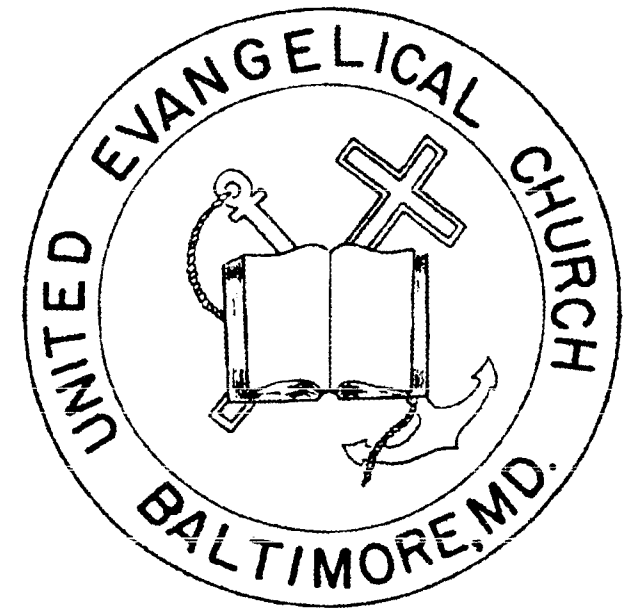
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SEPTEMBER 25, 2005 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Arioso" Bach

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) When the people of Israel were thirsty, God provided water in the wilderness.

(P) **Praise God for the water of life.**

(L) When people were lost without direction, Jesus came to show the way.

(P) **Praise God for the Living Water of life.**

(L) When we cry out in need, God listens to us, and responds.

(P) **Come, let us worship God!**

*OPENING HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" # 184

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) O God, sometimes we wonder if you are with us or not.

(P) **Yet, we seldom ask ourselves if we are with you.**

(L) We often wonder what more you can do for us,

(P) **But neglect to ask what more we can do for your glory.**

(L) When we challenge others more than challenging our own assumptions, motives and attitudes,

(P) **Forgive us God, and help our fears.**

(L) For the times when we discredit others for their appearances, their social status, and their imperfections,

(P) **Forgive us God, and help us to be humble.**

(L) May we see others the way you see them.

(P) **May we discover your face in the faces of people we encounter.**

(L) May we know that you are with us.

(P) **May we know that you, God, are building our faith.**
(silent time for reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God's love has the power to break hearts of stone, spring forth a fountain of hope, and unleash a river of love. God's spirit seeks to work in us, that we may have life.

(P) **Thanks be to God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "Just A Little Talk With Jesus"

Pam Georgiadis, Florence Gundlach, Margaret Myrick

10:30 a.m. "At the Name of Jesus"

Senior Choir

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Exodus 17:1-7

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Philippians 2:1-13

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 21:23-32

(P) **Amen**

*HYMN

"Lord, Speak to Me"

256

SERMON

"IMAGE OR SUBSTANCE?"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00) Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

ORDER OF BAPTISM (10:30) see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER (Using Trespasses)

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection *"Dedication"*

Dressler

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Go to live under God's humble care seeking simple joys,
loving one another.

(P) **Sharing kindness and following the way of Jesus.**

(L) And take with you the quiet assurance that God's spirit will be
always with you. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"God of Years, Thy Love Hath Led Us"* # 362

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Trumpet Tune"*

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OCTOBER 2, 2005 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Innes

GREETING

- (L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- (P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 19)

- (L) The morning sun reveals God's creative wonders; bearing witness to the beauty of God's creation.
- (P) **As God's design is so visibly present in nature, so it is realized in the divine plan for our lives.**
- (L) For God's law is perfect, reviving the soul; and the decrees of God are sure and trustworthy, giving wisdom to all.
- (P) **The principles of God are right and true, rejoicing the heart; and God's commandments are clear, enlightening our eyes and our minds;**
- (L) God's laws are truly just and altogether righteous; more to be desired are they than gold; sweeter also than the drippings of the honeycomb.
- (P) **Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, our rock and our redeemer.**

*OPENING HYMN "O Worship the King" # 10

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

- (L) Loving God, we seek to focus our lives on Christ, your living word, but find ourselves lost and confused. Cleanse our hearts, O God. When we have worshipped material possessions, symbols of prestige and power,
- (P) **Forgive us.**
- (L) When we have made idols as sources of comfort and objects of worship,

(P) **Forgive us.**

(L) When we have devalued your holy name,

(P) **Forgive us.**

(L) When we did not set aside a day to make it holy, to seek rest for our weary souls,

(P) **Forgive us.**

(L) When we have not treated parents, children and others with love and compassion,

(P) **Forgive us.**

(L) When we have not been moved by the senseless killing of life, glorified violence, and made it our entertainment,

(P) **Forgive us.**

(L) When we have not been faithful in our relationships with each other,

(P) **Forgive us.**

(L) When we stole time, and sold our integrity for extra profit,

(P) **Forgive us.**

(L) When we have spread false rumors and talked behind people's back,

(P) **Forgive us.**

(L) When we fail to put our relationship with you first, and seek our joy in things that cannot satisfy,

(P) **Forgive us.**

(silent time for reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God provides guidance and leads us to a life of joy, meaning, and hope. God forgives our mistakes and helps us to begin anew. God restores our spirit and gives us new life. Amen.

(P) **Thanks be to God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"Search Me O God"

Florence Gundlach and Chuck Rohlfing

10:30 a.m.

"In You, We Are One"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Philippians 3:4b-14

(P) Thanks be to God

***GOSPEL LESSON**

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 21:33-46

(P) Amen

***HYMN**

"Let All Mortal Flesh"

336

SERMON

"GIVE US THIS DAY..."

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

p. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection *"Prayer of St. Francis"*

arr. Letherman

***Bringing Forth of Gifts**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Go, towards the goal of the prize of the heavenly call of God
and go in peace as God goes with you.

(P) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

arr. Innes

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OCTOBER 9, 2005 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. DeCou

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 106, verses 1-6, 19-23)

(L) Let us praise God whose goodness and steadfast love are everlasting.

(P) With joy we praise God's wonderful deeds.

(L) Happy are those who act justly and whose lives reflect God's righteousness at all times;

(P) O God, we rejoice in all your faithful dealings with those who have gone before us.

(L) Like them, we have sinned, and fallen far short of your goodness.

(P) Like them, we forget you and replace you with idols of our own making.

(L) Yet, as you heard Moses' prayer for his people and delivered them from certain death and destruction, you also hear Jesus' prayers for us, and graciously grant us the gift of salvation.

(P) Let us together praise God whose goodness and steadfast love are everlasting.

*OPENING HYMN "Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart" # 7

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(P) Even in our best intentions, in our worshipful hearts, we let unimportant things get in the way of one another and of you, eternal God. For the times when we squabbled over temporal matters while losing sight of witness and work in this world, grant us wisdom to see things clearly.

When we have let the disagreements carry over into conflicts rather than giving our hearts to reconciliation, grant us courage and humble hearts. If we have focused too much on our own needs and neglected the cries for justice and peace in our world, open our hearts to others. Gentle and patient God, we open our hearts to your loving spirit that seeks to draw us to your ways.

(silent time for reflection)

(L) Strengthen our faith in you that we may learn to let go of these things. In the mystery of life that surrounds your presence, may we find your light leading us to a radical freedom.

(P) In Christ's name, we offer our prayer. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God forgives our sin. God renews our spirits. And God heals our wounds. That we may be whole. That we may rejoice. That we may celebrate.

(P) Praise be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "Open My Eyes That I May See"

Darlene Waters

10:30 a.m. "Peace Like A River"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Exodus 32:1-14

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Philippians 4:1-9

(P) Thanks be to God

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 22:1-14

(P) Amen

*HYMN

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

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SERMON "LOOK WHO'S COMING TO DINNER"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle's Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection "Jesus, We Live to Thee" arr. Page

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication... Amen.

WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT

*SENDING FORTH

(L) Go now down your highways and into your homes. Take God's feast with you to as many as you find, that there may be food for all. May others thank God because of you. God bless.

(P) God bless.

(L) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" # 322

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "In Peace and Joy I Now Depart" Kretchzmar

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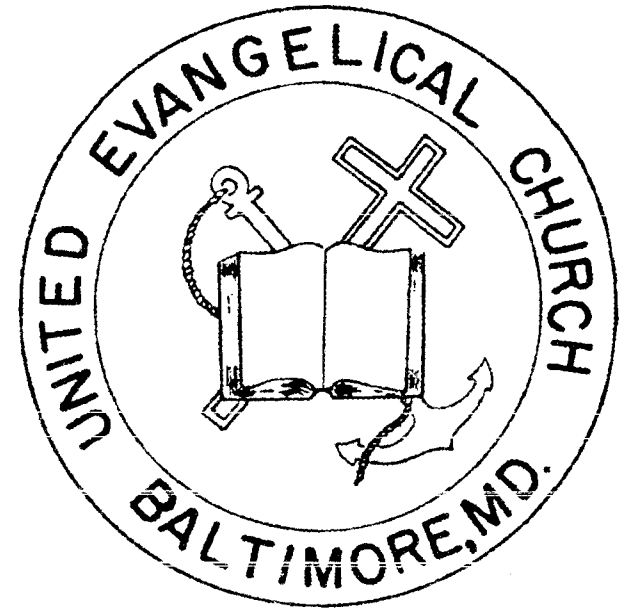
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OCTOBER 16, 2005 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Rock of Ages"

arr. Bish

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) In God's presence, lost and weary lives find purpose and meaning.

(P) **Come to this place all who seek purpose and meaning.**

(L) In God's presence, people who are sick and troubled find healing and peace.

(P) **Come to this place all who seek healing and peace.**

(L) The lives of sinners are changed by our compassionate God.

(P) **Come to this place all who seek changed lives.**

(L) In many places, holy people have proclaimed God's ways of justice and truth.

(P) **Come to this place to experience God's presence. Come, let us worship God.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Come We Who Love the Lord"

30

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(P) Patient and understanding God, it is not easy to keep up the energy to abide in your ways. Over the years the work of faith can get wearisome. Our labour of love sometimes loses its passion and enthusiasm. Our steadfast hope in Jesus can lose its flame and can become tired and discouraged. Keeping up everyday living can become overwhelming and take too much from our souls. We turn to you O God, because it is difficult to keep ourselves

focused on you, and keep our collective spirit aligned to yours. At times, like Jesus, we too cry out, "Why have you forsaken me?" So, we turn to you O God in our weakness, in our fears, insecurities, and worries.

(silent time for reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God offers to us freedom from fear, steadfast faith and a firm foundation. God's love is as deep and wide as the oceans. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

(P) **Praise be to God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen, Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"O Lord Most Holy"

Senior Choir

10:30 a.m.

"Search Me, O God"

Florence Gundlach, Chuck Rohlfing

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Exodus 33:12-23

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 22:15-22

(P) **Amen**

*HYMN

"Rock of Ages"

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SERMON "THE LAND OF MILK AND HONEY"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00) Apostle's Creed p. 38 Hymnal

ORDER OF BAPTISM (10:30)

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection "More Precious Than Silver" arr. Leatherman

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication... Amen.

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) Go into the world with the message of God's good news. Be
the message. Do the Message. Live the message. Go now in
peace.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" # 323

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Postlude" Couperin

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OCTOBER 23, 2005 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"More Love to Thee"

arr. DeCou

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) O God, when we felt lost in the world,

(P) **You have been our dwelling place.**

(L) O God, when we felt all alone,

(P) **You have been our spiritual home.**

(L) O God, when we were afraid,

(P) **You have been our hiding place.**

(L) O God, when our hearts were seeking for meaning,

(P) **You have been our shepherd looking for a lost sheep.**

(L) You, O God, have been a faithful God in all generations,

(P) **Let us worship God with all our hearts and minds.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

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*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY (*Amy Schacht*)

(P) Merciful God, your law is a gift, but we use it to judge one another as unacceptable. You call us to this time and place to worship you, but our minds wander. You shower us with love, and we long for more things. You create us with talents and skills to share your good news with the world, but we protect what we have in our small corner. You pour out your grace for us, and we pretend we do not need you. Burst through our complacency, transform our narrow perspectives, and forgive how far we have

wandered. Set us on the path of discipleship one more time. Amen.

(silent time for reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) The love of God is beyond our ugliest sins, greater than our worst fears, and stronger than our frailest weaknesses. God forgives us and renews us.

(P) **Praise be to God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"With All My Heart"

Pam Georgiadis, Chuk Rohlfing

10:30 a.m.

"With All My Heart"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 22:34-46

(P) **Amen**

*HYMN

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

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SERMON

"CATCHING A GLIMPSE"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection *"With All My Heart"* arr. Innes

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

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Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) Go out into the world in peace. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all you soul, with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself. For everything hangs on these things.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Lord, Dismiss Us"* # 35

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Prelude in Classic Style"* Young

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OCTOBER 30, 2005 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" arr. Hustad

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 107:1-7)

(L) We gather here from north and south, from west and east;

(P) **To give thanks to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.**

(L) Like travelers lost in the spiritual desert of our world, we come with souls that are hungry and thirsty.

(P) **Just as God satisfied the cravings of those fleeing from Egypt, God fills all who hunger and thirst with good things.**

(L) Let us give thanks to God whose steadfast love endures forever.

(P) **Come, let us worship God**

*OPENING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" # 281

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) Jesus, teacher and Lord, when we hear your criticism of the behavior of the scribes and the Pharisees in the gospel today, we wonder what has changed. People still place unwarranted burdens on others, still demand preferential treatment, still abuse positions of leadership. We are ashamed to confess that this does not only happen in society at large, it happens also within the church.

(P) **Forgive our participation in practices which inflate our egos at the expense of others.**

(Pause for silent reflection)

(L) Jesus, forgive us when we parade our piety and expect favored treatment, forgetting that you emptied yourself of power so that you could be the servant and Savior of all.

(P) **Forgive us when we care more for impressive outward appearances rather than inner dispositions shaped by tolerance and love.**

(Pause for silent reflection)

(L) Jesus, forgive us for any behavior which is experienced or perceived as hypocritical - any actions which lack integrity and justice.

(P) **Renew and refresh us with your gentle and selfless Spirit, Lord, so that we know what it is to be your followers not only in name, but in reality. Amen**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Hear the good news: God has forgiven us all our sins, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. This, God set aside, nailing it to the cross. In Jesus Christ, therefore, we are forgiven.

(P) **Praise be to God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Florence Gundlach, Chuck Rohlfing

10:30 a.m. "O Lord Most Holy"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(I.) The Word of the Lord

Joshua 3:7-17

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(I.) The Word of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

(P) Thanks be to God

***GOSPEL LESSON**

(I.) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 23:1-12

(P) Amen

***HYMN**

"He Leadeth Me"

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SERMON

"AN INVITATION TO GRACE"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostle's Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection *"He Leadeth Me"* arr. DeCou

***Bringing Forth of Gifts**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) Brothers and sisters, go, bearing witnesses to God's word at work within you. And may the peace of God make you holy in every way.

(All) **Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *"God! When Human Bonds Are Broken"* see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Postlude on Guide Me O thou Great Jehovah"* arr. Martin

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Jesu, Word of God Incarnate" arr. Mozart

GREETING

- (L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 78)

- (L) We remember God's glorious deeds - recorded for all time by people whose lives were touched by divine grace.
(P) **As people of hope, they affirmed the great works of God, and the importance of keeping the commandments of God.**
(L) We are heirs of their faithfulness in witnessing to the greatness of God's wondrous acts.
(P) **Let our witness be as convincing, so that generations to come will continue to honor God's holy name. Let us worship God.**

*OPENING HYMN "The God of Abraham Praise" # 61

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

- (L) God of Israel and God of Jesus Christ, we would not be here if you had not chosen to touch our lives with your love. We cannot hide our wonder that you should choose to enter our world and our lives in person - in Jesus. Yet we confess that we sometimes have trouble in our decision-making when faced with questions of whether we wholeheartedly serve you or not. We are often tempted to put other than you first in our lives - when we are faced with choices which affect how we live as your faithful people -

- (P) **Forgive us when the choices we make reflect not your glory but our own selfishness.**

(Pause for silent reflection)

- (L) Forgive us when the choices we make revolve around judging or condemning others without first listening to their stories.

- (P) **Forgive us when the choices we make contribute to our own prosperity and wellbeing while ignoring the needs of others.**

(Pause for silent reflection)

- (L) Forgive us when the choices we make diminish our awareness of you, O God, in the midst of those who suffer.

- (P) **Gracious and loving God, strengthen us where we are weak with the renewing power of your Spirit. Help us to make choices which clearly reveal our identity as your faithful people, and as sincere and devoted followers of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord - in whose name we pray. Amen .**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- (L) Out of love for the world, God chose to share our humanity in the person of Jesus Christ, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ we are accepted, we are loved, we are forgiven.

- (P) **Praise be to God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

- 8:00 a.m. "The Lord Is My Light"
Willoughby Myrick, Jr.
10:30 a.m. "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"
Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(I.) The Word of the Lord

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(I.) The Word of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

(P) Thanks be to God

***GOSPEL LESSON**

(I.) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 5:43-48

(P) Amen

***HYMN**

"The Family Prayer Song"

see insert

SERMON "LOVING (NOT KILLING) OUR ENEMIES"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

p. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* arr. DeCou

***Bringing Forth of Gifts**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication... Amen.

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) Go bravely into the world with hearts open. May God's questions challenge you, guide you and help you to find ultimate meaning, and your true calling. And may the Spirit of God be your companion.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

"The God of Abraham Praise"

arr. Innes

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"* arr. Bach

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) Trust in the Lord at all times, O peoples of the earth!

(P) **We will pour out our hearts before our God!**

(L) God is your refuge and your strength, a very present help in trouble!

(P) **We will trust, and not be afraid!**

***OPENING HYMN** *"God is Our Refuge"* # 283

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) Many temptations pull us. Many habits imprison us, O God. Life can be a struggle for so many of us. Yet, in the silent depths of our soul, you invite us to your presence.

(Pause for silent reflection)

(L) God of light and darkness, of day and of night;

(P) **We bring before you all that we have thought, said, and done. We confess the times we have tried to hide from you, when we have tried to ignore your call, pretended not to know what was going on around us, and sought to run away from responsibility. Forgive us for discounting the value of the wondrous gifts you have given to us and to others, and free us to live new lives as your children,**

forgiven and trusted by you. In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) In the heart of God, our sins are forgiven, our errors are forgotten, our faults are erased. Let us embrace the hope that God gives us.

(P) **We are blessed indeed. Praise be to God. Amen.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. *"Jesus Lover of My Soul"*

Denise Kelly, Allison Housley

10:30 a.m. *"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"*

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Judges 4:1-7

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

(P) **Amen**

*HYMN

"Before the Cross of Jesus"

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SERMON

"A SOBERING THOUGHT"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER (Using Trespasses)

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection "Take My Life and Let It Be" arr. Innes

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) People of Christ, encourage and build up one another.
Strengthen the fainthearted, lift up the weak, be patient with
the anxious, and rejoice in all circumstances. May the God of
peace make you whole.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Jesus I Live to Thee" # 254

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Rondo in G" Bull

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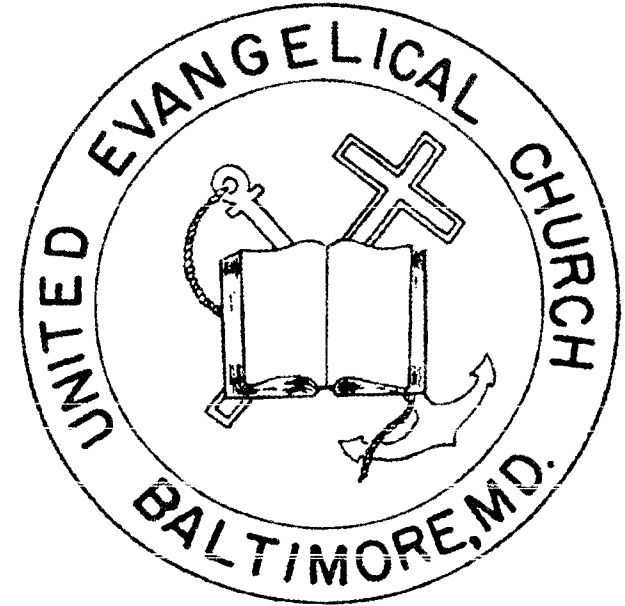
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NOVEMBER 20, 2005

REIGN OF CHRIST

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Sheep May Safely Graze"

Bach

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) Blessed be the Triune God who gathers us as the church of Jesus Christ our Sovereign.

(P) **And blessed be God's holy reign now and forever.**

(L) Rejoice, people of God, in the one who came that all may have life and have it more abundantly, who places the needy, the least of these, at the heart of God's love.

(P) **Praise and honor to Jesus Christ, God with us, who calls us friends and reigns in our midst by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign"

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*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) Confident in the mercy of God, let us ask for the forgiveness we need.

(P) **Loving God, shepherd of our souls, hear the longing of our hearts for fullness of life. Too often we exchange the gift of your grace for things that do not endure. We speak of Jesus Christ with reverence but spend our days in service to selfish ends. We sing of our Savior's reign but occupy trivial thrones of self-importance. Deliver us from all that confounds our relationship with you and one**

another. We ask this in the name of the one who taught us to pray, "your reign come on earth as it is in heaven." Amen.

(Pause for silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Beloved, God forgives those who face their own failures and ask for mercy. In receiving this gift, let us forgive ourselves and those who have wronged us in any way. Where Jesus Christ reigns there is no room for thrones that enshrine human sin. Rejoice in the reign of redeeming love!

(P) **Amen! Thanks and praise to God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
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World without end. Amen, Amen.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"On Eagle's Wings"

Senior Choir

10:30 a.m.

"Softly and Tenderly"

Clara Auffarth, Florence Gundlach

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Revelations 7:9-17

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 John 3:1-3

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 5:1-12

(P) **Amen**

*HYMN

"Fairrest Lord Jesus"

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SERMON

"CHRIST THE KING"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

TOTENFEST REMEMBRANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD’S PRAYER (Using Trespasses)

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection “*On Eagle’s Wings*” arr. DeCou

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) Now to the one who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of God’s glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Sovereign, be glory, majesty, power and authority, before all time and now and forever.

(All) **Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth among all with whom God is well pleased. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** “*For All the Saints*” # 418

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE “*For All the Saints*” Held

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NOVEMBER 27, 2005 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "What Is This Lovely Fragrance" Lovelace

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

(L) Dear God, as we begin our Advent pilgrimage, grant us the courage to hope.

(P) Hope for your presence,

(L) Hope for your peace,

(P) Hope for your promise.

*The candle of hope is lit.*¹

*OPENING HYMN "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" # 88

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(P) Advent God, forgive us when we pay more attention to satisfying our own needs, than seeking you and your will for our lives - for being more interested in possessing the material things of life, rather than your spiritual gifts. Turn our lives around so that we are looking in the right direction - towards you. Only then can we hope to recognize the signs of your presence in the world. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

(Pause for silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we have been enriched in every way. Through God's grace, we will be kept strong to the end, so that we shall be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(P) Praise be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "We Shall Behold Him"

Solo – Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

10:30 a.m. "We Shall Behold Him"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Isaiah 64:1-9

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

(P) Thanks be to God

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Mark 13:24-37

(P) Amen

*HYMN "Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night" # 91

SERMON "A SPIRITUAL LONGING"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER (Using Trespasses)

¹ Katherine Hawker

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection *"Andante Pastorale"*

Spong

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) You have been given the grace of God in Christ Jesus. Go in strength and knowledge, grace and power. Go to seek signs of God's powerful presence. Go to be a revelation to others.

(All) **We go to watch and wait with hope. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN *"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"*

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Savior of the Nations Come"*

Bach

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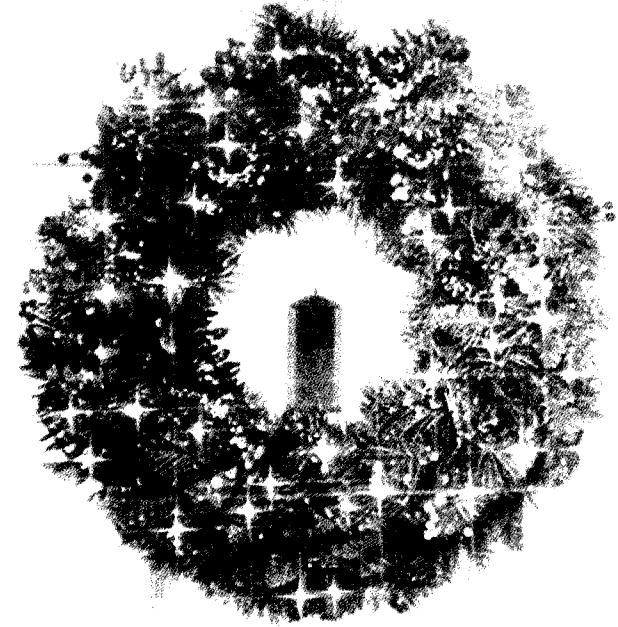
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Hope

Be joyful in hope.

Romans 12:12

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DECEMBER 4, 2005 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Comfort Ye My People" Handel

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The candle of hope is lit.

(L) Dear God, as we journey down this Advent road, grant us the courage to make peace.

(P) **Peace in our hearts.**

(L) Peace in our homes,

(P) **Peace in our communities.**

The candle of peace is lit.¹

*OPENING HYMN "O How Shall I Receive Thee" # 100

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) God of glory, we confess that all too often in this Advent season we spend more time on making preparations for our own pleasure than preparing for Jesus to be born anew in our hearts and lives, in our families, our communities, our nation. You call us to prepare the way for Jesus' birth by helping to make smooth the rough places in people's lives, by seeking to reduce the mountainous problems some people experience. You call us to prepare the way for Jesus' birth by being agents of comfort and mercy. Forgive us when we fail to become involved with the pain of other people by pleading seasonal busyness. Forgive us for confusing being comfortable with being comforting. Help us to

prepare ourselves faithfully to receive the Christ-child.
Amen.

(Pause for silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Listen to what God promises: salvation happens when love and faithfulness meet together, when righteousness and peace kiss. This is surely the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Christ we experience salvation.

(P) **Praise be to God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. Solo – Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m. "Every Valley Shall Be Unsalted"
Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-11

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

2 Peter 3:8-15a

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Mark 1:1-8

(P) **Amen**

*HYMN "There's A Voice in the Wilderness Crying" # 94

SERMON "RECOGNIZING GIFTS"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00) Nicene Creed p. 24 Hymnal

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS (10:30) see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection

"He Shall Feed His Flock Like A Shepherd"

Handel

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

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Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION see insert

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) Beloved, there are many who are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness is at home - while you wait, make peace - with one another, with yourself, and with the earth. Go as peacemakers in a wilderness world walking the way of the Prince of Peace.

(All) **We go with hope. We go in peace. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Arise, the Kingdom Is At Hand"* # 93

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"* **Kretchzmar**

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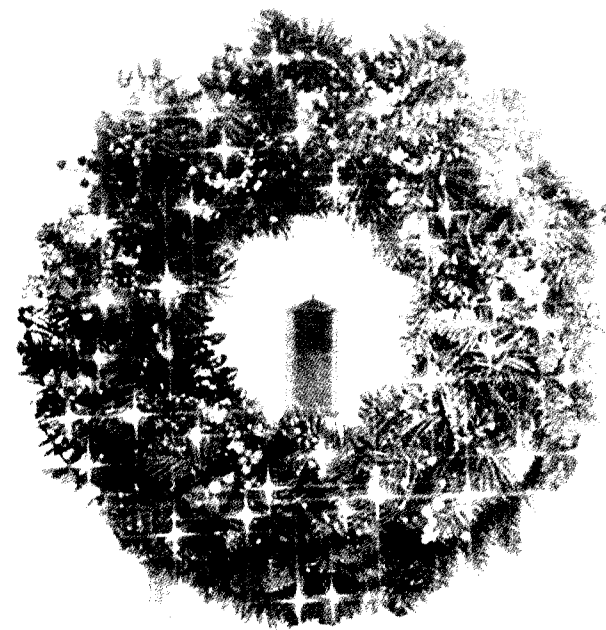
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PEACE

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

Zechariah 9:10

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DECEMBER 11, 2005 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Prelude on Emmanuel" vanNutt

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The candles of hope and peace are re-lit.

(L) Dear God, in the height of your Advent walk, grant us the courage to experience joy.

(P) **Joy in the face of apathy,**

(L) Joy in the face of sorrow,

(P) **Joy in the face of uncertainty.**

The candle of joy is lit.¹

*OPENING HYMN "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" # 89

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) We give thanks, O God, that you are unchanging, that your concern for justice and righteousness was so strong that you came in human form to share that concern with us in person. We confess that all too often we hesitate to speak or act when we see people being treated unjustly.

(P) **Forgive us, O God, for the times when we have been happy to hear the gospel without truly living it.**

(Pause for silent reflection)

(L) Forgive us for uncaring attitudes when we base our opinion of another person's worth on what they own, or how they look; on what they say, or how they live, rather than accepting them for who they are - people made in your image.

(P) **Forgive us when our longing to live simply and with humility is defeated by selfish desires - for pursuing profits before seeking your will.**

(Pause for silent reflection)

(L) Forgive us for placing our hope in other than the Christ-child born in a poor stable.

(P) **Our hope lies in the promise of your mercy, O God, extending to those who fear you from generation to generation. Heal, restore and bless us, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen**

(Pause for silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) The promise of God is that our whole being - spirit, soul and body will be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rejoice, then, and give thanks as we receive forgiveness and healing in Christ's name.

(P) **We rejoice in the mercy of God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING "Emmanuel"
Senior Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER (Using Trespasses)

HYMN "Of the Father's Love Begotten" # 13

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

(L) The Word of the Lord (P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

(L) The Word of the Lord (P) **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL LESSON John 1:6-8, 19-28

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ (P) **Amen**

*HYMN "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" # 107

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT "BABY JESUS - PRINCE OF PEACE"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection *"Gesù Bambino"*

Nicholas Pietrowski, Jr.

Violin

***Bringing Forth of Gifts**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances. Do not quench the Spirit. Hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace sanctify you entirely; that you may be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Good Christian Men Rejoice"*

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"*

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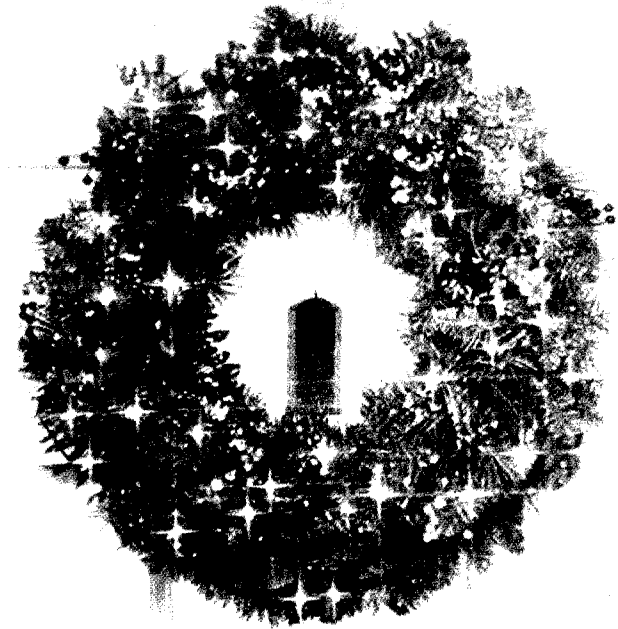
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Shout for joy, O heavens.

Isaiah 49:13

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DECEMBER 18, 2005 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Did Mary Know"

Lowrey

GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The candles of hope, peace and joy are re-lit.

(L) Dear God, as our Advent pilgrimage draws to completion, grant us the courage to share your love.

(P) **Love for the unexpected challenge in our lives,**

(L) Love for the vulnerable one in our midst.

(P) **Love for the presence of God in all creation.**

The candle of love is lit.¹

*OPENING HYMN *"Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates"* # 92

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) On this Advent Sunday of Love we know it isn't easy to be loving all the time - so we take time to think about the moments in this past week where we have failed to love...

(Pause for silent reflection)

Forgive us, O God, when we have failed to let your love spill over into our lives, and through us to others...

(P) **Forgive us and empower us with your Spirit to proclaim your love in word and deed to those who are close to us and to those who at this time feel rejected, unwanted, lonely ...**

(L) Those who are sick and those who mourn - especially those for whom this season is a time of sadness...

(P) **Those people, young and old, who are trapped in a cycle of poverty, the many people across the world who have**

been forced into being refugees, and those who suffer at the hands of others.

(All) **May the words we speak and sing over these next few days become reality as we seek to live and love even as Christ did. These things we pray in his name. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) The Psalmist declared that God's steadfast love was established forever - to all generations. The evidence of that love is surely found in God's entry into the world in Jesus Christ "not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned."

(P) **Praise be to God!**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"Song of Mary"

Senior Choir

10:30 a.m.

"Gentle Mary I Laid Her Child"

Florence Gundlach and Lynn Sanders

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

(P) **Amen**

*HYMN

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"

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SERMON

"SERVANT OF THE LORD"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD’S PRAYER (Using Trespasses)

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection *“A Virgin Most Pure”* arr. Innes

***Bringing Forth of Gifts**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) May you be strengthened by the good news that God proclaims in Jesus Christ. May you be drawn to the wonder of the mystery revealed, God’s eternal love for us made flesh in Jesus Christ. Go in the glory of God’s abundant love.

(All) **We go with hope. We go in peace. We go with Joy. We go in love. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *“Behold a Branch is Growing”* # 113

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *“Savior of the Nations Come”* Bach

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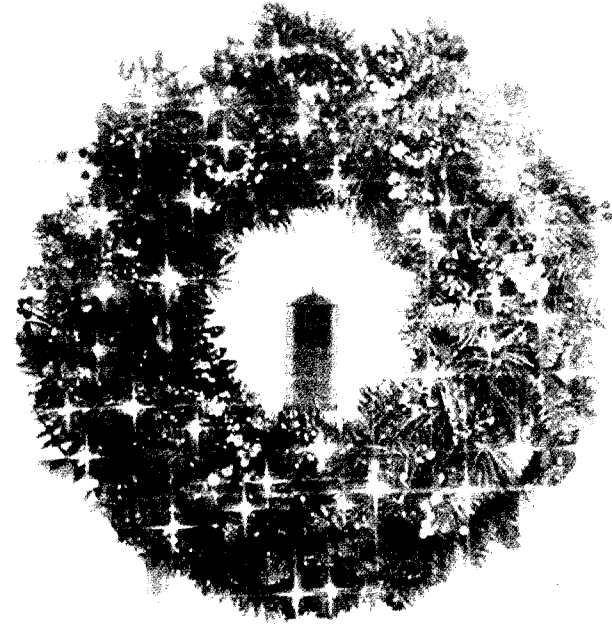
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Love

We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19

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DECEMBER 24, 2005 CHRISTMAS EVE 7:30 P.M.

PRELUDE "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" arr. MacNutt

WELCOMING

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE¹

(L) Light looked down and saw darkness.

(P) "I will go there," said Light.

(The candle of hope is lit.)

(L) Peace looked down and saw war.

(P) "I will go there," said Peace.

(The candle of peace is lit.)

(L) Joy looked down and saw despair.

(P) "I will go there," said Joy.

(The candle of joy is lit.)

(L) Love looked down and saw hatred.

(P) "I will go there," said Love.

(The candle of love is lit.)

(L) So the Lord of light

The Prince of Peace

The Font of Joy

The King of Love

Came down and crept in beside us.

(The Christ candle is lit.)

(Christ Child is placed in the crèche.)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" # 102

*GREETING

(L) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) And also with you.

*GATHERING PRAYER

Gracious God, your angels broke into the midnight of a
sleeping world to sing the news that Christ was born in
Bethlehem. On this night of joyful and expectant wonder,
break into the darkness of this hour and stir our hearts to

hear again the message of your love. Touch our
understanding with your Holy Spirit that we may live in awe
of the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ. Though there
was no room for him in Bethlehem's inn, help us to make
more room for him in our lives, responding to his love and
receiving his peace. Come Lord Jesus, be light for our
darkness, and empower us with your Spirit to be faithful
bearers of your light into all the shadowy and clouded areas
of our world. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF GRACE *(based on Isaiah 9:2-7)*

On those who have walked in darkness, a great light has shone.
The yoke of burden, the rod of the oppressor, has been broken.
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us, whose
authority has established justice and righteousness forever. Let
there be praise to God in heaven and on earth.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Iris

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

*CHRISTMAS GREETING OF PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING "The Gift Goes On" Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 96

THE CHRISTMAS STORY Luke 2:1-20

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TIME

HYMN "Away in a Manger" # 109

CHRISTMAS PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "I Call Him Lord" Senior Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Greensleeves

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,

Come peasant, king, to own him;

The King of kings salvation brings,

Let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King,

Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

Tonight we will receive communion in procession. Ushers will invite you forward up the center aisle by rows. The darker liquid is wine, and the lighter liquid is grape juice. After you partake in communion, return to your seat by the side aisles.

***CELEBRATION OF THE LIGHT**

A prayer in the darkness
The coming of the Light into the world

***HYMN**

"Silent Night"

Silent night! holy night! All is calm, all is bright;
Round yon virgin mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender
and mild;
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! holy night! Darkness flies, all is light:
Shepherds hear the angels sing; Alleluia! Hail the King!
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night! holy night! Guiding Star, lend thy light!
See the eastern wise men bring, Gifts and homage to our King!
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night! holy night! Wondrous Star, lend thy light!
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King!
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

***BENEDICTION**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

"Joy to the World"

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POSTLUDE

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

arr. DeCou

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Silent Night

Holy Night



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DECEMBER 25, 2005 CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Silent Night" arr. Innes

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "O Come All Ye Faithful" # 112

*GREETING

(L) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(P) And also with you.

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) Emmanuel, God with us, in the midst of Christmas joy, we pause to face our sin and to affirm our salvation.

(Pause for silent reflection)

Loving God, we confess to each other and to you--

(All) We are far from fulfilling our Christmas hope with appropriate deeds. We are far from fairness and justice in the distribution of this earth's bounty. We are far away from peace; in our hearts, in our relationships, and with the world. We are far from that good will that builds up families and communities. We are far from a spiritual graciousness where all are valued and respected. We are far from endorsing that new age which the angels proclaim and our carols celebrate. Holy Savior, by all the mighty, humble grace of your Incarnation, pity our wanderings, cut down our pride, and forgive our unloving ways. May the light from Bethlehem's stable uncover our sins and lead us to your liberation and healing. Through Christ Jesus, child of Mary yet the very Child of God. Amen!

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) My sisters and brothers in the faith, it is forever written: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their

sins." Let this Christmas message be the Word which today sets you free, gives you peace, and lifts up your hearts with joy and thanksgiving.

(P) **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill to people who are greatly favored.**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

Iris

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING "O Holy Night"
Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:1-14

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"

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CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*A CHRISTMAS CREED

see insert

We believe. We believe in Christmas. We believe in God who prepared through long ages for this day, who spoke through law givers, poets and prophets, who chose Mary and Joseph for a most unlikely mission, who for our salvation became one with us at Bethlehem.

We believe in the Son of Mary, the True Son of True God, Emmanuel bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh, we believe. O yes, we believe! Glory be to God! We do believe!

*HYMN

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER (Using Trespasses)

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection *"Away in a Manger"* arr. Innes

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Prayer of Dedication... Amen.

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(I) We have lifted up our voices and sung to the Christ child, the heavenly King.

(P) **We go, rejoicing over this wonderful gift of God, confident in the love of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

(I) May the peace of God and the blessings of Christmas go with you.

(P) **And also with you. Amen**

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Go Tell It on The Mountain"* see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Noel"* D'aquin

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