

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 1, 2006 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "What Child Is This" arr. Innes

GREETING

(I) 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

(I) Old year, new year, are all the same to God, whose goodness endures forever!

(P) We praise you, O Lord, to the highest heavens, for our eyes have seen your salvation; the dawning of a new day.

*OPENING HYMN "At Thy Feet, Our God and Father" # 423

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Holy Friend, Savior and Healer of the world, we admit to you the frustration we feel for our part in the evil that infests humanity. We are called to truth, but we prefer darkness to light. We are called to hope, but we slide into the negativity. We are called to grace, but we are at times mean-spirited and self-serving. We are called to mercy, but we harbor grudges and let slip insidious innuendos. We are called to faith, but we live as if everything depended on us. We are called to love, but it rarely goes beyond loving those who love us. God of abundant grace, forgive us for our failure to uphold and express the generosity of your ways. Forgive us for those sins of which we are ashamed, and for the sins which as yet we have not recognized and brought out into your light. Be to us, not the God we deserve but the Saviour

who heaps grace upon grace. In you alone we place our trust. Through Christ Jesus our Redeemer, Amen.

(Pause for silent reflection.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(I) Even when we do forget the true reason for the Christmas season and find our attention drawn to other than Jesus, he does not do that to us. God sent Jesus into the world not to judge us, but to save us. The great good news is this: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

(P) Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill to people who are greatly favored.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"I Call Him Lord"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(I) The Word of the Lord

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(I) The Word of the Lord

Galatians 4:4-7

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:22-40

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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SERMON

Rev. John Oliver

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 *"Away in a Manger"*

arr. Innes
Greensleeves

***Bringing Forth of Gifts**

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.... Amen.

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION see insert

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

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) Depart in peace, for you have seen God's salvation, a light for the nations. May the love of God guide you, the word of Christ dwell in you richly, and the gift of the Spirit give you power, now and forever.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Another Year is Dawning"* # 424

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Noel"* D'aquin

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*Behold, I make
all things New*



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JANUARY 8, 2006 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Morning Has Broken" arr. Bish

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "On Jordan's Bank" # 95

*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

(silent reflection)

(L) Let us pray for forgiveness and renewal.

(All) **God our Creator and Savior, we are creatures in need of your constant assistance. Without you we can not break free from the forces that compromise our spirit. Too often we are overwhelmed by uncertainty about the future, or feelings of powerlessness in the present. We fail to recognize you speaking to us, either personally or through your prophets. At times we refuse to accept your guidance. Forgive us for listening to - and believing - other voices that call us away from the path you have for our lives. Loving and merciful God, forgive us when we allow our fears and our worries to stifle your voice of love. Immerse us in the healing waters of your love. Baptize us with your Spirit. Let us know that we are truly made in your image and that we too are your beloved, on whom your favor rests. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) The good news is that even if we at first do not hear the divine word addressed to us, God calls again and again. Know the peace and joy of God's forgiveness in the words: You are the beloved, with whom God is well pleased.

(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.*

CHILDREN'S' TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

Solo - Darlene Waters

10:30 a.m. "God and God Alone"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Genesis 1:1-5

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Acts 19:1-7

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:4-11

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

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

SERMON "GOALS"

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

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

Greensleeves

*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 flames of hope in a world afraid; glowing with the passion of justice and the beauty of peace. Go in the peace of Christ.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Shall We Gather at the River"* see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"To Jordan Came Our Lord, the Christ"* Bach

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JANUARY 15, 2006 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

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

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" see insert

*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

(All) God of wisdom, forgive us for the times we fail to seek your will or heed your call. Forgive us when we fail to act on the truth we know, the knowledge we have, the possibility there is for change. Forgive us when we let our love for family or friends or church or nation blind us to their faults – and ours. Open us, that we might receive the truth that you speak to us. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

(silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Know that you are forgiven and freed to forgive others. Walk into a future shaped not by failures, but by God's justice and mercy.

(All) 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "Lord, Here Am I"

Senior Choir

10:30 a.m. "Lord, Here Am I"

Pam Georgiadis, Chuck Rohlfing

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:43-51

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us"

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SERMON "THE WORD 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 "Jesus Calls Us"

arr. DeCou

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

Greensleeves

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**

(1) Go with dreams filling your head, and courage surging
through your soul. Keep firm in the hope that God has set
before you in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(All) **Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Here I Am Lord"

see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

"Postlude in Classic Style"

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JANUARY 22, 2006 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" arr. DeCou

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" # 85

*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

(In preparation for prayer let us silently reflect and think of those people with whom we have difficulty, those who have caused us grief, those who have wronged us in some way; and imagine them bathed in the love and mercy of God.)

(All) Forgive us, God of unrelenting mercy, for the times we have run the other way rather than enter the territory of those we do not like, those who have hurt us, those we consider our enemy. Forgive us for the times we have resented your forgiveness of those we consider not worthy. Forgive us for the times we have wallowed in anger and self-pity rather than rejoice in the bounty of your love for all people. Sometimes, we want you to punish our enemies and confirm our prejudices. Forgive us for putting boundaries around your mercy and borders on your forgiveness. Help us to see ourselves as children of the Most Merciful One, sisters and brothers of all whom you have created. Help us to forgive those who sin against us as you forgive us. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) In the mercy of God, you are forgiven. In the compassion of God, you are freed to begin anew. In the wisdom of God, you are strengthened to lead the new life. Praise be to God.

(All) 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.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "Gone Fishing for Jesus"

Florence Gundlach and Chuck Rohlfing

10:30 a.m. "Not That You Died"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Softly and Tenderly"

see insert

SERMON

"THE RISK OF FAITH"

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 "Rock of Ages"

arr. Bish
Greensleeves

*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**

(I) Go and proclaim the good news: the reign of God is at hand.

Know that God is with you, even to the ends of the earth.

(Aii) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

"Postlude"

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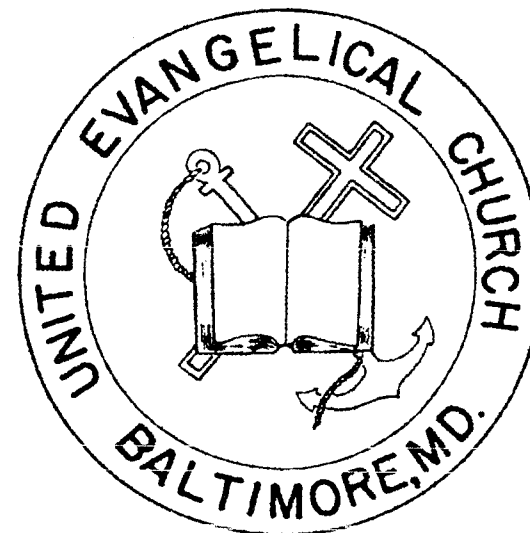
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JANUARY 29, 2006 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Prayer" Boelleman

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" # 80

*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) God, source of all truth, your scripture tells us that what is most essential in our conduct as Christians is not knowledge, but love. We confess the times when we have used knowledge in ways which put people down rather than build them up.

(silent reflection)

God, source of all knowledge, forgive us when we see people being exploited because of lack of knowledge, and do nothing.

(All) **God, source of all goodness, forgive us when we have idolized knowledge at the expense of loving and caring for others.**

(L) God, source of all wisdom, forgive us when we have ridiculed others for having a weak and feeble faith because they appear to lack wisdom.

(All) **God, source of all love, forgive us for seeing good only in what we understand and accept as your truths. Touch us, teach us, heal us and make us newly aware of your love and forgiveness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Hear and believe these words of grace: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

(All) **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.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "I Want to be More Like You"

Diane Borkman

10:30 a.m. "Great Is the Lord"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:21-28

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"When the Golden Evening Gathered"

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SERMON

"AMAZING!"

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 “Trust in the Lord”

*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.

Handel
Doxology

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

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) With an authority born of love, Christ sends us forth to live the healing we have received, walk in the wisdom we have been given, and delight in the awesome wonder of God. Go to make God’s love known.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” # 126

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE “Postlude on Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” arr. Page

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FEBRUARY 5, 2006 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Prelude on Ave Verum Corpus" Mozart

OPENING SENTENCE

***OPENING HYMN** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" # 8

***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**

(All) Merciful God, the scripture challenges us to proclaim the gospel in all ways, by all means, to all people. So often our persistence in clinging to old and familiar traditions, behaviors, and language, block people from hearing and experiencing the good news of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, O God, for using language which excludes people from hearing the great good news about Jesus. Forgive us when our lives and characters proclaim other than the gospel of Jesus Christ; when our piety is visible on Sundays, but hard to detect the rest of the week. Forgive us for when the gospel is proclaimed only within these walls and not daily in the communities where we live or study or work. Forgive us when we forget that proclamation of the gospel goes hand in hand with transforming the hopes and dreams of the downtrodden and powerless into reality. Help us to risk stepping out by faith in mission and evangelism, instead of being confined by the state of our finances. Strengthen us with the Holy Spirit to do all for the sake of the gospel, so that

we and all those to whom it is proclaimed may share in its blessings. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

(silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

(L) Hear the good news: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun. Friends, believe the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

(All) 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.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m.

"Seek Ye the Lord"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Isaiah 40:21-31

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

(P) Thanks be to God

***GLORIA TIBI**

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 1:29-39

***LAUS TIBI**

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

***HYMN**

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

see insert

SERMON

"LINING UP AT THE DOOR"

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. Johnson
*Bringing Forth of Gifts Doxology

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 (Traditional Celtic Prayer)

(I) May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road.

(P) May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.

(I) May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love.

(All) May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.
Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" # 126

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Innes

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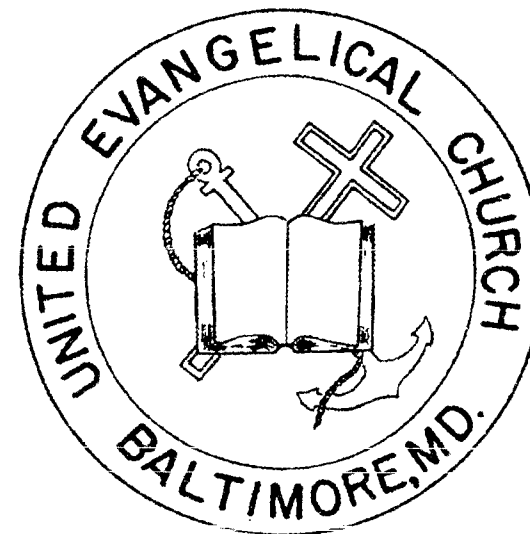
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FEBRUARY 12, 2006 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "He Touched Me" Gaither

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Come Ye Who Love the Lord" # 30

*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

(All) God of grace and goodness, your mercy comes to us in ways that continually surprise us. You offer such mercy with no strings attached, which is so different from the way we so often act and live. Too often we place conditions on our love and our acceptance of others. Perhaps our greatest sin lies in believing that we know where the boundaries of divine love and mercy are drawn. Forgive us, O God, when we deprive people of the love we owe them as people unconditionally loved by you. Help us to see people with Jesus' eyes and to be moved by his compassion so that we become active and fearless bearers of healing and mercy. Empower us with your Spirit to be barrier-breakers rather than barrier-builders, and remind us, if necessary over and over, that nothing can separate us, or others, from your love as we experience it in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Savior. This we pray in his name. Amen

(silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) As the man with leprosy was made clean by a touch and a word from Jesus, so too are we cleansed from all unrighteousness through belief in him. Friends, believe and live the good news.

(All) In Jesus Christ we are loved, we are cleansed, we are forgiven! 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "Whiter Than Snow"

Clara Auffarth and Florence Gundlach

10:30 a.m. "People Need the Lord"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

2 Kings 5:1-14

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:40-45

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Jesus Lover of My Soul"

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SERMON

"LINING UP AT THE DOOR"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

ORDER OF BAPTISM (10:30)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD’S PRAYER
SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH**

The Call for the Offering;

Musical Reflection “*The Great Physician*” arr. Johnson

*Bringing Forth of Gifts Doxology

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**

(I.) May the hand of God be upon you; working through you to bring healing, to bring hope, to touch the world. Go now, in peace and gratitude.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” see insert**

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE “*Vocata in C*” Bach

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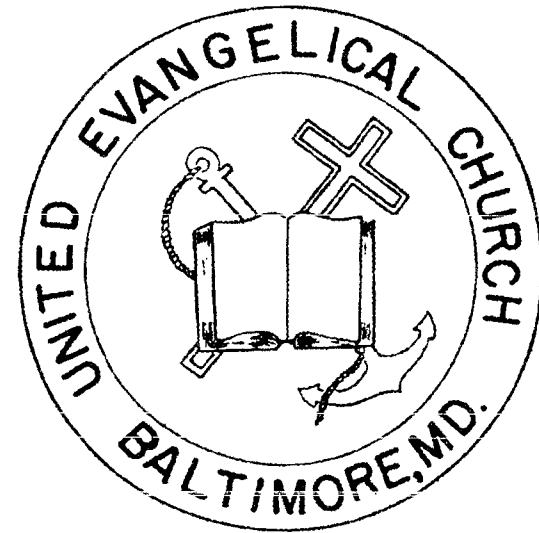
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FEBRUARY 19, 2006 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "He Touched Me" Gaither

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" # 181

*GREETING

(I) 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

(All) O God, you made the whole universe in gladness and joy, and in every new day you renew all of the creation. You do not give up on us. Yet we so often live our lives in fear, in mean-spiritedness and in shame. We know that we have wearied you and burdened you with things we have done wrong. Yet you offer us forgiveness and new life. Accept this our confession and refresh us with new life once again. Amen.

(silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(I) God, who hears every prayer and knows every thought says to us, "Forget the former things"; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up. Know that you are forgiven.

(All) 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.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "God Will Make a Way"

Senior Choir

10:30 a.m. "Angels Among Us"

Brooke Edwards and Amber Edwards

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Isaiah 43:18-25

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

2 Corinthians 1:18-22

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 2:1-12

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Jesus Lover of My Soul"

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SERMON

"HEALING SIN"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

ORDER OF BAPTISM (10:30)

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Musical Reflection *"The Great Physician"*

arr. Johnson

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

Doxology

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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**

(I) Go into this new week knowing that God lives in you, healing you and forgiving you. Go in joy.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Standing on the Promises"*

see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in C"

Bach

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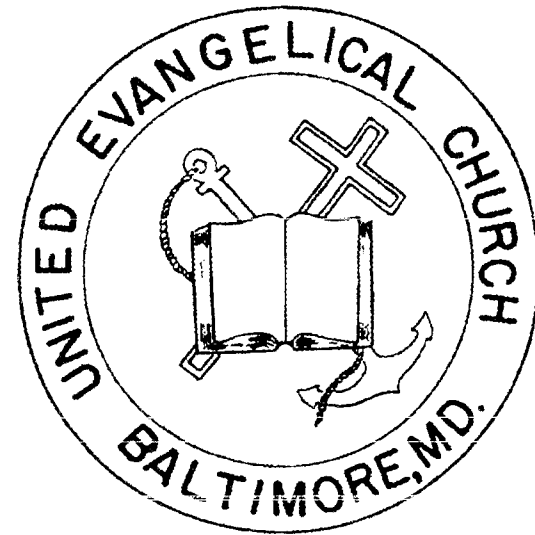
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FEBRUARY 26, 2006 LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" arr. Johnson

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" # 323

*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

(All) Lord Jesus Christ, by your life of humble service, you persisted in revealing God's glory and love through your words and deeds. We confess our failure to listen to you, to follow after you, to model our lives after yours. When we conceal your love because our pursuit of other priorities prevents us from seeing and serving people in need, forgive us, Lord.

(L) When we conceal your glory because all we reflect is our own self-centeredness; when we conceal your justice through our failure to empower those who are powerless, forgive us, Lord.

(All) When we conceal your mercy because of our hard and unforgiving attitudes; when we conceal your compassion because of our prejudice and intolerance, forgive us, Lord.

(silent reflection)

(L) Lord Jesus Christ, cleanse our lives of all shameful attitudes of mind and heart so that we reveal your glory in and through all we do and say and are.

(All) This we pray in your name and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) It is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness" who has shone in our hearts with the knowledge of the glory of Jesus Christ. The good news is that we are not only enlightened by our belief in Christ, we are cleansed and we are forgiven!

(All) 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;
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World without end. Amen, Amen.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "Till the Storm Passes By"

Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

10:30 a.m. "Shine Jesus Shine"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

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

see insert

SERMON "TAKING THE NEXT STEP"

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

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection *"Open My Eyes"*

arr. Innes

***Bringing Forth of Gifts**

Doxology

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**

(I) Go in the glory of God to be the glory of God, shining in the world, taking the presence of God with you wherever you go.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"How Firm a Foundation"*

see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Praise to The Lord, The Almighty"*

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March 1, 2006 Ash Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

PRELUDE "O Sacred Head" 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.**

WELCOME

*CALL TO BEGIN A JOURNEY TO CROSS (Joel 2:12-17 adapted)

(L) 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.**

(L) 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.**

(L) 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.**

(L) 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 "The Old Rugged Cross" hymnal cover

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

(L) 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

"Amazing Grace"

see insert

MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY – LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Lord Have Mercy"

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

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*BLESSING

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

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

"O Saviour Blest"

Bach

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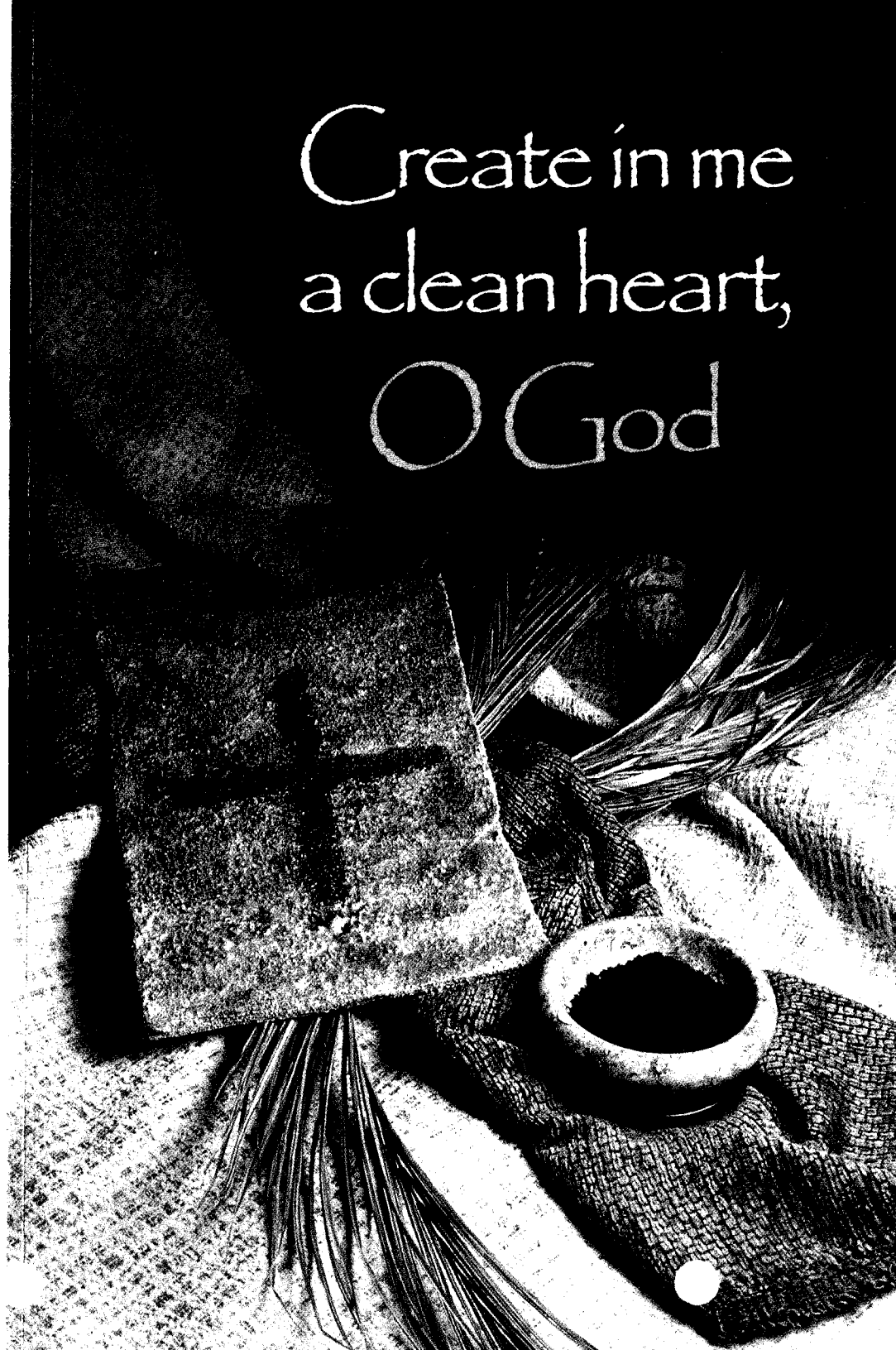
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Create in me
a clean heart,
O God



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MARCH 5, 2006 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" Bach

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Come Thou Almighty King" # 4

*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

(All) Gracious God, as we begin our Lenten journey, we do want to follow Jesus but we confess our reluctance to face the stress and temptation that the journey might hold for us. We confess that we are sometimes tempted to wish for miracles which would make life easier rather than more stressful. We admire the difficult and risky journey that Jesus took, challenging systems which put conditions on God's love, but confess that we want our journeys of faith to be devout but not too daring; comfortable and not too threatening. We cherish the faithfulness and humility of Jesus, yet we confess our fear of treading Jesus' way of obedience - the way of the cross.

(silent reflection)

(L) Lord Jesus Christ, save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

(All) Forgive us our sins and fill us with the joy and peace of your salvation, and strengthen us during this Lenten season to follow you wherever you choose to take us.
Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Hear the good news. Christ has suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. And so I declare to you: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

(All) 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.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"Steps"

Pam Georgiadis, Florence Gundlach, Margaret Myrick

10:30 a.m. *"Man Shall Not Live By Bread Alone"*

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Genesis 9:8-17

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:9-15

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

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SERMON

"PEOPLE OF A COVENANT"

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 *"Forty Days and Forty Nights"* arr. Martin

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

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.... Amen.

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION see insert

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

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Do not live by bread alone, but by the will of God. May God give the angels charge over you; may their hands bear you up and keep you from falling.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"* # 161

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"O Savior Blest"* Bach

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MARCH 8, 2006 **SECOND WEDNESDAY IN LENT** **7:30 p.m.**

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.**

GATHERING IN SONG

PRAYER FOR MERCY IN THE JOURNEY¹

On those days when life seems too demanding with all its cares, burdens, and concerns...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

When we experience great loneliness deep inside and the pain of separation fills our spirits ...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

When we feel the pain of our world and unite in compassion with the Earth's suffering people ...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

When we struggle with decision-making and the time comes to make good choices about our lives...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

When we are with others in their physical pain or when we vigil with one who has a terminal illness ...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

When we are asked to go the extra mile, to be generous with our time and our presence ...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

When we feel weary and worn out, when it seems like all of our energy has been drained away ...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

When we are challenged to risk our security and to accept new growth in our relationship with you ...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

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When we experience the effects of aging or extended illness on our bodies or our minds ...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

When we feel discouraged, desolate, and depressed and want to withdraw from others ...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

When worries and concerns choke our peacefulness and leave us with anxiety and fear ...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

When we harbor old wounds and are called to offer or to receive forgiveness ...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

(All) **Crucified Jesus, help us to take up our cross day by day.**

Through these crosses we can grow closer to you. Help us to lean on you and to learn from you. May we not give in to self-pity or self-doubt. Rather, let us trust in your presence which strengthens us. Encourage us on our tomb-like days. Remind us of your resurrection. Help us to keep our vision focused on life and growth. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12

MESSAGE

STUDY

*HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

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LENTEN PRAYERS – LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Hamburg

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

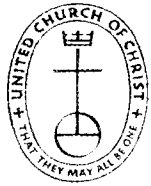
*PARTING HYMN

"O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE



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MARCH 12, 2006 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Faith of Our Fathers" arr. DeCou

OPENING SENTENCE

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

*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) Gracious God, you reached into Abraham and Sarah's lives and asked them to believe that you would transform what appeared to be a barren and lifeless situation into one overflowing with promise and hope - and, through faith in you, they believed your promises.

(All) **Forgive us, O God, if we never get beyond thinking of your call on our lives as an impossible dream or even as an unwelcome interruption.**

(L) Faithful God, the apostle Paul emphasizes Abraham's complete trust and faith in your promises and how he grew ever stronger in faith, fully convinced of your ability to fulfill what had been promised.

(All) **Forgive us, O God, when we find it hard even to hear your promises above those which tempt us to trust the newest and trendiest product to realize our dreams.**

(L) Merciful God, Jesus revealed the great depth of your love in his determination to defeat evil even when this meant giving up his own life.

(All) **Forgive us, O God, when we allow the power of evil to flourish because we fear that taking up one's cross would be just too costly an exercise.**

(silent reflection)

(L) Gracious and loving God, forgive our lack of trust in you;
(All) **Have mercy on us and forgive us. Help us when we hesitate, and strengthen us when we are weak. Breathe your Spirit afresh into our hearts and minds - our lives - so that we have the courage to follow Jesus wherever he takes us. Amen**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Faith is reckoned as righteousness...to us who believe in the One who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. Hear and believe these words about God's amazing grace, grace experienced through Jesus' sacrificial love, as forgiveness of sins.

(All) **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;
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World without end. Amen, Amen.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m. "Yil Shaddai"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Romans 4:13-25

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:31-38

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Faith of Our Fathers"

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SERMON

Rev. John Oliver

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

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection *"O Saviour Blest"*

Bach
Hamburg

***Bringing Forth of Gifts**

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.... Amen.

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

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) As you have met God in worship, go now to encounter God
in your world. May you be strengthened in knowing that the
promise and the presence of God's covenant goes with you.

(All) **Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Are Ye Able, Said the Master"* front cover

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"The God of Abraham Praise"* arr. Innes

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MARCH 15, 2006 **THIRD WEDNESDAY IN LENT** **7:30 p.m.**

GREETING

(I) 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.**

GATHERING IN SONG

PRAYER FOR MERCY IN THE JOURNEY¹

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When we harbor old wounds and are called to offer or to receive forgiveness ...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

(All) **Crucified Jesus, help us to take up our cross day by day.**

Through these crosses we can grow closer to you. Help us to lean on you and to learn from you. May we not give in to self-pity or self-doubt. Rather, let us trust in your presence which strengthens us. Encourage us on our tomb-like days. Remind us of your resurrection. Help us to keep our vision focused on life and growth. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

MESSAGE

FASTING

*HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

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LENTEN PRAYERS – 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

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

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MARCH 19, 2006 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *"How Great Thou Art"* arr. Page

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN *"How Great Thou Art"* see insert

*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

(All) We hear in scripture that the cross is the wisdom of God, yet we confess, Merciful One, our bewilderment and reluctance in looking for any wisdom at all in such a dreadful act as the crucifixion of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. And so, forgive us, O God, when we become so influenced by the wisdom of the world that we demand signs and seek intellectual certainty as proof of your existence. Forgive us when we get caught up in the quest for achievement and power, forgetting that Jesus' power was made perfect in weakness. Have mercy on us, O God, and strengthen us to do your will. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

(silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of

God. Jesus Christ became for us, righteousness, and holiness and redemption. And so I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

(All) Praise be to God!

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CHILDREN'S TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. *"The Old Rugged Cross Medley"*

Senior Choir

10:30 a.m. *"You Are My All in All"*

Florence Gundlach and Lynn Sanders

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Exodus 20:1-17

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:13-22

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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SERMON

"A JEALOUS GOD"

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

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection *"Ab, Holy Jesus"* arr. Middleton
Hamburg

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

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Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

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RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(I) May God, the Help of the helpless, grant you the strength that passes all expectation. May Christ, the Hope of the hopeless, grant you the peace that passes all understanding. May the Spirit, the Comfort of the comfortless, grant you the assurance that passes all doubt.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* # 287

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* arr. Page

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MARCH 22, 2006 **FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT** **7:30 p.m.**

GREETING

(I) 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.**

GATHERING IN SONG

PRAYER FOR MERCY IN THE JOURNEY¹

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Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

When we experience great loneliness deep inside and the pain of separation fills our spirits ...

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*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:9

MESSAGE

SERVICE

*HYMN

"O Jesus I Have Promised"

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LENTEN PRAYERS – LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Hamburg

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

That were a present far too small;

I love so amazing, so divine,

Demands my soul, my life, my all.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

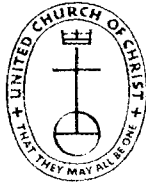
*PARTING HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE



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MARCH 26, 2006 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT** **8:00 & 10:30 a.m.**

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

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

OPENING SENTENCE

***OPENING HYMN** *"Come We Who Love the Lord"* **# 30**

***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**

(All) Like our ancestors wandering in the desert, sometimes we grow impatient and lose our trust in you, O God. Fear and mistrust get the best of us and we respond harshly, or run and hide from you. We ignore your gracious love and your call to be disciples, and instead live as if you were far away and had never come to live among us. God of unchanging love, we confess the times when our love for you, and for your world, falls short of your love for us. When that happens, heal and forgive us, O God. Help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders your life-giving love to shine through our lives. Strengthen us with your Spirit to be credible witnesses of your love as we experience it in and through Jesus, your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen

(silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

(L) God, who is rich in mercy, out of great love for us - even when we were dead through our sins - made us alive together with Christ. And so I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are loved and we are forgiven.

(All) **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.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. Pam Georgiadis and Chuck Rohlfling

10:30 a.m. *"God So Loved the World"*

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Numbers 21:4-9

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Ephesians 2:1-10

(P) **Thanks be to God**

***GLORIA TIBI**

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 3:14-21

***LAUS TIBI**

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

***HYMN**

"Nearer, My God to Thee"

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SERMON

"THE REBORN LIFE"

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

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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"Oh How He Loves You and Me" arr. Leatherman

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

Hamburg

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Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.*

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

***SENDING FORTH**

- (L) As the Lord sent Jesus into the world to manifest the grace of God,
- (P) **The Lord sends us into the world to manifest the love of Christ.**
- (L) Go now in the assurance that, as the Lord stood with Jesus in the hour of his trial,
- (P) **The Lord shall stand with us in the hour of our trial.**
- (L) As the Lord went with him,
- (P) **The Lord shall go with us. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Lift High the Cross"* see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Now Thank We All Our God"* Karg-Elert

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GREETING

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

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*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:1-5

MESSAGE

SIMPLICITY

*HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

see insert

LENTEN PRAYERS – LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Hamburg

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That were a present far too small;
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Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

*PARTING HYMN

"At the Cross"

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

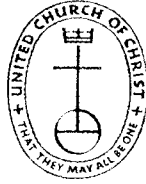
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APRIL 2, 2006 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Johnson

OPENING SENTENCE

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

*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

(All) Have mercy on us, God of steadfast love, according to your abundant mercy blot out all our wrongdoings. Cleanse us thoroughly from all our sins. We know all too well, when we do sin, that we do it against you, O God. When we do evil in your sight, O God, you are justified in your judgment of our misdeeds. You desire truth in all we think, and do and say; therefore etch your wisdom on the innermost places of our hearts. Wash and scrub our sins away until we are free from imperfection.

(silent reflection)

(L) Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put new and right spirits within us.

(All) Do not cast us from your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit so that we can respond joyfully to your intention for our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Hear the good news: Jesus, having been made perfect, became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. And so I declare to you: in Jesus Christ, we are renewed, we are cleansed, we are forgiven.

(All) Praise be to God!

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CHILDREN'S TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

10:00 a.m. "At the Name of Jesus"
Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Jeremiah 31:31-34

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Hebrews 5:5-10

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

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"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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SERMON

"GLORIFYING GOD"

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.

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ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION see insert

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

***SENDING FORTH**

(I) Go now to listen for the Spirit. Go now to serve Christ. Go
now in the presence of God.

(P) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Before the Cross of Jesus" # 261

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" arr. Jones

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APRIL 5, 2006 SIXTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT 7:30 p.m.

GREETING

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Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

When we struggle with decision-making and the time comes to make good choices about our lives...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

When we are with others in their physical pain or when we vigil with one who has a terminal illness ...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

When we are asked to go the extra mile, to be generous with our time and our presence ...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

When we feel weary and worn out, when it seems like all of our energy has been drained away ...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

When we are challenged to risk our security and to accept new growth in our relationship with you ...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

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When we experience the effects of aging or extended illness on our bodies or our minds ...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

When we feel discouraged, desolate, and depressed and want to withdraw from others ...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

When worries and concerns choke our peacefulness and leave us with anxiety and fear ...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

When we harbor old wounds and are called to offer or to receive forgiveness ...

Jesus, grant us strength to carry our cross.

(All) Crucified Jesus, help us to take up our cross day by day.

Through these crosses we can grow closer to you. Help us to lean on you and to learn from you. May we not give in to self-pity or self-doubt. Rather, let us trust in your presence which strengthens us. Encourage us on our tomb-like days. Remind us of your resurrection. Help us to keep our vision focused on life and growth. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:9

MESSAGE

PRAYER/MEDITATION

*HYMN

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

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LENTEN PRAYERS – 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

"Just As I Am"

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE



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APRIL 9, 2006 PALM SUNDAY 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

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

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" # 136

*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

(All) 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.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118: 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. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

(All) 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.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"The Holy City"
Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

10:30 a.m.

"Blessed Is He"
Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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

Mark 11:1-11

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

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SERMON

"DISCIPLES OF JESUS"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

p. 38 Hymnal

ORDER OF CONFIRMATION (10:30 a.m.)

see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection

8:00 a.m.

"With Palms Before Thee"

arr. Nordman

10:30 a.m.

"Open Our Eyes Lord"

Lynn Sanders and Florence Gundlach

***Bringing Forth of Gifts**

*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... Amen.*

Hamburg

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

***SENDING FORTH**

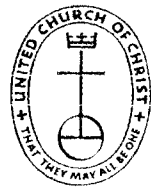
- (L) Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
- (P) **Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"**
- (L) May God, whose arms were spread on the cross to embrace the whole world, help you this week to take up the cross and follow him.

(ALL) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Ride On Ride On In Majesty" # 133

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" arr. Innes



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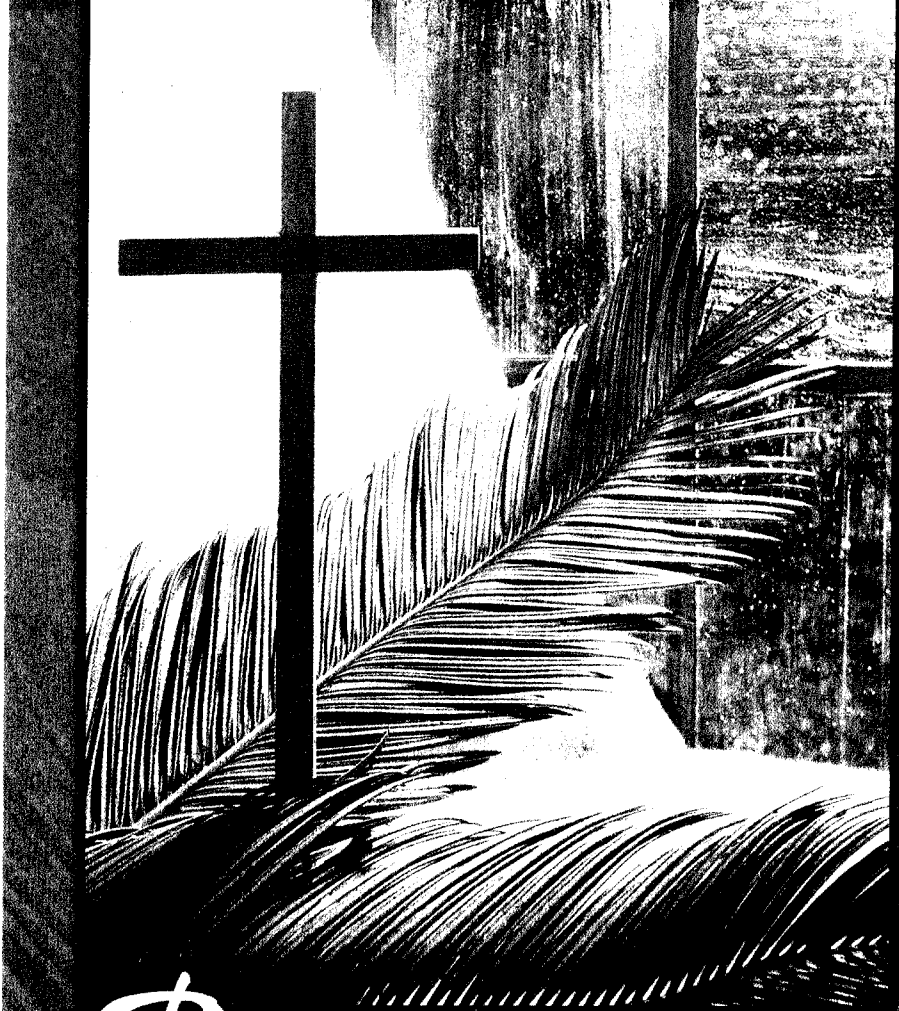
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*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna
in the highest*

A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Grace Carrigan Ruppalt

February 2, 1928 – April 8, 2006

April 11, 2006

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

* PROCESSION AND OPENING SENTENCES

* HYMN OF ADORATION *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* see insert

* SOLEMN DECLARATION

GREETING

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 14

MEDITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

MUSICAL OFFERING *"Amazing Grace"* Rev. John Oliver

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER Rev. John Oliver

* COMMENDATION

* BENEDICTION

* PARTING HYMN *"Old Rugged Cross"* see insert

POSTLUDE

* If able please stand

Psalm 23

The Divine Shepherd

A PSALM OF DAVID.

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
- ³ he restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

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*Surely Goodness
and Mercy*

shall follow me all
the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the

PSALM 23:6



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APRIL 12, 2006 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - TABLEAU 8:00 P.M.

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

OPENING SENTENCE

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

***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.**

***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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

(I.) My friends, anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The
past is finished and gone, everything has become new.
Hear the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

(P) **Praise be to God.**

***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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

**Bach
Hamburg**

***DOXOLOGY**

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Room at the Cross"

Ray Eberle

DRAMATIZATION OF THE LAST SUPPER

BENEDICTION

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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POSTLUDE

"O Saviour Blest"

Bach



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Andrew
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Peter
John
Thomas
James the Great
Phillip
Matthew
Thaddeus
Simon

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Music
Song
Make-up

Lighting

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Janet Pate
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It's 55th Last Supper Tableau And Dramatization

Wednesday, April 12, 2006

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APRIL 13, 2006 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 P.M.

PRELUDE "Ab, Dearest Jesus" arr. Middleton

WELCOME

*GATHERING

(L) On this night, Christ gave us a new commandment to love one another as he loved us.

(P) **On this night, Christ the Lamb of God, gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.**

(L) On this night Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

(P) **On this night, we gather in this upper room, seeking a table prepared for Christ's disciples.**

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

*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

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.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Hear the Good News: While we were yet helpless, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. The love of God for us is shown in this, that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. In Jesus Christ we are loved and we are forgiven.

(P) **Praise be to God.**

*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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Cross Medley"
Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

"O Jesus We Adore Thee" # 162

MEDITATION

OFFERING

Offertory

"A Place Called Gethsemane"

Martin
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... Amen

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. The cup with the lighter liquid is grape juice, the darker liquid is wine.)

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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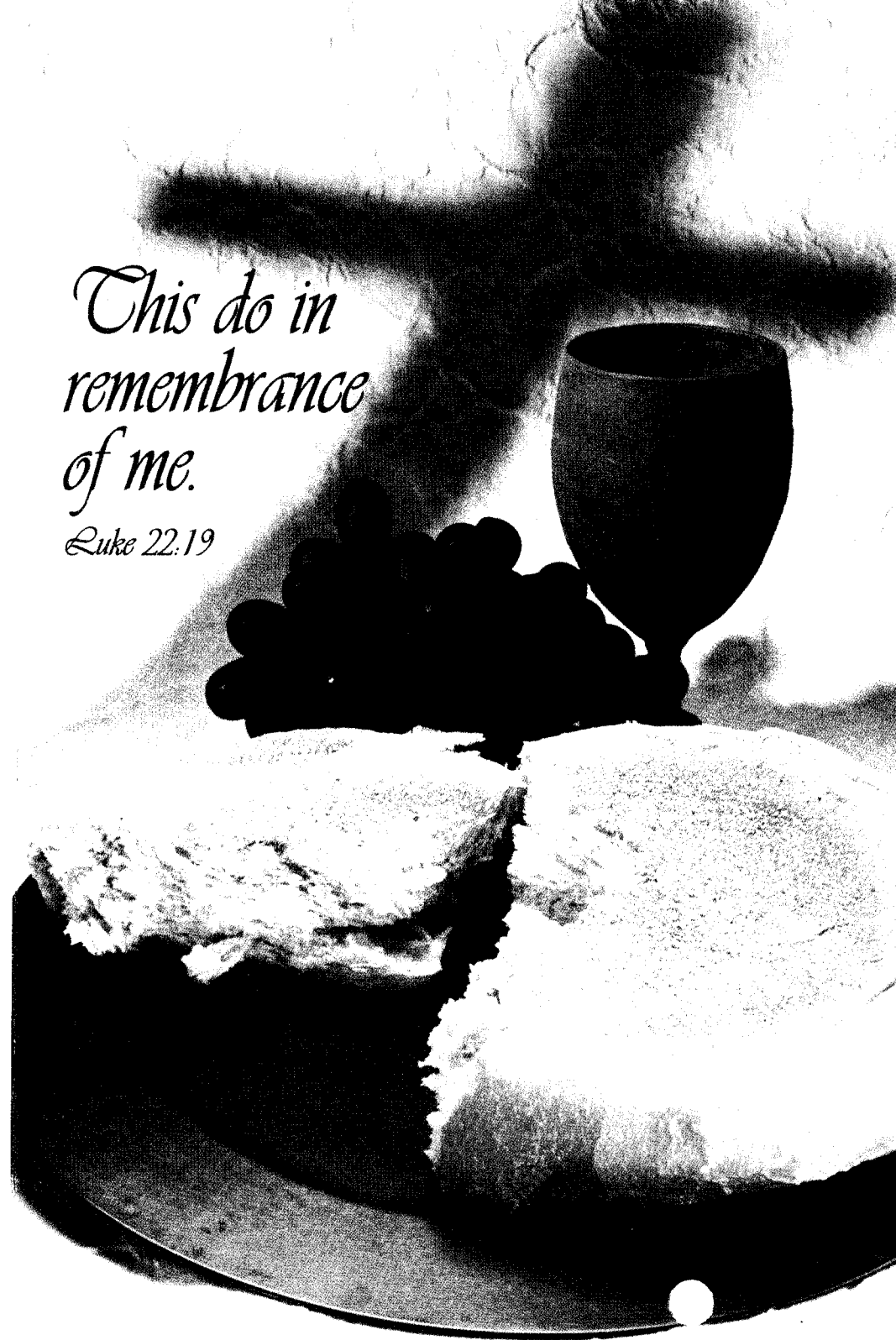
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*This do in
remembrance
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Luke 22:19

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APRIL 14, 2006

GOOD FRIDAY

9:00 A.M.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Were You There?" arr. Innes

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "O Sacred Head" # 142

*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.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(I) 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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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

THE SUFFERING SERVANT

Ours Were the Sorrows He Carried

see insert

Hymn

"Ah Dearest Jesus"

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Christ's Passion

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD – LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Christ Lay In the Bonds of Death"

Bach

*DOXOLOGY

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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 BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL

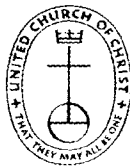
"The Old Rugged Cross"

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POSTLUDE

"Rest In Peace"

Bach



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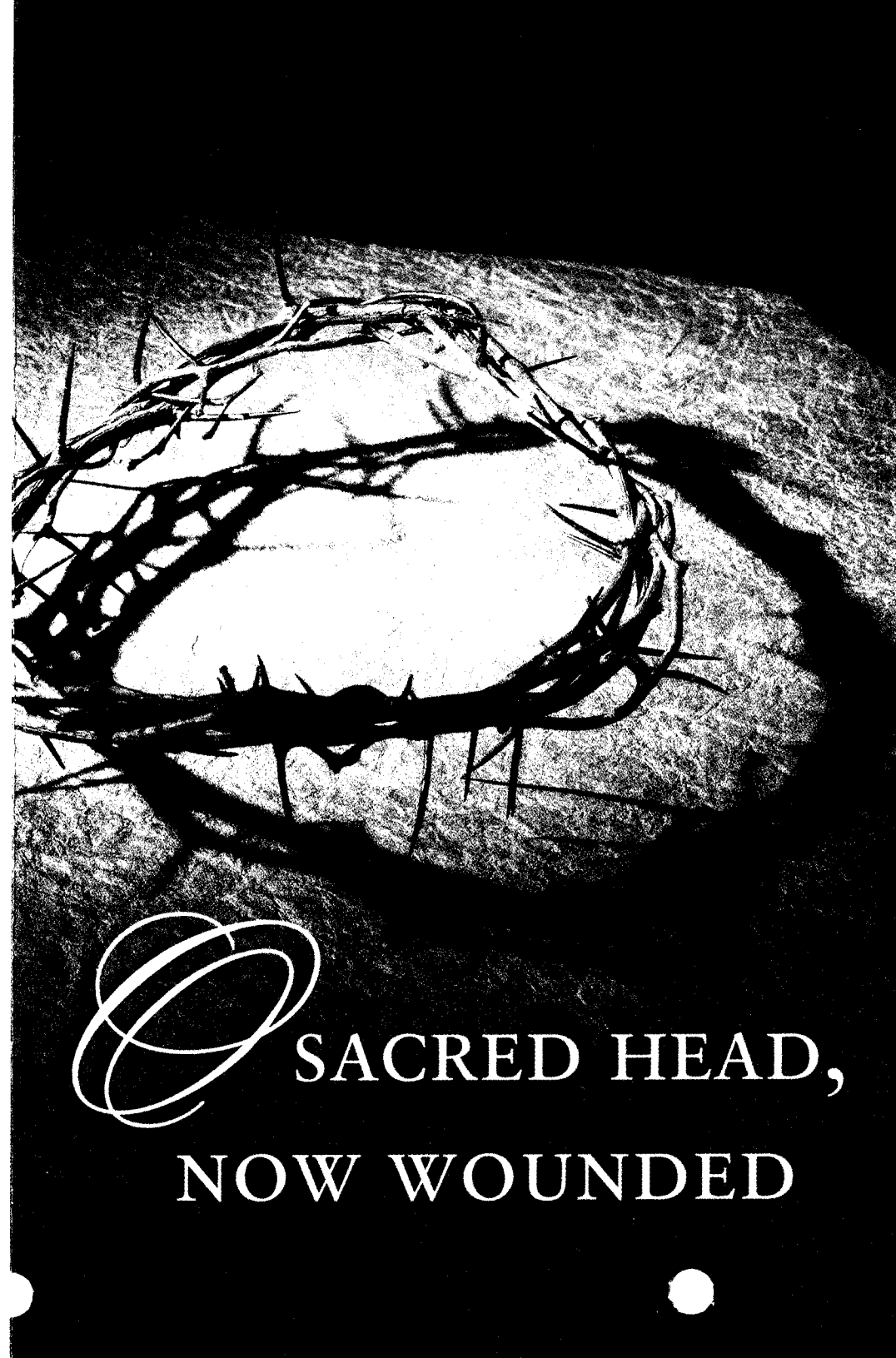
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APRIL 16, 2006 EASTER SUNDAY 6:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"The Strife is O'er"* arr. Johnson

**THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS,
AND THE DARKNESS DID NOT OVERCOME IT.**

John 1:5

(L) Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

(P) He is risen indeed!

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

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) O God, there are times when we are afraid; times when we do not want to hear good news; times when we find it too hard to believe that there is reason to hope, to have faith, or to trust in your goodness. There are times, too, when we refuse to believe that your love has no limits. Forgive us! Transform us! Roll away the stones from our hearts! Open us to be Easter people, loving you, and sharing your love with all people. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) We can dare to confess our sin honestly and openly to God, for God has promised always to forgive us and always to love us. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

(All) Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

6:00 a.m. *"Then Came the Morning"*

Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

10:30 a.m. *"Resurrection Song"*

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 16:1-8

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN *"Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven and Voices Raise"* # 174

SERMON "HE IS GOING AHEAD OF YOU"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed p. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

6:00 a.m. *"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth"*

arr. Decou

10:30 a.m. *"Alleluia! Christ the Lord is Risen"*

Nicholas Pietrowski, Jr.

*Doxology

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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

*SENDING FORTH

(1) Go in peace, to tell the world Christ is risen! And may the love that has newly defeated death be with you now and forever.

(All) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *"The Day of Resurrection"*

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*

arr. Innes



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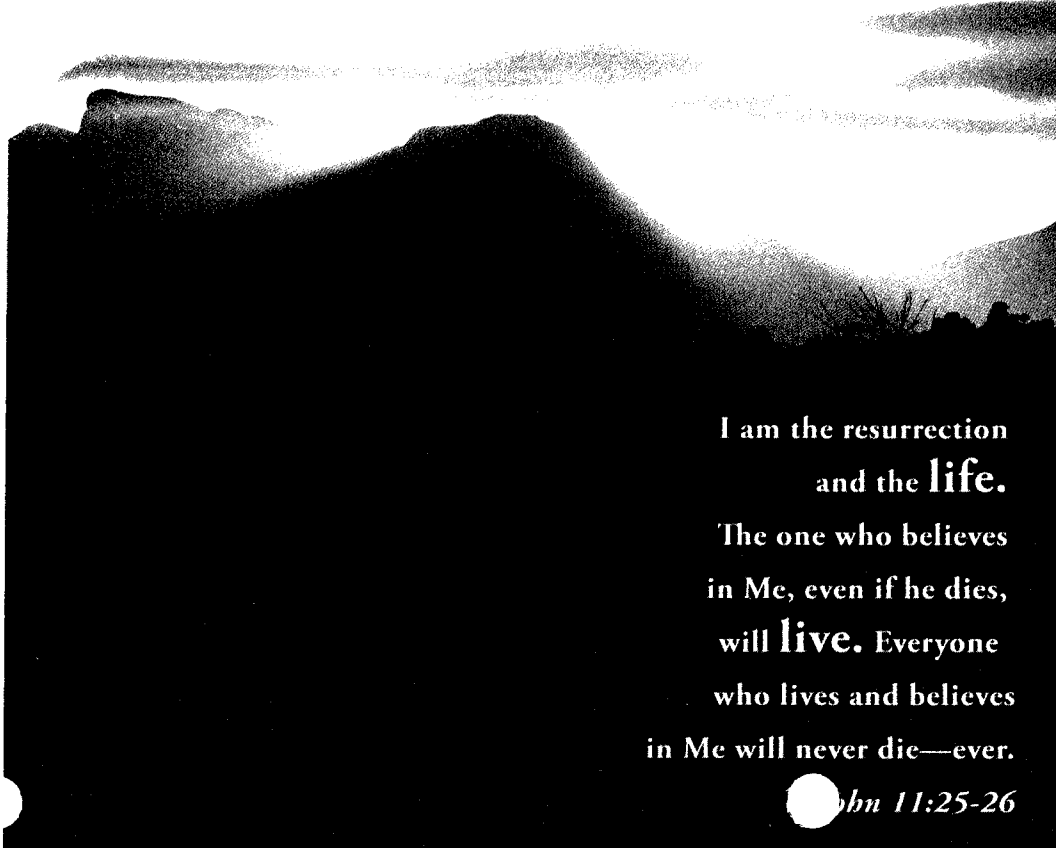


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RISEN



I am the resurrection
and the **life**.
The one who believes
in Me, even if he dies,
will **live**. Everyone
who lives and believes
in Me will never die—ever.

John 11:25-26

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APRIL 23, 2006 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Air from Suite in D" Bach

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "When Morning Guilds the Sky" # 43

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Faithful God we gather here as your people, acknowledging Jesus Christ as our Lord. Our faith in him brings joy to our lives. Yet, we admit that there are times when we feel afraid, abandoned, and lonely; when faith leads to doubt and questions rather than a sense of joy or peace of mind. Unlike those first disciples, we cannot touch or see our Risen Lord, and so it is all too easy to become downcast and given to despair. Forgive us when, like the first disciples, we find the truth of Easter hard to believe. Come to us, risen Christ, come through the closed doors of our hearts and minds and take away our fears and doubts. Come to us, risen Christ, breathe on us and fill us with the joy and peace of your presence. Bless us all as people who have not seen you, but who believe that you are truly the risen Christ, Son of God. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Hear the good news: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. My friends in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

(All) Praise be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "Because He Lives"

Florence Gundlach and Chuck Rohlfing

10:30 a.m. "People Need the Lord"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Acts 4:32-35

(P) Thanks be to God

1 John 1:1-2:2

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GLORIA TIBI

John 20:19-31

*GOSPEL LESSON

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*LAUS TIBI

*HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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SERMON

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD’S PRAYER
SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection “I Know that My Redeemer Liveth” arr. Young
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*Doxology

*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

*SENDING FORTH

(L) As God has brought us together to think the thoughts of
Christ

(P) God sends us forth to do the deeds of Christ.

(L) May the breath of God sustain you this day and forever.

(P) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “I Love to Tell the Story” # 467

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE “Postlude” Couperin

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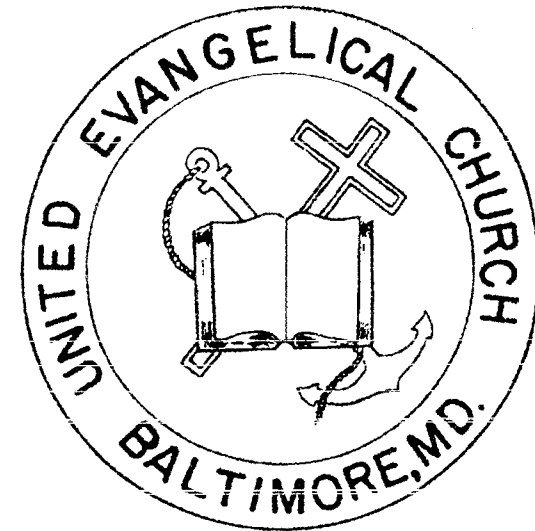
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APRIL 30, 2006 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"* Bach

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"* # 21

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Merciful God, we hear the story of Peter and marvel at the transformation which occurred in his life, enabling him to stand up fearlessly before people and proclaim the message of Christ crucified and risen. We confess that all too often, our attitudes reflect more of the Peter of Good Friday, than the Peter of Easter and Pentecost. Forgive us if we don't expect surprises to happen in our journeys of faith – when we are more inclined to focus on our limitations rather than the limitless power of the Holy Spirit. Help us to remember how Peter demonstrates that guilty memories have been transcended by his relationship with the resurrected reality of Jesus. Help us to remember that you give us the same message that you gave the first disciples – that forgiveness of sins are found in his name in which we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- (L) Easter is the affirmation that Jesus came into the world not to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through him. Hear the good news: "Those who are in Christ are a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, to whom we are reconciled through Christ.

(All) Praise be to God. Amen! Alleluia!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"Pass It On"

Diane Borkman

10:30 a.m.

"Till the Storm Passes By"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Acts 3:12-19

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 John 3:1-7

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:36b-48

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Have You Seen Jesus My Lord"

see insert

SERMON

"YOU ARE WITNESSES"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*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

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

“He Arose”

arr. DeCou

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*Doxology

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

*SENDING FORTH

(L) As the Lord has made disciples of us, now we are sent into the world to make disciples of others. Go with the Risen Christ and let the witness of your lives confirm the testimony of your lips.

(P) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

“Pastlude”

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MAY 7, 2006 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Sheep May Safely Graze" Bach

OPENING SENTENCE

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

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) We give thanks, most gracious God, for knowing love in its most sincere and beautiful form - in Jesus, your Son, our Savior and Lord. He did not just tell people how to live but he demonstrated these things in the way he lived by serving others, turning the other cheek, loving the unlovable. We want to serve as Jesus served, but we confess that our priorities can become so easily confused by the values of the world. We do want people to know that your love dwells in us, and that we are true and active witnesses of that love, but you know how frequently we fail. Forgive us when our words and actions fail to disclose your love. Fill us anew with your Spirit O God, so that our weakness is overcome by your strength, our selfishness is overwhelmed by your generosity, and our apathy is replaced by your enthusiasm. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

(silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God the good shepherd cares for all the sheep; even when we wander, God seeks us out, brings us back, and loves us without limit. Hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

(All) Praise be to God. Amen! Alleluia!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m.

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 4:5-12

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:11-18

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"The Lord My Shepherd Is"

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SERMON

"LIVING THE SCRIPTURE"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

p. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" arr. Johnson

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***Doxology**

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

***SENDING FORTH**

(1) Commanded by God to love others, go from here guided by God's word, that you may bear good fruit. And may you be filled with the Holy Spirit for your own and the world's healing.

(P) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "As We Gather at Your Table" see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "In Peace and Joy I Now Depart" Kretchmar

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MAY 14, 2006 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "The Love of God" Leatherman

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Faith of Our Mothers" see insert

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) It is so easy, O God, to say that since you love us so much, we also ought to love one another, but we confess that it is not always so easy to do. We know in our hearts that the love we have for one another should make your love visible to the world, but we confess that even in the church, our words and actions are not always grounded in love. We squabble over things which in the light of God's love for us are insignificant and petty. We get caught up in power-struggles and the urge to control, sometimes through deeds and language which make others powerless.

(silent confession)

(L) We love because God first loved us and those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

(All) Fill our hearts anew with your love, O God, turn us away from anything which causes pain for you or our sisters and brothers. May Jesus' commandment of love become

the chief desire of our hearts, the source of all our thoughts and the inspiration of our lives. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Jesus invites us to dwell in him as he dwells in us, believing that we have already been cleansed by the word that he has spoken to us. So, hear and believe the good news that through Jesus who dwells in us, we are forgiven.

(All) Praise be to God. Amen! Alleluia!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE Hyfrydol

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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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"Calvary's Love"

Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

10:30 a.m.

"The Lord's Prayer"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-9

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Happy Our Home When God Is There"

see insert

SERMON

"TOUGH LOVE"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection *"Wondrous Love"* arr. Poole

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*Doxology

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

*SENDING FORTH

(L) As you return to the harshness of our world to share the love of Christ, may you be comforted by the God who created you and whose beloved child you are. May you be refreshed by Jesus Christ, the living water. May you be guided on sacred paths by the gentle breath of the Holy Spirit.

(P) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* # 280

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"* arr. Jordan

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A SERVICE OF MEMORIAL

Carolyn Bertha Loving

July 27, 1936 April 22, 2006

May 13, 2006

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

GREETING

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

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN *"Amazing Grace"* see insert

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of all comfort and consolation, in your unending love and mercy for us you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Be with us in this hour of prayer that in our sorrow we might know your compassion. Be our refuge and our strength to lift us from the darkness of grief to the peace and light of your presence. Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by dying for us conquered death, and by rising again restored life. Reassure us that after our life on earth we will be reunited with our brothers and sisters where every tear is wiped away. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER

FIRST READING

Psalm 23

SECOND READING

Romans 8

GOSPEL READING

John 14

MEDITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE

"Silent Night"

see insert

PRAYER — LORD'S PRAYER

*LITANY OF DEPARTURE

Word of God, we affirm that you are the beginning and end of all life.

Risen Lord, help us to trust in your promise of life everlasting.

Lord God, you have promised that our lives will be changed and transformed.

Gentle Shepherd, death is hard to accept, but help us to understand that life's journey leads to you.

Source of all goodness, we give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed on Carolyn in this life.

Gracious God, help us to recall the joy and warmth of our times together as we prepare to go on in life without her.

Lord Jesus, we recall your command to love and care for one another.

Crucified Lord, help us to understand that while we love, our love has limits and we cannot do everything we want.

God of all creation, strengthen us as we release Carolyn into your hands.

Merciful Lord, help us to accept this parting and hold us in your love until we meet again.

Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you have promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.

Amen. We believe in your Word and the eternal life you have promised to us.

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord: let them rest from their labors, for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace.

Amen.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***PARTING HYMN**

"On Eagles Wings"

see insert

CLOSING OF SERVICE

POSTLUDE

***If able please stand**



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*I am
the Resurrection,
and the Life.*

John 11: 25



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MAY 21, 2006 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Prayer" Boelleman

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Ye Servants of God" # 11

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Merciful God, we give you thanks that you overcame Peter's prejudice and used him to proclaim the gospel with vigor and authority. We confess though, that there are times when we feel safer clinging to our prejudices rather than opening ourselves up to the possibility of you creating dramatic change in our life, and the lives of other people. Forgive us if we dismiss the story of Peter and Cornelius as something that happened a long time ago but wouldn't happen today. Dispel any reluctance on our part to testify to the love and power of Jesus - especially to those whom we might describe as 'outsiders'. Strengthen us also with your Spirit as you did Peter, that we might be willing and confident disciples of Jesus Christ, following where he leads - loving as he loved, and living as he lived. Amen.

(silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) The Holy Spirit is sent to bring assurance of God's forgiveness for all people. No longer are we slaves, for Jesus claims us as friends. Hear and believe the good news that through Jesus who dwells in us, we are forgiven.

(All) Praise be to God. Alleluia! Amen!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 10:44-48

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:9-17

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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"MARYLAND SONGS OF FAITH"

Maryland Heritage Vocal Ensemble

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -- THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection *"Jesus, I Live to Thee"* arr. Jordan

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***Doxology**

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

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) People of God, go in peace to sing the praise of God.

(P) As friends of Jesus Christ, we go to bear fruit for the realm of God, knowing that the Spirit of God has been poured out upon us.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Jesus Shall Reign"* # 371

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Now Thank We All Our God"* Karg-Elert

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MAY 28, 2006 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Adagio"* Mozart

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN *"God of Our Fathers"* # 440

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) There are times, gracious God, when we are steadfast and firm in our faith, like trees planted by streams of water. And there are times when we bend with the winds of popularity and whim, giving in to whatever attracts us, caring little for your way. There are times when we pay little attention to the needs and concerns of your world and care only about ourselves. Forgive us. Renew us with the refreshing winds of your spirit. Make us new. Strengthen us to grow into your likeness, to bear good fruit, to be pleasing to you. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

(silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(I) John assures us that "God gave us eternal life, and this life is in God's Son. Whoever has the Son has life..." My friends believe the good news of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we have new life.

(All) Praise be to God. Amen! Alleluia!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. Pam Georgiadis, Florence Gundlach
and Margaret Myrick

10:30 a.m. *"Shout to the Lord"*
Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 5:9-13

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:6-19

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

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SERMON

"PRAYING FOR THE WORLD"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"* arr. Johnson

***Doxology**

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*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

***SENDING FORTH**

(I) Walk in light as God's own children, united in love for one another, guided by God's word, that you may bear good fruit. May the Blessing of Almighty God – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer go with you.

(P) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"America the Beautiful"*

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Postlude on America"*

arr. Coulroy

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JUNE 4, 2006 PENTECOST SUNDAY 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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

OPENING SENTENCE

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

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) God of power, You have sent the Spirit of love,

(P) **Forgive us all the times we put conditions on our love.**

(L) You have sent the Spirit of joy

(P) **Forgive us all the times we are disagreeable and unwelcome witnesses.**

(L) You have sent the Spirit of peace

(P) **Forgive us all the times our words and actions contribute towards conflict and division.**

(L) You have sent the Spirit of patience

(P) **Forgive us all the times we worry because we do not see instant results to prayer.**

(L) You have sent the Spirit of kindness

(P) **Forgive us all the times we have neglected people's needs.**

(L) You have sent the Spirit of goodness

(P) **Forgive us all the times we have willfully or thoughtlessly caused pain by our words or actions.**

(L) You have sent the Spirit of faithfulness

(P) **Forgive us all the times our discipleship has lacked credibility.**

(L) You have sent the Spirit of gentleness

(P) **Forgive us all the times we have been aggressive in our attitude towards others**

(L) You have sent the Spirit of self-control

(P) **Forgive us all the times we have hurt others by our careless manner.**

(silent confession)

(L) Gracious and merciful God, grant us your forgiveness and your love that we may truly care for one another.

(P) **Refresh and renew us with your Spirit so that we can be fruitful and vital disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) If God has not withheld the only Son, but has given him up for all of us, will God not also give us everything else? Yes! It is true! Nothing will ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(All) **Praise be to God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

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

World without end. Amen, Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"How Beautiful"

Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m.

"Cannon in D"

Senior Choir, Nicholas Pietrowski, Jr., Ryan Farris

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:22-27

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" # 193
SERMON "BRIDGING THE DIVIDE"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

CONFIRMATION REUNION LITANY (10:30) see insert

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed p. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 a.m. "Interlude" Stainer

10:30 a.m. "Mediation"
Nicholas Pietrowski, Jr.

*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

*SENDING FORTH

(I) May the Holy Spirit steer you from paths of destruction into the way of life; sustain you as you go with the bread and the wine; be ahead of you, among you, and behind you until your journey's end.

(P) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Are Ye Able, Said the Master" hymnal cover

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Come Holy Spirit, God and Lord" Bach

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Chorale on Holy, Holy, Holy" Post

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" # 1

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) God, creator of all the wonders which make up this world...

(P) **Forgive us for treating our part of the world as a commodity to be used rather than a gift to be cherished.**

(L) Forgive our failure to care for and protect this lovely land, its oceans, rivers and lakes, and the air that we breathe each day.

(silence confession)

God, bearer of our humanity in Jesus Christ...

(P) **Forgive us when we fail to live out Jesus' commandment to love one another as he loves us.**

(L) When we judge another person by the color of their skin, by their possessions or their achievements, rather than accepting them as they are - as we all are - persons loved and accepted by you.

(silence confession)

God, giver of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us into all truth...

(P) **Forgive us when we betray the truth of the gospel through our lack of integrity and our abuse of ethical and moral principles.**

God, Creator, Redeemer, Life-giving Spirit, fill us anew with your creative power that we may be reborn in your image, glorifying you in and through who we are and what we do and say in Jesus' name. As Jesus' disciples and in his name we pray. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." So, hear the good news: "Those who believe in Christ are not condemned."

(All) **Praise be to God!**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

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

World without end. Amen, Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

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

Darlene Waters

10:30 a.m.

"Sanctus"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Isaiah 6:1-8

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-17

(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

"Here I Am Lord"

see insert

SERMON

“THE HOLINESS OF GOD”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*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

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection “*God So Loved the World*” 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

*SENDING FORTH

(L) Go now to be witnesses to the world as those called and sent by God. And may you be led by the Spirit as sons and daughters of the Most High.

(P) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*” # 198

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE “*Invocation to the Trinity*” Carrier

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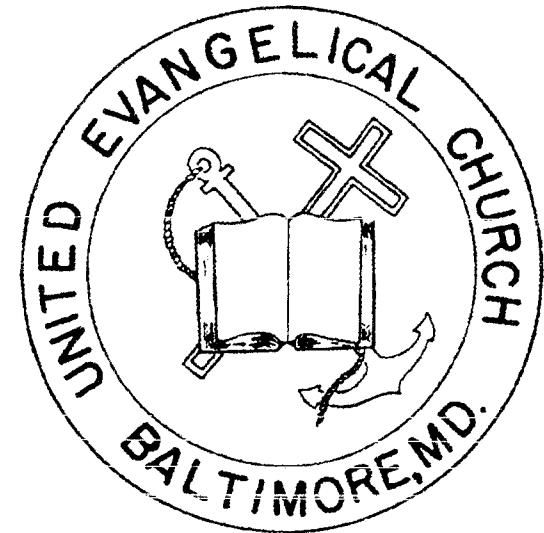
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Faith of Our Fathers" arr. Johnson

OPENING SENTENCE

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

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(P) Lord Jesus Christ, we remember with gratitude those people who generously sowed the seeds of faith in our lives.

(silent confession)

(L) Above all, we recognize how you have blessed our lives with the gift of the Holy Spirit so that our faith has miraculously and mysteriously grown.

(P) We confess the times we fail to involve ourselves in planting any seeds of faith in the lives of others;

(L) The times when our personal agendas become more important than yours;

(P) The times when we have denied others the opportunity to expand their faith through our lack of interest or involvement;

(L) The times when our lives become so entangled with the values of the world, that we forget what you have said and done and promised.

(P) Lord Jesus Christ, bless and renew our lives, we pray, so that we remain connected to you at all times and in all places. Strengthen our faith to expand, and grow strong

and vigorous, so we bear the fruit of your mercy and your love. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) As the Apostle Paul wrote: "if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" The good news therefore is this: in Jesus Christ we are made new, we are loved, we are forgiven.

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "Shout to the Lord"
Senior Choir

10:30 a.m. "Faith Unlocks the Door"
Florence Gundlach

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

2 Corinthian 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:26-34

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"In the Bulb There is a Flower"

see insert

SERMON

"THE LEAST LIKELY"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection *"My Song Is Love Unknown"* arr. DeCou

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***Doxology**

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

***SENDING FORTH**

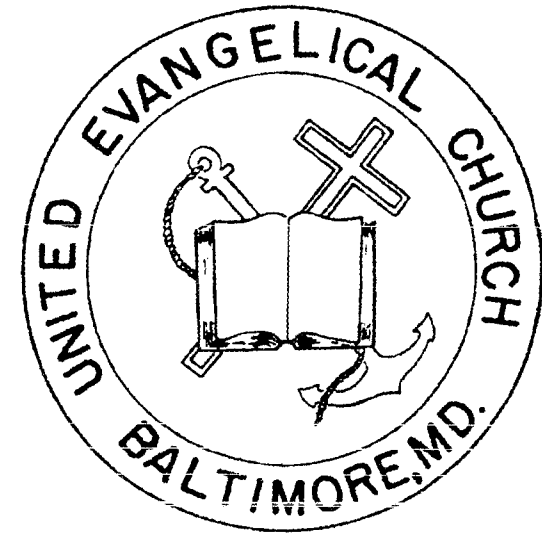
(I) Go and live as God's people in the world: forgiven, supported, loved, equipped to serve. Knowing that the God of hosts is with you, the God of your ancestors hears and leads you.

(F) Amen.

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

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Chorale on O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"* Jordan



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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"It Is Well With My Soul"* arr. Hamlin

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN *"O Worship the King"* # 10

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) God of faith and truth, in the face of storms and giants, frights and fears, you offer us grace, and the assurance that we are never alone. We confess, Mighty God, there are times when we have not trusted in your presence and guidance. For the times we have relied on our own strength alone; when we were frozen with fear and did not take action; when we failed to stand up for what is good and just in your sight; when we forgot the needs and the hopes of the poor; forgive us. Merciful God, do not forsake us. Restore in us a right spirit and trusting heart. Help us always to be people of faithful courage, eager to worship and serve you. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God forgives our arrogance and conceit and directs our hearts to work for fairness and equality. God forgives our fears and hesitation and strengthens us to act with love and courage. God hears our confession and grants us salvation.

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. *"Till the Storm Passes By"*

Pam Georgiadis and Chuck Rohlfling

10:30 a.m. *"Build Your Faith"*

"A Choral Benediction"

Senior Choir, Jennifer Myrick, Keyboard

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:35-41

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Jesus Savior Pilot Me"

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SERMON

"THE POSSIBLE IMPOSSIBLE"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection

"Awesome God"

arr. Mullins

*Doxology

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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

***SENDING FORTH**

(I) Go forth believing in the power that God has given to each of us, believing that God gives us courage to do great things, believing that God can help us find a new way to accomplish what seems to be impossible. And may Christ be with you as guide and protector, calming the winds and granting you peace.

(P) **We go believing. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* # 287

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Vocata on Regent Square"* Smith

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JULY 2, 2006 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" arr. Hamlin

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "God of Our Fathers" # 440

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) Lord Jesus Christ, you used your hands to heal; to lift up; to bless; to sow kindness and tenderness in desolate lives.

(P) Forgive us when we keep our hands at our sides when we could be reaching out in love.

(L) Lord Jesus Christ, you used your hands to bear the burdens of others and to feed the hungry.

(P) Forgive us when we use our hands to take care of ourselves without any thought for those who are hungry or overwhelmed with adversity.

(L) Lord Jesus Christ, you used your hands to welcome and to include those who were considered outcasts in the society of your time.

(P) Forgive us when we clench our fists and exclude people simply because they are different from us.

(L) Lord Jesus Christ, open our hands and our hearts to love as you loved and to care as you cared. Strengthen us to include in our prayers and our fellowship, those who feel excluded because of the barriers between people.

(P) Lord Jesus Christ, help us to accept people as you accept them, as people made in the image of God, and precious to God. We pray this prayer in your name. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Hear the good news: there is forgiveness and steadfast love with God who saves us from all our sins. God has shown this love for us in that, while we still were sinners, Christ died for us.

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"The Statue of Liberty"
Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 5:21-43

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"There Was Jesus by the Water"

see insert

SERMON

Rev. Clara Young

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

p. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection "Let Us Break Bread Together" arr. Wood

***Doxology**

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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

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Go from this place to serve the world God loves, with hearts full of tenderness and joy, and minds full of eagerness and hope. And may God, who both goes with you and meets you on the way, surround you with divine blessing.

(P) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"America the Beautiful"

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

"Postlude on America"

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July 6, 2006 12:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

*OPENING HYMN *“Crown Him With Many Crowns”* see insert

*PRAYER

(L) The peace of Christ be with you.

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

(L) Let us pray.

(All) **Almighty God, whose will is sovereign and whose mercy is boundless, look upon us in our sorrow and enable us to hear your word. Help us hear so that, through patience and the encouragement of the scriptures, we may hold fast to the assurance of your favor and hope of life eternal, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.**

READING OF SCRIPTURE **I Thessalonians 4:13-18**
Psalm 121

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

REFLECTION *“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”*

MEDITATION

*HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE *“Eternal Father Strong to Save”* see insert
(versus 1 & 2 only)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

SOLO *“The Lord’s Prayer”*
Dolores Canoles

*A PRAYER FOR OURSELVES

*PARTING HYMN *“On Eagle’s Wings”* see insert

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Prelude in C”* Bach

*If able please stand

Following interment at Oaklawn Cemetery, friends are invited to Snyders Willow Grove on Hammonds Ferry Road.

The family of John Henry Will wishes to thank our friends for the many expressions of sympathy and love. Your thoughtfulness and prayers are greatly appreciated.



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The Lord is my Shepherd

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JULY 9, 2006 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "How Great Thou Art" arr. Hamlin

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" # 323

*GREETING

(I) 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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Merciful God, forgive us the times when we ignore you, and depend on our own strength to do things our own way. Paul talks about power being made perfect in weakness. Forgive us for believing that we have to be hard and domineering if we want to get ahead in life. Forgive us when we use our power selfishly or aggressively, ignoring that indwelling, Christ-given power which frees us to be vulnerable. Permeate our lives with your grace, Lord, so that we can affirm with Paul that we are content with weaknesses for your sake, and fill us with the knowledge that it is when we allow ourselves to be empowered by you, that we are truly strong. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Hear again the good news: that Jesus' grace is sufficient for us all - sufficient for us to be forgiven in his name. My friends receive that grace and rejoice in the power to live in his strength.

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Three Times I Asked Him"
Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:1-13

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

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SERMON

Rev. John Oliver

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Interlude"

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***Doxology**

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

***SENDING FORTH**

(I) Go forth from this place to be makers of justice and joy, creators of compassion and peace, with the sure knowledge that the blessing of God - Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer - is with you.

(P) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" # 278

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Chorale on O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" arr. Jordan

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JULY 16, 2006 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Prayer" Boelleman

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies" # 43

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) God of the universe, we confess that we often turn away from the new life you give. Forgive us when we allow our hurts and wounds to dampen the joy we might express and the hope by which we might live. Loosen the fear that constricts our hearts so that we might welcome your glorious presence into every aspect of our lives. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Hear again the good news: God's love is lavish, God's forgiveness is unending. My friends receive God's love; receive God's forgiveness.

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
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World without end. Amen, Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"The Lord Is My Light"
Rev. John Oliver

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

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

SECOND READ 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 Matthew 5:38-48

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

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

SERMON Rev. John Oliver

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Dedication" Dressler

***Doxology**

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*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

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Move forward into your world with delight, knowing that you are part of the great divine dance of life. May the blessing of God move with you, and within you.

(P) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"* # 290

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Rondo in G"* Bull

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord" # 329

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Merciful God, we celebrate the way that you chose to bring unity and peace to people - through the gift of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. He broke down longstanding walls of prejudice and hostility between Jew and Gentile, male and female, slave and free. He abolished rules that restricted life and replaced them with the new commandment to love as he did. Where have we gone astray? Walls of prejudice still exist and barriers of racism still hold people back from reaching their true potential. We hear the great message of Jesus reconciling people to you, O God, and to one another, and yet we still hesitate to reach out to people when they are different in some way from us.

(silent confession)

(L) Forgive us when we create barriers rather than tear them down.

(All) **Forgive us when we fail to take risks for the gospel's sake. Jesus has made us members of the household of God and he holds us together through the power of his Spirit. We remember with gratitude how people shared their faith with us so that we are no longer strangers and aliens. So we pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to bind us together in love and peace, building us up as a witnessing, welcoming and forgiving community of grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) "In Jesus you who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ". In him we have been reconciled to God through the cross, made citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. Hear then, the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

(All) **Praise be to God!**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Thank You Lord For This Beautiful World"

Claire Hovermill

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Exodus 3:1-12

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

Ephesians 2:11-22

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"
 *GOSPEL LESSON Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
 *LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"
 *HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" # 461
 SERMON "MOSES" Rev. John Oliver

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal
 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER
 SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Trust in the Lord" 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

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

(I) You are no longer strangers, but citizens and saints of the household of God.

(P) **We are God's holy temple, a dwelling place of the Spirit.**

(I) Go in peace, with joy and gladness, and may God grant understanding and strength as you claim your citizenship in God's realm.

(P) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" # 322

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

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

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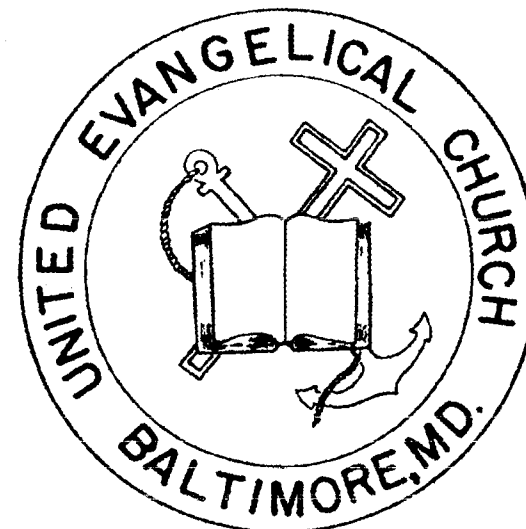
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Meditation" Massenet

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah" # 80

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Merciful God, we hear the story of David and wonder how he could so abuse his power - serving his own interests in such a selfish way. How different from the way Jesus used his power to serve, heal and nurture others. Forgive us when our actions reflect those of David more than those of Jesus. Forgive us the times when we have yielded to the temptation of feeding our own interests to the detriment of others around us. We pray that we may be powerfully strengthened by the Holy Spirit to witness to Jesus' love and compassion in and through all we do and say. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Through the power of the Holy Spirit within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. So, hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"
Dolores Canoles

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

2 Samuel 11:1-15

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

Ephesians 3:14-21

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:1-21

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

#204

SERMON

Rev. Gertrude Williams

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection

"My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me"

Dolores Canoles

***Doxology**

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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

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Go knowing the love of Christ surpassing all knowledge, and the fullness of God poured out in power. And may the riches of God's glory strengthen you within, as Christ dwells in your hearts through faith.

(P) **Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in C"

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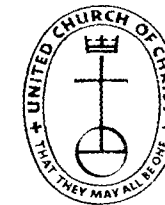
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AUGUST 6, 2006 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Come Ye Disconsolate" arr. DeCou

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "From All That Dwells Below the Skies" # 386

*GREETING

(I) 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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) In humility and trust, we confess our shortcomings to
you, O God. In our freedom to make choices in life, we
have not always chosen wisely for ourselves or for
others. As stewards of your creation, our dominion has
often been cruel. We have not always walked lightly on
this earth or protected it. As a community filled with
many gifts, we have not always seen those gifts in others
or called them forth for the good of all.

(silent confession)

(I) Create in us clean hearts, O God.

(All) And put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us
the joy of your salvation and sustain in us a willing
spirit. Ready our hands, our hearts, and our minds to
freely give and receive the goodness of new life with
you. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Through the grace of God, we know the joy of salvation in
Jesus, who came into the world to save sinners. Sisters and
brothers, let the past be the past. The present is grace. The
future is hope. This is God's way of forgiveness for you and
for all creation.

(All) Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Whiter than Snow"

Clara Auffarth and Florence Gundlach

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

Ephesians 4:1-16

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:24-35

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"One Bread, One Body"

see insert

SERMON "BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

p. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"* arr. Johnson

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***Doxology**

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

***SENDING FORTH**

- (I) Take with you the blessing of your calling, the grace Christ has given you, and the certainty that no one else can take your place among God's people. You are a gift to the Body of Christ; now be a gift to God's world.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Rise Up O Men of God"* # 389

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

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

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AUGUST 13, 2006 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCE

***OPENING HYMN** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" # 63

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Living God, as we reflect on our presence in your world we confess that sometimes our lives do not mirror the abundance of your love; nor do we always show our gratitude for all you give so freely. When we do not live as neighbors, when anger controls our actions, when we walk away from hard conversations, when we avoid our own guilt, and fail to build up the Body of Christ, forgive us, God, and help us. Renew our desire to live transformed by your love. Do not let us be defeated by our failures. Strengthen us to be disciples who live by your grace and compassion. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God forgives us unconditionally. Through this gift of grace may we have confidence to live, transformed by God.

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
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World without end. Amen, Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:35, 41-51

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

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SERMON

"PUTTING AWAY MALICE"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Musical Reflection

*Doxology

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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

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Go now to be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

(All) **Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Teach Me, O Lord"*

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

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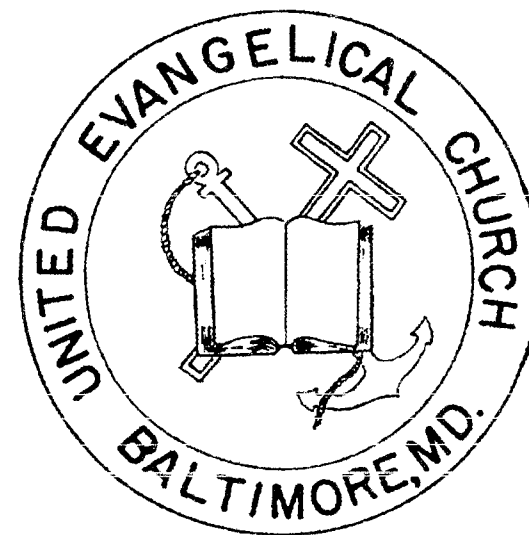
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AUGUST 20, 2006 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Siciliano" Bach

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" # 7

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) If, as to Solomon, God said to us "Ask what I should give to you"

(P) How would we reply?

(L) Would we ask for gifts to serve ourselves or others?

(silent reflection)

(L) Commercials bombard us with things that we "need"

(P) For comfort and health;

(L) Better looks; easy wealth.

(P) It's so easy to give way to feelings of greed.

(All) Lord, forgive us when we're tempted to put your ways aside.

(silent reflection)

(L) If, as to Solomon, God said to us "Ask what I should give to you"

(P) How would we respond?

(L) Would we even think to ask for minds that understood the differences between evil and good?

(silent reflection)

(L) Would we want to discern what is just, not of course, just for us, but for those who're unloved, oppressed and unknown?

(P) The temptation is strong, we have to confess, to leave it to others to serve those in distress.

(All) God of mercy, we confess our lack of sensitivity for the needy and hurting of our world. Give to us minds like Jesus, minds filled with true wisdom and love; to do what is righteous, to do what is just. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) The works of God's hands are faithful and just. Through God's righteousness, we have received redemption through Jesus Christ who came that we might be raised to new life.

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

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

World without end. Amen, Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"The Lord's Prayer"

Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 King 2:10-12, 3:3-14

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

Ephesians 5:15-20

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"
 *GOSPEL LESSON John 6:51-58
 *LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"
 *HYMN "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" # 192
 SERMON

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "If Thou Art Near" Bach # 551

*Doxology

*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

*SENDING FORTH

(L) May you be filled with the Spirit. May you seek wisdom and give thanks to God always. And may the blessing of God be with you forever on your journey.

(All) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Jesus Thou Divine Companion" # 392

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Prelude in C" Bach

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AUGUST 27, 2006 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCE

***OPENING HYMN** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" # 8

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) In this your dwelling place O God, our hearts sing for joy. Yet we are mindful of times when we tend to think that this is the only place you dwell. When we want to leave you here on Sunday mornings, when we think that you prefer this house to others in our community or around the world, when we exclude others with our theology, language, traditions, and practices....
Gracious God, forgive us. Help us to make your house a place where the good news is proclaimed, justice is practiced, and healing is offered to all. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Dear friends in Christ, God's love is greater than all our lack of caring. God's forgiveness is bigger and wider than any hurt or harm we can ever receive or give. So open the windows of your hearts and hear the good news. We are loved. We are forgiven. We live in the grace of God.

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 King 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

Ephesians 6:10-20

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:56-69

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Once to Every Man and Nation"

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SERMON

"CLOTHE YOURSELVES"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*Doxology

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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

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Go on your way as messengers of God's love. Bless those you meet. Be people of hope. Give thanks in all you do.

(P) We go with the blessing of God – author of peace, source of love, power of community, mystery of Christ.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Lead On, O King Eternal"* # 299

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

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SEPTEMBER 3, 2006 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCE

***OPENING HYMN** *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"* see insert

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Great, Faithful God, whose compassion never fails, we confess that we are eager to receive your unwavering love, and yet hesitate to respond to your call to love others in like fashion. We allow the busyness of our lives to erode the intentions of our hearts; we let our personal agendas take precedence over reaching out to others. Merciful God forgive us when we keep putting off being more active "doers of the word." Help us to be more available to the hurting world that surrounds us – the world that begins on our doorsteps. Strengthen us with the Holy Spirit to be fruitful and active witnesses to Jesus, in all we do and say. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) As we become doers of the word and not merely hearers, we discover that it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive. My friends, by Jesus Christ who gave himself for us, we have received pardon, we have good news.

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

James 1:17-27

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Come Thou Fount"

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SERMON "ESSENTIALS AND NONESSENTIALS"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*Doxology

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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

***SENDING FORTH**

(I) You have heard the word, go now to be doers of the word.
And may the Word which became flesh and blood, dwell
within you, full of grace and truth.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise* see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

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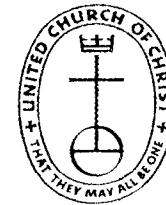
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SEPTEMBER 17, 2006 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. DeCou

OPENING SENTENCE

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

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) Lord Jesus Christ, you exercised 'uncommon sense' when you turned conventional wisdom on its head with your call for your followers to deny themselves; to lose their lives for your sake and to embark on a narrow path leading towards life centered in you and your love.

(P) **Forgive us when, like Peter, we identify your power with prestige rather than servant-hood, and falter in our understanding of what following you really means.**

(silent reflection)

(L) Forgive us for failing to trust your holy wisdom Lord, because we fear making mistakes, and our decisions become influenced by our human weakness rather than your spiritual strength.

(P) **Forgive us when our common sense calls us to prefer the comfort of the familiar here and now, rather than**

responding to your call to follow you into the unknown and risky journey of discipleship.

(silent reflection)

(L) Lord Jesus Christ, give us the grace to listen and to trust in the midst of the unknowing nature of your call to each of us and the unknown direction which you call us to travel. You have traveled the road already so what have we to fear?

(All) **We do want to be your followers so that we can reveal through our lives, as you did, the shape of God's holy wisdom and unconditional love. Renew us with the power of your Spirit so that we can commit ourselves anew to the challenge of serving others in your name and for your sake. Amen**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) All of us do make mistakes but in rich mercy God sent Jesus into the world to save sinners - people like us. And so I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

(P) **Praise be to God!**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Majesty"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Proverbs 1:20-33

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

James 3:1-12

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"
 *GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:27-38
 *LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"
 *HYMN "Saviour, Thy Dying Love" # 470
 SERMON "HOLY SPIRIT WISDOM"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal
 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER
 SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Jesus Calls Us" arr. Johnson # 551

*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

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) As we have been replenished through our gathering, now we are blessed in our going.

(P) God sows us like seeds back into the world to bring healing and justice everywhere we go.

(L) May the blessing of God: Lover of justice, Brother of compassion, and Wisdom of creation, go with you now and be with you always.

(All) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" # 161

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Toccata in C" Bach

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SEPTEMBER 24, 2006 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE String Quartet

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* # 184

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) God of mercy, we confess that we have let many things
come between our daily lives and your eternal reign. We
too often let anger, apathy, and hectic schedules come
between us and those we love. We make mistakes in
our life together as your church. We have not extended
our hands and hearts in welcome to all who need your
love and mercy.

(silent confession)

(L) We confess that we consider too often our own greatness,
and fail to embrace our lives as servants for your work in our
world.

(All) As we draw near to you, O God, draw near to us. We
come humbly, seeking your forgiveness and longing for
your words of welcome. We pray in the name of the

One who welcomed all and told us to do the same.
Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.
Receive the grace of God, who calls us to be great in those
things that matter most.

(All) We receive God's grace and forgiveness, and lift our
hearts and voices in joy and thanksgiving.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Where There is Faith

READING Deuteronomy 31:1-3, 7-8; 34:1-8

Memorial Plaque Recognition
Church Gratitude Plaque

READING Ephesians 4:1-16

"How Beautiful"

Senior Choir and String Quartet

Remembrance Celebration

READING Matthew 17:14-21

Commissioning of Visioning Study
Hymn of Commissioning *"Are Ye Able"* front cover

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

String Quartet

***Doxology**

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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

***SENDING FORTH**

(I.) May you be like trees planted by streams of water, yielding fruit, and providing shade in all the seasons of your life. May you prosper in everything under the watchful care of God. Go forth in joy to love and serve God.

(All) **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *"God of Years Thy Love Hath Led Us"* # 362

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

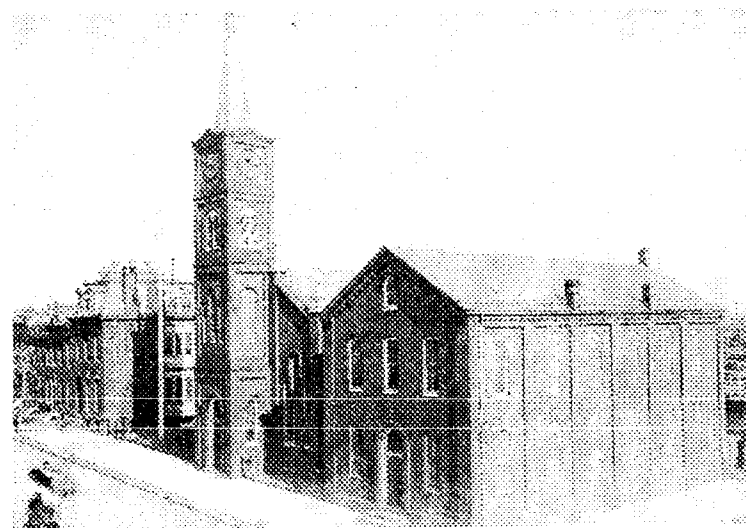
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OCTOBER 1, 2006 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Let Us Break Bread Together" arr. Wood

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Blessed Be the God of Israel" see insert

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Loving and gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our hurts and fears and discouragements. Forgive us when our actions and non-actions hurt others and ourselves. Heal us when we give up hope and allow fear to determine our choices. Help us when we forget our deeper selves and allow shallow self-interest to rule the day. Empower us to follow Jesus with all our hearts and souls and minds. Amen.

(silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Hear these words of comfort: God loves us. God forgives us. We are free to begin again.

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m. "In You, We Are One"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

James 5:13-20

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:38-50

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"You Are Salt for the Earth, O People" see insert

SERMON

"THE DEMANDS OF JUSTICE"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed p. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Thy Table I Approach" Kretchmar

*Doxology

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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

***SENDING FORTH**

(I) Let us go from this place to serve the world God loves,
With ears ready to listen to what we may not wish to hear,
With voices ready to speak out about what should not be,
With hearts ready to lend a helping hand even when there is a
risk involved.
And may the blessing of God surround and sustain you this
day and always.

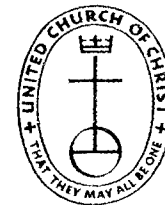
(All) **Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *"What Feast of Love"* see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

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

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Adagio in E Flat" Dubois

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "How Glorious, Full of Wonder" see insert

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) O God you are present in all the moments of our lives, loving and guiding us. We are in your hands. Forgive us when we accept only what we see as good. Have mercy on us when we turn away from what troubles and disturbs. Strengthen us to learn the truth without fear, and help us to recognize your presence in all the hurtful places of our world. Forgive us when we avoid those who need our help and give us the resolve to care about what we cannot understand. In the name of our faithful soul companion, Jesus, help us to meet the troubles in our own lives and in our world with compassion and mercy. Amen.

(silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Beloved friends, God loves us beyond any deserving. We are forgiven before we even ask. In Christ's name, receive God's forgiveness.

(All) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "God Will Take Care of You"

Pam Georgiadis and Chuck Rohlfling

10:30 a.m. "Open My Eyes"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:2-16

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Nearer My God to Thee"

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SERMON

"THE TESTS OF FAITH"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Blessed Be Your Name" Redman

*Doxology

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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

***SENDING FORTH**

(I.) Let us go forth boldly from this place to love and serve God in every situation that faces us. And may the blessing of God – Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer and Gift-Bringer – be with you now and always.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *“Be Not Dismayed”* see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *“The Old Hundred”* Walther

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OCTOBER 15, 2006 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Andante Cantabile" Widor

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" # 63

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) God of our hopes and fears, we yearn for you. We confess that we are sometimes overwhelmed with fear, by the suffering which we experience in other people's lives. Forgive us when we cannot bear to face the suffering in our world or acknowledge our sad feelings about it. When we seek quick solutions to problems around us rather than allowing ourselves to feel the pain and seek true healing, forgive us. Instead fill our hearts with desire for the fullness of life that only you can bring. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- (L) Beloved friends, God's love is more profound than our resistance. God's forgiveness goes deeper than our despair. God is with us in all times and places. Receive God's love. Receive God's forgiveness and be healed.
(All) Praise be to God for the healing gift of Jesus Christ.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "Majesty"

Senior Choir

10:30 a.m. "The Longer I Serve Him"

Florence Gundlach, Lynn Sanders

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

Hebrews 4:12-16

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:17-31

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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SERMON

"THE DECEIT OF WEALTH"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Near to the Heart of God" arr. Innes

*Doxology

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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

***SENDING FORTH**

(I) Let us leave this place knowing that in both sorrow and joy we are not alone. And may the blessing of God: life-giving Creator, suffering Savior and ever-present Spirit, be with you now and always. Amen.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Have Thine Own Way Lord"* see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"To God Be the Glory"* arr. Varner

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OCTOBER 22, 2006 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Cantilena on God, That Madest Earth and Heaven" arr. Jordan

OPENING SENTENCE

***OPENING HYMN** "O Worship the King" # 10

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Lord, you teach us that lording it over others is unacceptable; that "...whoever wishes to become great must be the servant of all." Jesus, Friend and Savior, we confess that all too often we lord it over others - even here in church - and we need to hear you speak words about the true meaning of greatness directly to us. Unclog our ears and tenderize our hearts so that your words enliven our discipleship that we put the needs of others before our own needs. Teach us that we might learn to share what we have rather than hoarding it for ourselves, and so use our gifts to benefit others rather than increasing our own status and position.

(silent reflection)

(L) Lord Jesus Christ, keep reminding us that following you means emptying ourselves of all self-serving power and filling ourselves with the desire to serve others as willingly as you did.

(All) Forgive any reluctance on our part to follow your example; replace any selfish power-plays of ours with your inclusive love, your compassion and your humility. These prayers we offer in your name and for your sake. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many. And so, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. The good news therefore is this: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

(All) Praise be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. *"Worthy of Worship"*

Pam Georgiadis, Florence Gundlach, Margaret Myrick

10:30 a.m. *"Bless His Holy Name"*

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

Hebrews 5:1-10

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:35-45

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Make Me A Servant"

see insert

SERMON

"THE ILLUSION OF POWER"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Musical Reflection "Rigaudon" Campra

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***Doxology**

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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

***SENDING FORTH**

(I) Let us leave this place knowing that wherever we go, God has already gone there before us, speaking a word of healing. And may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with you in all the places of your lives, this day and always.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Are Ye Able, Said the Master" front cover

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Fanfare" Lemmens

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OCTOBER 29, 2006 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Amazing Grace" arr. Innes

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" see insert

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Holy God, our souls cry out to you for mercy. Receive our prayers of confession and save us from every trouble.

(Prayer of silent confession.)

(L) Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.

(All) Forgive us for the times that we have failed to see your hand at work in our world and have failed to call out in praise of your generous love in our lives. Forgive us for the times that we have prevented others from following you or have blocked people from hearing your word of hope. Forgive us for the times that we have held back from living as you taught and from following you with our whole hearts, minds, and spirits. Hear us, O God, and graciously renew our lives for your service. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God had heard us and delivers us from all our fears. Through the life of Jesus Christ, God redeems the lives of God's servants, and promises that no one who takes refuge in God will be condemned. Dear people of God, hear this

word of grace and live with refreshed eyes of faith in the assurance of God's pardon.

(All) Thanks and Praise be to God. Amen.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

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

World without end. Amen, Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "All of Me"

Darlene Waters

10:30 a.m. "Jesus Lover of My Soul"

Senior Choir and Guests

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

Hebrews 7:23-28

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:46-52

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

see insert

SERMON

"A BREAK WITH REALITY?"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Musical Reflection *"Ein' Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott"* Kittel

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***Doxology**

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

***SENDING FORTH**

(I) Go forward in faith to follow Jesus. Go in the company of God's people everywhere, with the blessing of God, your heavenly mother and father, and of Jesus Christ, who calls you friend, and of the Holy Spirit, who will not abandon you.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* #281

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

†(Please be seated while the candles are extinguished, pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* Mickelson

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NOVEMBER 5, 2006 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" Bach

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord" #329

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Holy God, you forever beckon us to draw near, forever call us to travel on your road of love seeking the source of our deep gladness as we encounter the hungers of the world. Yet we often choose the easy pathways intent on maintaining the status quo, afraid to rock the boat, often unwilling to take decisive action. We are hesitant to step forward into the unknown and instead cling to the old ways of safety and security. Fifty years ago, you inspired our forebears to unite in a holy calling — a risky, yet thrilling enterprise of faith. At many steps along the way our family of faith has fallen short of your great commission. We ask your forgiveness for our times of timidity, short-sightedness and, our failures. Yet, even when we fail to understand your still speaking word, you continue to speak, to nudge, to challenge, and to forgive. Merciful God, help us to surrender to your Spirit, listen anew to your compelling Word, and offer our lives to each other in this risky vocation called life. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Thanks be to God for the Spirit who lives in us. Praise be to God who is always working things together for good. We are loved. We are forgiven.

(All) God is beyond us. God is between us. God is within us. Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

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

World without end. Amen, Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"A Bach Alleluia"

Senior Choir of United Evangelical Church

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

For All The Saints

A STILL SMALL VOICE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 19:1-13

"A Quiet Piety"

"I Come to the Garden Alone" (1 verse) see insert

A TRANSFIGURATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 17:1-8

"A Movement of Faith"

"We Shall Overcome" (1 verse) see insert

A STILL SPEAKING GOD

SCRIPTURE READING John 4:3-30, 39-42

"An Intentional Faith"

Litany of Dedication see insert

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Shine Jesus Shine"

The First United Evangelical UCC Choir

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection "Amazing Grace"

The First United Bluegrass Jamboree

***Doxology**

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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

***SENDING FORTH**

(I) Renewed and refreshed, step out into the world, ready to turn towards God in every moment. And may God's blessings shower upon you through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ.

(All) Amen.

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

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

"Festral Toccata"

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NOV. 12, 2006 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"* arr. Sewell

OPENING SENTENCE

***OPENING HYMN** *"Come Thou Almighty King"* # 4

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Gracious God, you are the source of all our yearning and desire for fullness of life; you are the vision that helps us continue to dream. Forgive us when we fall short of your hopes for us, and help us to become so filled with the joy of your presence that we might live each moment with gratitude and receive every person in our life as a precious gift, through Christ, with Christ and in Christ we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Jesus demonstrated his love for all as he rescued us from lives dominated by evil and sin by his acts of mercy and justice, his suffering and death. Hear the good news that in and through Jesus Christ we are loved, we are forgiven.

(All) **Praise be to God.**

***OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE** # 492

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

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CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. *"Praise His Holy Name"*

Diane Borkman

10:30 a.m. *"My Jesus I Love Thee"*

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READ

Hebrews 9:24-28

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:38-44

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Living For Jesus"

see insert

SERMON

"PRIORITIES"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Musical Reflection

"Interlude"

Vincent

***Doxology**

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*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

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Go on your way as restorers of life. Bless those you meet.
Be people of hope. Give thanks in all you do. Go with the
blessing of God.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN "America the Beautiful"**

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude"

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NOV. 26, 2006 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Trio in E-flat"* Rheinberger

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN *"Jesus Shall Reign"* # 371

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Gracious God, as we think today about Jesus as Christ the King, we confess our failure to grasp that your reign is found whenever domination is overcome, whenever justice is experienced, and whenever people are released from prejudice and exploitation. We confess our lack of commitment in seeking to transform systems which leave people powerless. Too often we prefer to leave the difficult tasks to others so that we can get on with our own safe agendas. Forgive us, O God, any involvement in the pursuit of power which exploits or demeans others and when we forget that doing your will is our greatest priority.

(silent confession)

(L) Remind us, O God, that the power of the Holy Spirit enables us to witness to the values of your kingdom in and through all we do and say, and that this power far exceeds any apathy or fear we face.

(All) Renew us with your Spirit, O God, and help us to hear anew Jesus' words that whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all, so that our lives testify to the truth of your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) The good news is this: our sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

(All) To him who loves us and freed us from our sins, be glory and dominion forever and ever.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. *"In the Name of the Lord"*

Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m. *"I Feel the Spirit"*

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 23:1-7

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

Revelations 1:4b-8

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 18:33-37

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

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SERMON

"KING JESUS"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

TOTENFEST REMEMBRANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Musical Reflection "On Eagles Wings" arr. Smith

*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

*SENDING FORTH

(I) Go, to live as people of God's covenant and promise, and
bless the world as God blesses you.

(All) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "For All the Saints" # 418

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

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POSTLUDE "Trio in A" Rheinberger

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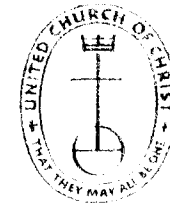
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PRELUDE

*PROCESSION AND OPENING SENTENCES

*HYMN OF ADORATION *"The Old Rugged Cross"* see insert

*SOLEMN DECLARATION

GREETING

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 11:1-7, 17-27

MEDITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

*HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE *"I Come to the Garden Alone"* see insert

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – LORD'S PRAYER

*COMMENDATION

*BENEDICTION

*PARTING HYMN *"Amazing Grace"*

POSTLUDE

*If able please stand

Psalm 23

The Divine Shepherd

A PSALM OF DAVID.

The LORD is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.



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The Lord is my Shepherd

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DECEMBER 3, 2006 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "A Lovely Branch Breaks Into Bloom" Brahams

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

(L) In ancient times, God's people were waiting for the coming of the promised Messiah.

(P) **The Lord had promised that the day would come when he would fulfill the gracious promise he had made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.**

(L) The gospels record how that promised Messiah came as a baby. That child grew to be a man who was fully human and yet divine – Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(P) **Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs!**

(L) We light this first Advent candle in celebration of the Christ who came. We look forward to that wonderful day when he will come again. *The candle of hope is lit.* Let us pray to our Lord who has come and is coming again:

(All) **God in heaven, how great it is that we can come to this place and celebrate the Jesus who came and who surely will come again. May this be a season filled with joy and meaning for us who put our hope in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ – who was and who is and who is to come. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" # 88

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) **O God, as we begin this season leading up to Christmas, we pray you will turn us away from the**

confusion of idols that threaten to distract us. We confess that we lose sight of the true gift of Christmas and participate instead in the mistrust that separates us from others and the chaos that complicates our lives. **Forgive us for not being signs of new hope. Transform our hearts and set us on pathways of love and justice, that we might be servants of healing for your world. Come, O Savior, restore us to community, restore us to new life. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) In spite of all we have done, God has not forsaken us. As surely as the bud unfolds and calls forth the spring and the harvest, so God transforms our lives anew. You are forgiven. Rejoice and serve God with gladness.

(All) **Praise be to God!**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "Jesus I Lord of All"

Florence Gundlach, Chuck Rohlfing

10:30 a.m. "Lo, How A Rose Ever Blooming"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Jeremiah 33:14-16

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN "Behold a Branch is Growing" (versus 1 & 2) # 113

SERMON "THE COMING"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection *"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"* 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**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

(I) Go, to increase and abound in love for one another. And may God strengthen your hearts in holiness.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Arise, the Kingdom is at Hand"* # 93

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

†(Please be seated while the candles are extinguished, pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE: *"Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland"* Bach

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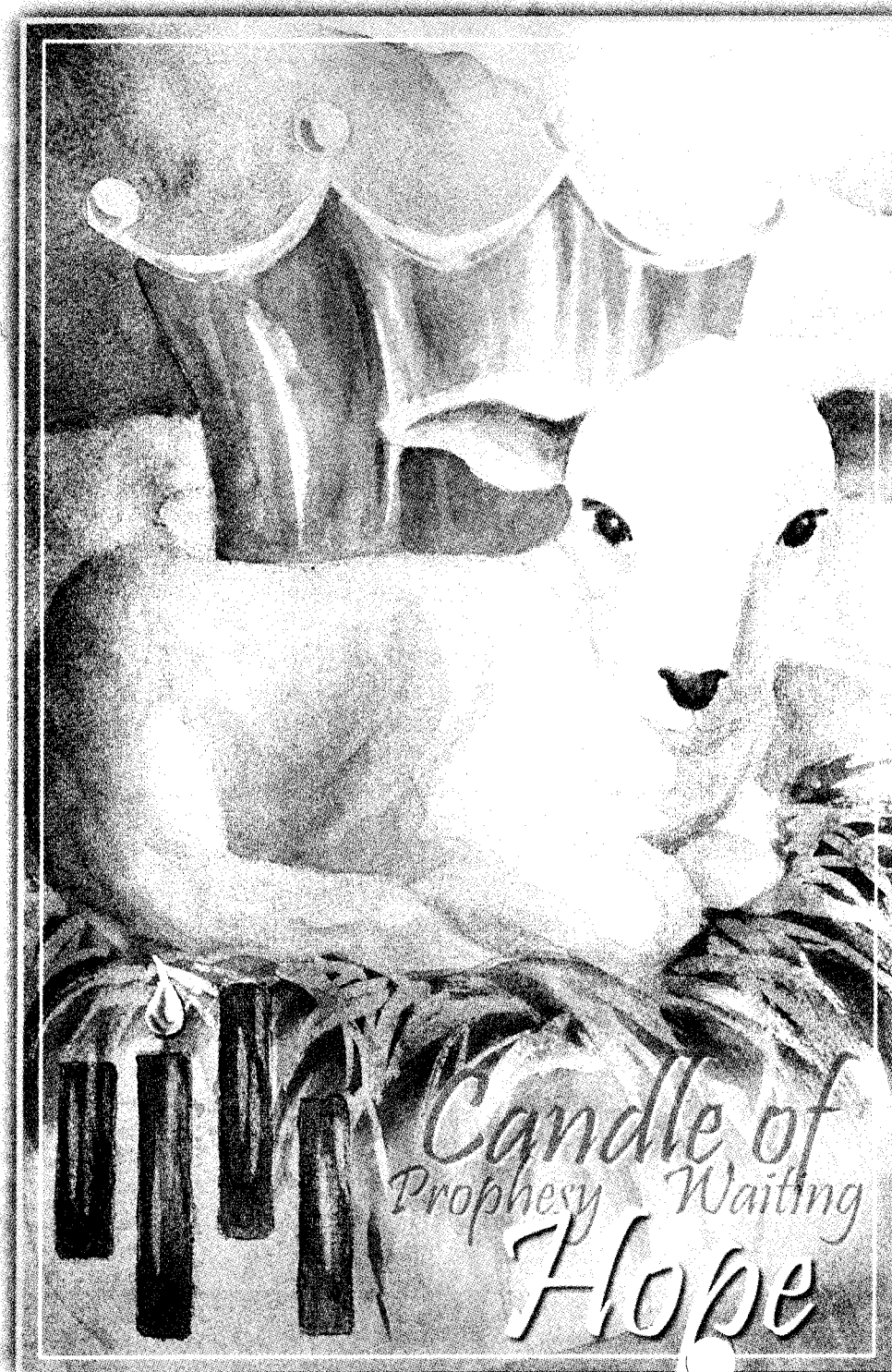
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DECEMBER 10, 2006 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "What Is This Lovely Fragrance?" Lovelace

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

(L) *The candle of hope is relit.*

The Scriptures record how even in the Garden of Eden, God had a plan to redeem us through the coming of the Christ.

(P) **Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, who has redeemed us!**

(L) As we come closer to Christmas, our days are filled with preparations. Let us also prepare our hearts to celebrate again the coming of the Savior.

(P) **Then came the voice from one in the desert, saying: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"**

(L) We light this second Advent candle as we prepare to mark again the coming of the one who would save his people from their sins.

The candle of peace is lit.

Let us pray to our Lord who has come and is coming again:

(All) **Heavenly Father, how great and awesome you are. From the moment that we first failed, you already began to set in motion your amazing plan to gather us back into fellowship with you. Even now, our Lord Jesus is preparing for his return. May we be ready not only for this festive season, but also to meet our Lord and Savior whenever he comes. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN "O How Shall I Receive Thee" # 100

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) **God of love and life, in this Advent season you send your messenger into the world to prepare a way for you. A voice cries in the wilderness, calling us to repent, to turn our lives around. We confess that sometimes we prefer things the way they are and we fear the changes you call us to make. Sometimes we forget the wondrous things that you have done for us and all your people. Cleanse us and make us new, loving God. In this Advent season, enter our lives yet again, and bring us back to you. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) The God who promises forgiveness of sins will give light to those who sit in the shadows, and will guide your feet in the way of peace.

(All) **Praise be to God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING "Refiner's Fire"

Senior Choir, Guitar and Guests

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN "There's A Voice In The Wilderness Crying" # 94

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4
(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

Philippians 1:3-11
(P) Thanks be to God

***GLORIA TIBI**

“Glory Be to Thee, O Lord”

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 2:1-6

***LAUS TIBI**

“Praise Be to Thee, O Christ”

***HYMN “Hark The Herald Angels Sing” (verses 1 & 2) # 102**

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT “ALPHA BIBLICAL CHRISTMAS”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection “Mary’s Boy Child”

Amber Augustyniak, Ceilo and Nick Pietrowski, Violin

***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

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Go forth to straighten the pathways of life for the child who is to come, Jesus the Christ – that the healing power of God’s love may rush without impediment into every wounded heart. May God’s truth and grace guide your going.

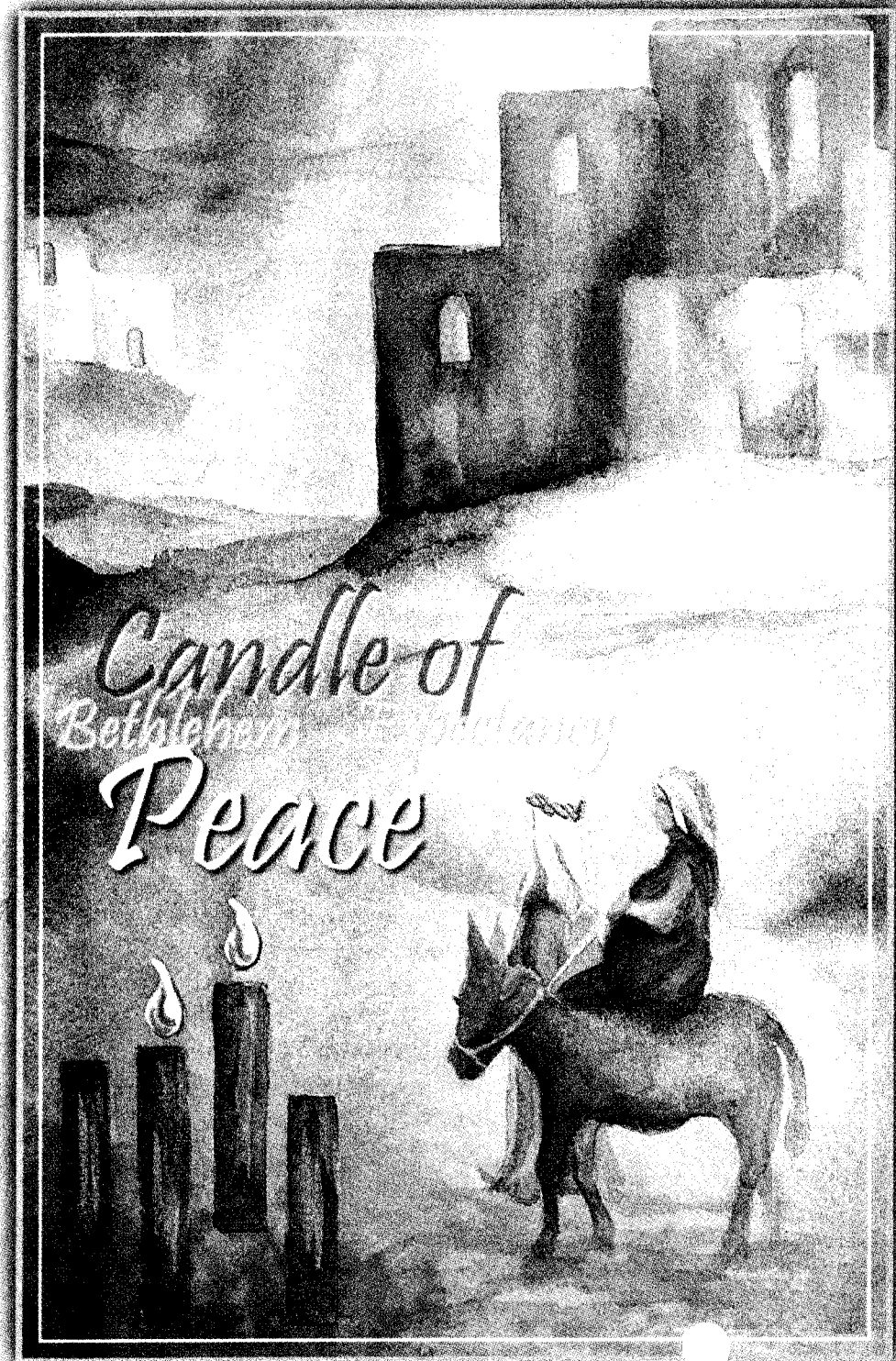
(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” # 99**

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE “Herr Christ Der Ein”ge Gottes Sohn” Bach



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DECEMBER 17, 2006 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Prelude on Divinum Mysterium" Candlyn

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

- (I.) *The candles of hope and peace are relit.*
The Christian life is full of ordinary things that together work for the extraordinary purpose of glorifying God. We rejoice in the promises of God and yet at times our hearts are sad.
- (P) **Even David, Israel's great king, at times was downcast and disturbed within his soul.**
- (I.) Despite the problems we face in this world, we are called to be a people of rejoicing. The Scriptures call us to "rejoice in the Lord always."
- (P) **Why so downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God!**
- (I.) We light this third Advent candle with rejoicing, knowing that Christ will surely come again and make all things new.
The candle of joy is lit.
Let us pray to our Lord who has come and is coming again.
- (All) **Gracious God, our world is often filled with disappointment, pain, and sadness. In this dark place, may your light shine. Ignite in our hearts this day a desire to rejoice in you and your promises that will surely come to pass. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" # 89

*GREETING

- (I.) 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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

- (All) **In these moments of worship, O God, we break free of the grasp of our daily concerns, to open our hearts to you. We hear your prophets calling us to turn around and change direction when we venture away from you. Yet sometimes we resist change. At those times, forgive us. When we are reluctant to share, when we would rather receive than give, when we prefer our ways to your way, forgive us, and let us start again. Speak truth to our wandering hearts and fill us with a measure of your Spirit, that we may be truly prepared to receive the Christ child anew. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- (I.) Be glad and rejoice with all your heart! God proclaims you are without sin.
- (All) **Praise be to God!**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

*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.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

- 8:00 a.m. "Refiner's Fire"
Senior Choir, Guitar and Guests
- 10:30 a.m. "Emmanuel"
Solo - Diane Borkman

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Zephaniah 3:14-20

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

Philippians 4:4-7

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"
 *GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:7-18
 *LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"
 *HYMN "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" # 107
 SERMON "REJOICE"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 hymnal
 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" 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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

(I) Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice! And may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

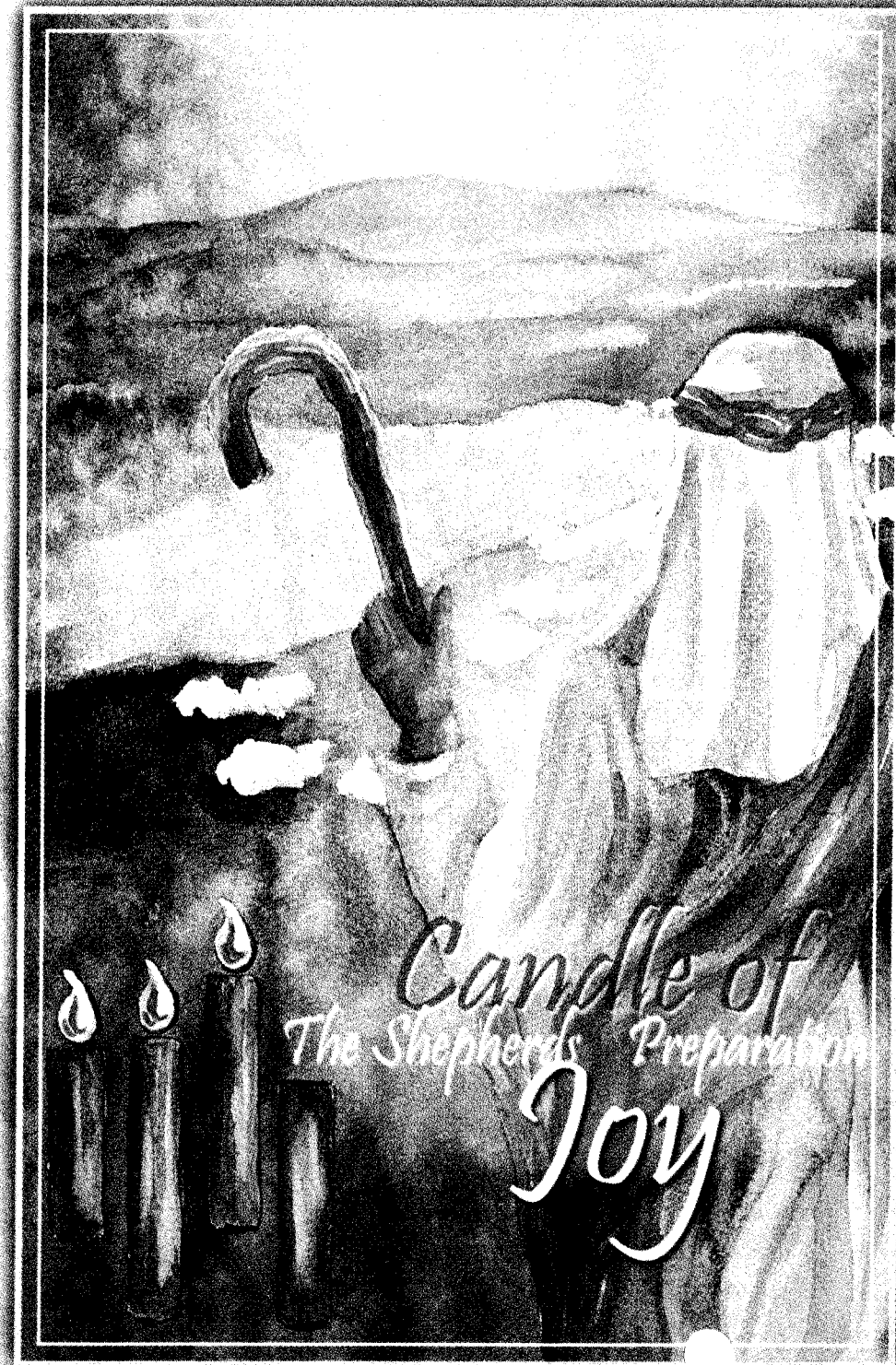
(All) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" # 92

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE "Lob sei dem allmächtigen Gott" Bach



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DECEMBER 24, 2006 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

String Quartet

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

(L) *(The candles of hope, peace and joy are relit.)*

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of God's hands

(P) **The whole earth is full of God's glory!**

(L) When Christ was born, the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified.

(P) **But the angel said to them: Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy.**

(L) We light this fourth Advent candle in celebration of our glorious God who sent the only Son, revealing heaven's glory as never before.

(The candle of love is lit.)

Let us pray to our Lord who has come and is coming again.

(All) **Our heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. In our worship today, in our hearts, in all that we do, may we glorify you. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" # 112

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) **Loving God, as the prophet Mary tells us, you sent Jesus into the world to turn things upside down and right side up. As we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus, help**

us to remember the message of Jesus: to work for justice and fairness, to bring balance to our living, to share your love with all people. When we fail to do these things, forgive us and pardon us. Open our eyes to see the needs of others, touch our hearts with compassion that we might move in acts of mercy just as you did for us through the gift of your Son. In Christ we pray. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God never gives up on us. Even when we were yet sinners, God sent Jesus into the world to be our Savior. So let us be assured that our sins are forgiven.

(All) **Praise be to God!**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

Iris

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Will We Know Him"

"Mary Did You Know"

Senior Choir and String Quartet

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5a

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"The First Nowell"

118

SERMON "THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER"

Barbara Robinson

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*CHRISTMAS CREED

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!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

String Quartet

Greensleeves

*Doxology

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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

- (1) You shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace. The mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing and all the trees of the fields shall clap their hands. For your God comes, powerful to save. Go rejoicing in the promises of God, the love of Christ and the wonder of the Holy Spirit.

(All) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Joy To The World"

120

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

String Quartet



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DECEMBER 24, 2006 CHRISTMAS EVE 7:30 P.M.

PRELUDE "What Child Is This?" arr. Innes

WELCOMING

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

- (L) *(The candles of hope, peace, joy and love are relit.)*
Joy to the world! The Lord is come.
- (P) **Let earth receive her king!**
Let every heart prepare him room!
- (P) **And heaven and nature sing!**
- (L) This Christmas Eve, we light this white candle as a visible sign and that Jesus Christ is at the center of our lives and at the heart of this church. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
- (P) **From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
(The Christ candle is lit.)
- (L) Let us pray to our Lord who has come and is coming again.
Our heavenly Father, what an indescribable gift is your Son Jesus. Through him you have given us eternal life. Today, with hearts full of gratitude and joy, we celebrate and give you thanks. Accept our offering of praise, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.
(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

- (All) **God of the poor and of the humble and of the powerless, you have truly entered our world. You have become flesh of our flesh, and bone of our bone. We celebrate the coming of your Light into our world. We confess that there have been times when we have obscured this light for others through insensitivity and prejudice, through the use of careless and hurtful words or selfish and destructive actions.**

(silent confession)

- (L) Come, Lord Jesus, where there is hatred, give love, where there is sadness, give joy, where there is discord, give peace.
- (All) **Come Lord Jesus, be light for our darkness, for the hour of your birth is near. Come, Lord Jesus, be born in our hearts through faith, that we might respond to your love and receive your peace. Amen.**

*DECLARATION OF GRACE

Just as Christ was born into our world, moving past all physical barriers and traveling toward the earth, so the love of God pursues us past our failings and guilts and brings us grace. On this day of all days, we are forgiven! Let praise ring out to the heavens.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Iris

*CHRISTMAS GREETING OF PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING "Rose of Bethlehem" Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God Isaiah 9:2-7

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God Titus 2:11-14

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

MEDITATION

*HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" # 108

CHRISTMAS PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Away in a Manager" arr. Innes

***DOXOLOGY**

*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.*

Greensleeves

***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. 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"

POSTLUDE

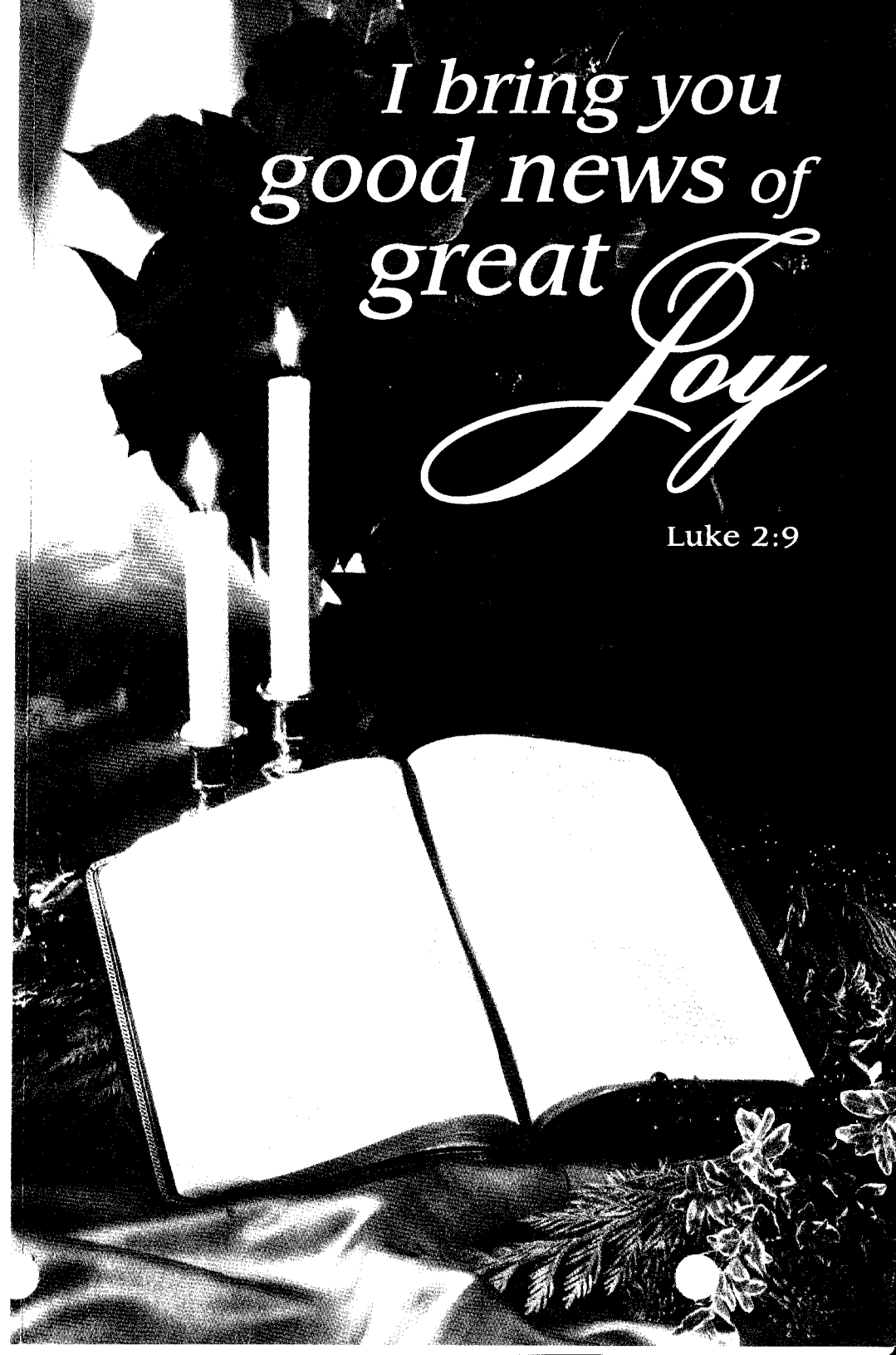
"Noel"

120

D'Aquin

*I bring you
good news of
great Joy*

Luke 2:9



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DECEMBER 31, 2006 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "The Coventry Carol" arr. Innes

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Angels From the Realms of Glory" # 104

*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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Eternal God, as a new year begins, forgive our failures of the year now passed.

(silent reflection of the past year)

(I) By water and the Spirit we have been claimed as children of your covenant, cleansed and made whole in Jesus Christ.

(All) Forgive us for preferring darkness to light, for rejecting your gifts and forgetting your love. Forgive us when we have acted as if we knew no covenant and belonged only to ourselves. Loving and merciful God, may we go forward into the new year resolved better to keep your commandments, to be more appreciative of your blessings, and to live more closely to the example found in the one whose birth we just celebrated, even Jesus, the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Arise, shine; for your light has come, the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all!

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

Iris

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "What Child Is This"

Pam Georgiadis, Florence Gundlach, Margaret Myrick

10:30 a.m. "While By My Sheep"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

(meditation in silence)

Psalms 90

see insert

(meditation in silence)

2 Peter 3:8-13

(meditation in silence)

Matthew 25:1-13

(meditation in silence)

Revelation 21:1-6a

*HYMN "Of the Father's Love Begotten" # 13

MEDITATION ON THE WORD

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

SERVICE OF RE-COVENANTING see insert

*HYMN "Good Christian Men Rejoice" # 116

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" arr. Innes

***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**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Depart in peace, for you have seen God's salvation, a light for the nations. May the love of God guide you, the word of Christ dwell in you richly, and the gift of the Spirit give you power, now and forever.

(Aii) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Silent Night" #101

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

†(Please be seated while the candles are extinguished, pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE "Helft mir Gott's Gütepreisen" Bach



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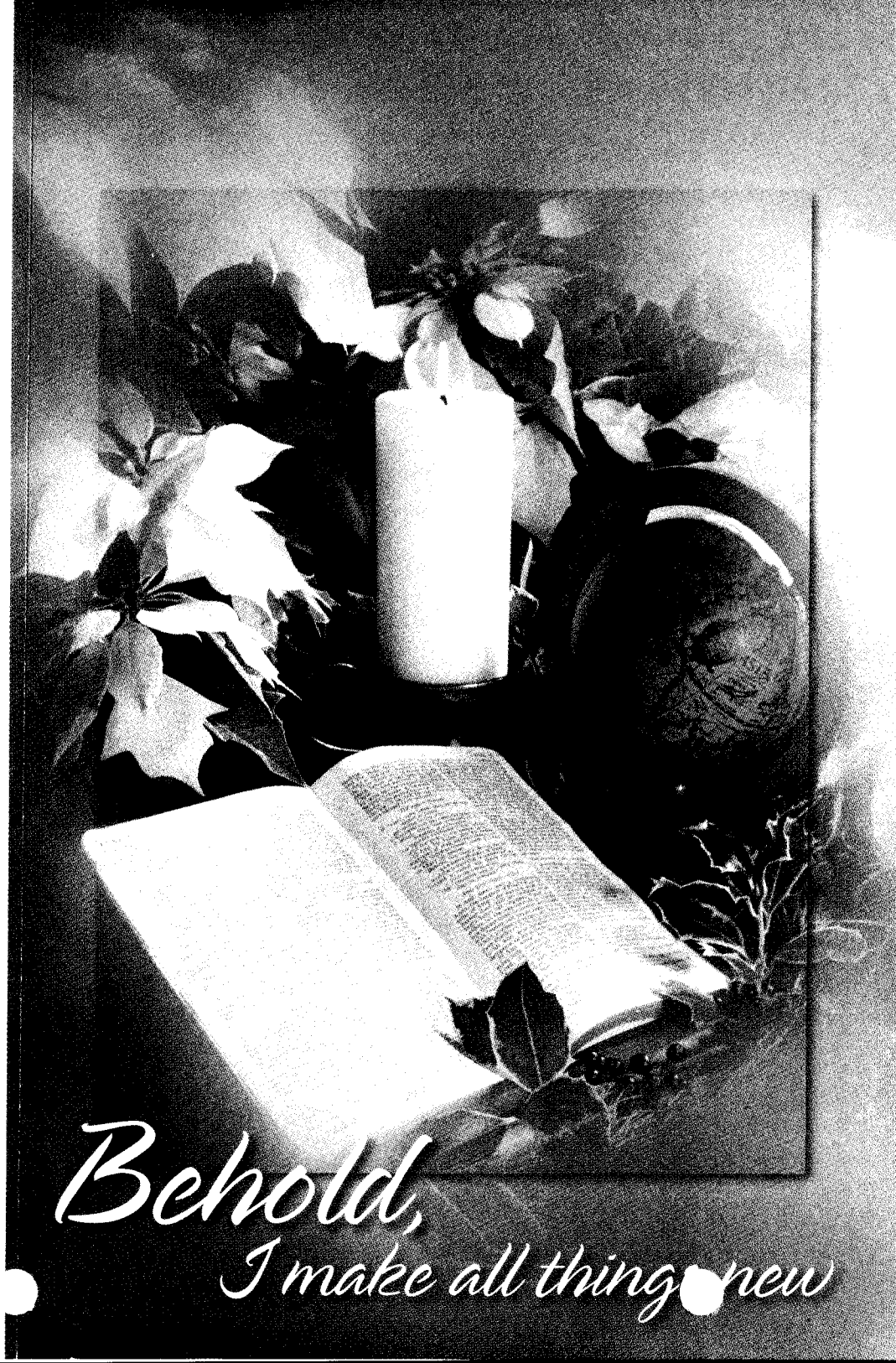
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*Behold,
I make all things new*