

United Evangelical United Church of Christ

OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission
Of reaching out Embracing everyone Enriching all
Becoming living examples Bonding all with the love of God

JANUARY 2, 2011

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

*indicates to stand as able.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"In the Bleak Mid-Winter"

arr. Innes

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come, all who are faithful and all who seek joy in their lives.

Many: It is the season to sing praises to God for the Christ Child is here.

One: The symbols of hope, peace, love, and joy shine brightly in our hearts.

Many: May they remain with us throughout the year.

One: We now share a promise that was fulfilled by God:

Many: That our beloved Jesus is born and will call us to new lives of love, joy and faith in action.

*OPENING HYMN

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

#189

*GREETING

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

Many And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Our True Light has come into the world. Hope, peace, joy and love are ours through the Incarnate Word. And yet we languish, O God. We confess that we do not dance your praises; we do not join in merry laughter or holy pleasures. There is no peace in our hearts. We do not see the promises of the prophets fulfilled. Open us to the blessings that surround us, that we may again be moved to praise you, God of blinding light and gentle power. Fill us with the light of your joy and love. Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago, who found hope, instead of a destination; who found grace, instead of guarantees; who found salvation, instead of a sign. We pray, as we journey with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the good news, children of God: In Jesus Christ, God forgives and
frees you. Live now by the Spirit.

Many: Praise be to God.

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

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Gloria in Excelsis Deo

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"Mary Did You Know"

Claire Hovermill

10:30 a.m.

"How Beautiful"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

One The Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

One The Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.

Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

*HYMN

"Away in a Manger"

#203

SERMON

"New Year Affirmations"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Back page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

One: Go to proclaim the good news: The Word of God dwells among us; the
Light of God shines in the world. Go to celebrate the hope and promise
of this day. Go with the peace of God in your hearts.

All: Amen

*HYMN

"We Three Kings"

#233

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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

POSTLUDE

"The Old Year Has Now Passed Away"

Bach

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JANUARY 9, 2011

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"

Bach

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let us ascribe to God the glory of God's name

Many: Let us ascribe to our God glory and strength!

One: The voice of our God is over the waters.

Many: The God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

One: Come, all who are gathered to worship God:

Many: And let us worship God in holy splendor!

#231

*OPENING HYMN

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

*GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of heaven and earth, you see all things. You know the depths of our hearts better than we can know ourselves. You know the great heights to which we aspire and the depth of our failures when we fall short of doing what we know is right. We ask for your mercy and forgiveness for our selfishness and fears. Help us to walk as the faithful representatives you call us to be. Create in us the grace of Christ toward those with whom we disagree, just as he extended it to those who conspired against him. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: God truly shows no partiality. In every nation, anyone who reverences God and does what is right is acceptable to God. Just as the prophets testified in the scriptures, everyone who believes in Jesus receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"Who Am I"

Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m.

"I Saw a Man"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.

Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 3:13-17

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

***HYMN**

"Spirit Song"

#352

SERMON

"Fulfilling All Righteousness"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

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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, forever and ever. Amen.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00

"Refiner's Fire"

Denise Kelly

10:30

"I Saw a Man"

Stainer

*Doxology

#34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

One: As you go, may the refreshment of the baptism of the Holy Spirit remain with you, renewing you for the service and work that awaits.

All: Amen.

*HYMN

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

#241

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

"To Jordan Came Our Lord, the Christ"

Bach

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

8:00 a.m.

"I Waited for the Lord"

Mendelssohn

10:30 a.m.

Bell Choir - St. John's Lutheran Church

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: In the bleak mid-winter, we gather:

Many: To meet the One who warms us with stories of love and hope.

One: In the stillness of a snowfall, we gather:

Many: To meet the One who clears a path so we may follow in faith.

One: In the shadows of life, we gather:

Many: To meet the One who lights the way through the world.

One: As we worship in the beauty of holiness we pray:

Many: Come Holy One, come and meet with us.

*OPENING HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#72

*GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Faithful God, we have been shaped, formed, born to be servants, yet we confess that we spend so much time focused on ourselves. Called to be saints, we look down on those with whom we disagree. Challenged to testify about the good news, we keep silent, hoarding stories of joy and hope for ourselves. Forgive us, Merciful Lamb. Give us open ears, that we might hear your words of pardon; give us open eyes, that we might see those you would have us serve; give us open hearts, that we might

welcome all in the name of the One who takes away our sins, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: God is faithful! Before you were born, God called you by name, claiming you as God's child. You are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"I Saw a Man"

The Choir

10:30 a.m.

Bell Choir – St. Johns Lutheran Church

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.

Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 1:29-42

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

***HYMN**

"Lamb of God"

#281

SERMON

"Can I Get a Witness?"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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, forever and ever. Amen.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 A.M. *"Behold the Lamb of God"*

The Choir

10:30 a.m. Bell Choir – St. John's Lutheran Church

*Doxology

#34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

One: Go to tell the glad news of deliverance. 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 for ever.

All: Amen.

*HYMN

"We Are Called to Be God's People"

#580

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POSTLUDE

"Christ the Lamb of God"

Bach

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JANUARY 23, 2011

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"The Lord is My Light"

Allison

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Beloved of God, the Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

Many: The Lord is our stronghold; of whom shall we be afraid?

One: The Lord is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble;

Many: And our hope and joy on the days of celebration!

One: Come, Beloved of God, let us seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love.

Many: Let us worship with thanksgiving, offering up shouts of joy to the Lord who is our salvation.

*OPENING HYMN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

#248

*GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Gracious God, into the shadows of our isolation you speak words of life and community. In Christ you call us to unity of mind and purpose. Yet we confess that our hearts are often turned toward separation and division. You call us from the places we call home, to lead us more deeply into the world you love. Yet we confess that we quarrel; we encourage rivalries; we tear down our brothers and sisters. With your gentle, healing touch redeem the broken places of our lives. Liberate us by your word, and fill us to overflowing that we might share your reconciling love throughout the earth. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: Receive the good news: there is no place, not even in our hearts,
where the love of God cannot penetrate. God is around and among us,
healing, restoring and calling us to new life in Christ.

Many: Praise be to God for the gift of forgiveness!

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"Trust and Obey"

Lois Duvall

10:30 a.m.

"What a Lovely Name"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 4:12-23

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

***HYMN**

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

#347

SERMON

"Called to Follow"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00 a.m.)** Apostles' Creed

First page of Hymnal

COMMISSIONING AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL (10:30 a.m.)

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, forever and ever. Amen.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

arr. Innes

*Doxology

#34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

One: Christ has called you to live in peace among your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Many: **We go now in peace.**

One: Christ has called you from the places of your life to be agents of redemption and partners in healing.

Many: **We go now in courage.**

One: Christ is our light and our salvation!

Many: **We go now in joy and thanksgiving, to love and serve God as we love and serve the world!**

All: Amen.

*HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

#345

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

"Allegro Vivace"

Vierne



A Service of Remembrance and Resurrection
for Ronald K. Wilson
January 28, 2011 12:00 p.m.
St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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We Gather for Worship

Gathering Music

Invocation and Welcome *Please read the bold words.*

Gathering Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
#320 as printed in the bulletin

[Remembrance of Baptism

...we glorify you. *All: We glorify you.*

...we praise you. *All: We praise you.*

...we worship you. *All: We worship you.]*

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

[Remembrances from Ron's Loved Ones]

We Hear the Word of God

First Reading

Isaiah 25: 6-9

Psalm 23 *Please read in unison.*

**The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.
Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading

Romans 8: 31-35

Holy Gospel

John 11: 21-27

Sermon

Silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day

"I was there to hear your Bournig Cry"
#770 in the blue book

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the
dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he
is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and
the life everlasting. Amen**

Intercessions In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
With the confidence of the children of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
The Lord's Prayer [traditional]

We Are Sent to Serve

Commendation and Farewell

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen**

Sending Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

#448 as printed in the bulletin

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Presiding: Pastor Eileen Kelley-Warner

Music: Robert Gundlach

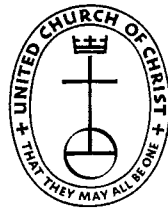
Greeter: Matt Class

The Wilson family wishes to extend warm and grateful thanks to all of you for your support during the time of their loss.

Please join us at Middleborough Volunteer Fire Hall
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fellowship luncheon after the service.



The Sermon on the Mount



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JANUARY 30, 2011

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* arr. Innes

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Jesus, our Teacher, wants us to learn

Many: Not the world's wisdom, but God's.

One: What does the Lord God want from us?

Many: To do the just thing, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God

One: We gather in thanksgiving, O God, to offer our adoration, our praise, and our very lives.

Many: Come, Lord Jesus, our Teacher, Healer, Leader and Friend, come and bless our time together.

*OPENING HYMN *"Be Not Afraid"* #430

*GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of our lives, you are always turning the world upside down, challenging us to follow you into new ventures, new challenges, new ways to care, new ways to touch the hearts of all. We confess that we get tired and feel discouraged, unsure if you can truly bring change and hope out of the difficult situations of our world. Awaken us once again to our need of you in our lives; move us with sorrow for the sorrow of the world; give us the humility to admit our failures; make us hungry for justice; help us to see others through your eyes, show us how to practice what we preach, and support us in standing firm for truth, even when it

costs us, so that we may do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you always. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: Brothers and sisters in faith, the One who gathers us to this sacred space with words of peace and hope, is the same One who renews grace and peace within us now. We are a loved and forgiven people.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"Change My Heart, O God"

Pam Georgiadis and Robert Gundlach

10:30 a.m.

"With What Shall I Come Before the Lord"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Micah 6:1-4

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.

Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 5:1-12

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

***HYMN**

"Blest Are They"

#666

SERMON

"Standing Out In A Crowd"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

First page of 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, forever and ever. Amen.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Open Our Eyes Lord"

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*Doxology

#34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

One: As you have been fed, go to feed the hungry.
As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.
As you have been received – give.
As you have heard – proclaim.
And the blessing which you have received from God the Creator, Christ,
and Holy Spirit be always with you.

All: Amen.

*HYMN

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

#264

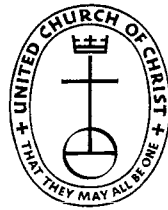
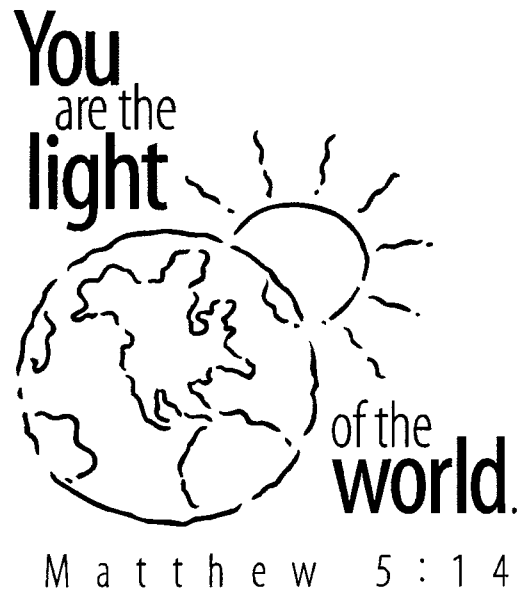
CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

"Fantasia in G minor"

Bach



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FEBURARY 6, 2011

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Hopson

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: To a society that lives in the shadowed recesses of doubt and fear,

Many: **God calls us to be light.**

One: To a world where every appetite is fed until there is not taste to life,

Many: **God calls us to be salt.**

One: To a time when loyalties are discarded as easily as the clothes we wear,

Many: **God calls us to be faithful.**

One: Let us lean not on our own understandings, but with unwavering hearts,
trust in God always.

Many: **We will not live in fear, for we know God is able to do exceedingly and
abundantly more than we can imagine!**

One: Let us praise and worship God!

Many: **Blessed Spirit, make yourself known in our worship today as we offer our
hearts to you in word and song.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

#649

*GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of power and glory, we worship you with gladness and awe. We
thank you for bringing us to this new day! We praise you for getting us
through the challenges of all of our yesterdays and strengthening us for
what lies ahead. Holy One, you call each of us to be willing mouthpieces
for you and your goodness; to be a prophetic presence in our circles of

influence. Yet, far too often, we seal our lips and refuse to speak up, even when we sense you urging us to do so. Those who hunger for your assurance and love remain hungry because we fail to feed your sheep. Indeed, we often hunger ourselves because we do not feed our spirits with your holy word. We become like salt that has no flavor. Forgive us, we pray. Restore us so we may speak restorative words to others, full of the flavor of your grace, mercy, and love. By your grace, may the light of Christ shine more brightly in each of our lives. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: When we approach God with sincerity of heart, we have the assurance that God hears our prayers, forgives us, and answers us with compassion and love.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"How Great is our God"

Claire Hovermill

10:30 a.m.

"You are the Light of the World"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.

Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

*HYMN "Now It Is Evening" #627
SERMON "Losing Your Edge"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed Back page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Shine, Jesus Shine" Kendrick

*Doxology #34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

One: As we conclude our worship, let our service begin. Go now with courage and compassion to let the light of Christ shine brightly, that you may lift someone out of the shadows and into the marvelous light of God.

All: Amen.

*HYMN "Give Thanks for Life" #518

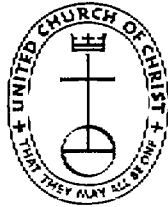
CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE "Prelude in Classic Style" Young



Sermon on the Mount



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FEBRUARY 13, 2011

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Prelude"

Santelli

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: You could have stayed in bed; you could be eating breakfast out.

Many: **We have chosen to be in this place, feasting on God's words.**

One: You could be chasing after the world's idols; you could be listening to television's talking heads.

Many: **We have chosen to serve the One who blesses us with life.**

One: Happy are those who walk in the ways of the Lord.

Many: **Happy are those who seek the Lord with their whole heart.**

*OPENING HYMN

"You Servants of God"

#112

*GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Righteous God, we confess with sorrow that we often forget that it is you who has given us light; you who have made us grow with waters of love. We forget your living word and move off your paths to serve our own worldly desires. We quarrel with one another trying to decide "who is the greatest." We make our own faces the benchmark for all faces. Have mercy on us, God of blessings, and help us to remember Jesus, reconciling the whole diverse world in himself. Help us to choose to hold fast to your hand; to walk your ways of wholeness and hope; and to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, into the life you intend for us. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One God's forgiveness dwells in our hearts; Christ's love fills us; the Spirit's peace guides our steps.

Many: **Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!**

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"Amazing Grace"

Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m.

"How Great Is Our God"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.

Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 5:21-37

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

***HYMN**

"Make Me A Servant"

#576

SERMON

"The Heart of the Matter"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

First page of 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, forever and ever. Amen.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 a.m.

"Step By Step"

Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m.

"Arioso"

Bach

***Doxology**

#34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

One: Go into the week to pray often, to speak wisely, to act justly, and to breathe and feel deeply. And may the wisdom of Christ, the yearnings of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit inspire and uphold you this day and always.

All: Amen.

***HYMN**

"Christ for the World We Sing"

#561

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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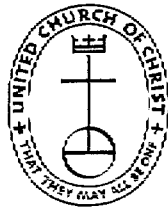
POSTLUDE

"Festival Toccata"

Fletcher



MATTHEW 5:44



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FEBRUARY 20, 2011

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

arr. Innes

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let us draw near to God's statues,

Many: **So that we may observe them faithfully.**

One: Let us walk in the paths of God's commandments,

Many: **So that we may delight in the richness of God's love.**

One: Let us worship God in honesty and forthrightness,

Many: **So that we may experience the glory of God's realm!**

*OPENING HYMN *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"*

#136

*GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God, our Source and our Foundation, you long for us to hear that the heart of your commandment is truthful love. Even more than that, you long for us to embody this way of integrity in all facets of our lives, dealing justly with our neighbors and even the strangers among us. We confess however that we have often been careless in our building of community. Even in the church, we do not live as if we are the temple of your Spirit, much less conform our individual lives to the wisdom of the cross. Bless us, we pray, with the gift of love, that we may see you at all times, in all people. Fill us with your Spirit that we may yet embody your holiness and peace, and our lives may be transformed into living testaments of your grace. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: God offers to each one of us the gift of wisdom and the power of grace.
This is not of our own doing, but comes from the very center of God's
being. As we receive such gifts, we are shaped into the image of God,
forgiven and whole.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. *Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow"*

The Choir

10:30 a.m. *"Glory to God in the Highest"*

Frank Hooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.

Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 5:38-48

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

***HYMN**

"Take Time to be Holy"

#483

SERMON

"The Second Mile and All That"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

First page of 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, forever and ever. Amen.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 a.m.

"Sicilanto"

Bach

10:30 a.m.

"Three Times I Asked Him"

Frank Hooper

*Doxology

#34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

One: Let us go to fulfill God's call to love our enemies, to confront injustice, to share bountifully with the poor. And may the abounding love of God, the strong foundation of Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit bless us as we depart this place.

All: Amen!

*HYMN

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

#261

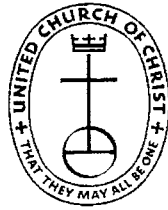
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POSTLUDE

"Toccata on Regent Square"

Smith



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FEBRUARY 27, 2011

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

arr. Bish

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Among the certain

Many: **Among the scared**

One: Among the poor

Many: **Among the privileged**

All: **Christ is calling us to trust and live in God's Way.**

One: In the living room

Many: **In the boardroom**

One: In the classroom

Many: **Where there is no room**

All: **Christ is calling us to trust and live in God's Way.**

One: In our fretting

Many: **In our attending**

One: In our divided loyalties

Many: **In our earnestness**

All: **Christ is calling us to trust and live in God's Way.**

*OPENING HYMN

"This Is My Father's World"

#21

*GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy God of surprises, we know that we cannot serve two masters, but how often we try! Lord, we hear your call to a new way of being. We know the Holy Spirit will be with us as we test the vastness of your love, but it

is hard to let go of what has been. We confess that we see the future as threat rather than hope; we yearn for the good old days, for a kind of comfort and safety that never really was. O Holy One, forgive us for our fears and failings. Set your blessings upon us; confirm in us the truth by which we rightly live and confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn. We ask not for what we want but for what you know we need, as we offer this day and ourselves to you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: The God of all creation welcomes us with open arms, offering love and hope and faith. Fear not. Worry not. We are forgiven.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. *"It is Well With My Soul"*
Lois Duvall

10:30 a.m. *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*
The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:8-16a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.

Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 6:24-34

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

*HYMN
SERMON

"Seek Ye First"
"King of the Hill"

#349

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

First page of 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, forever and ever. Amen.

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Musical Reflection

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Gabriel

*Doxology

#34

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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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

One: May God provide for you all that is needed for body, mind and soul as you walk the journey ahead. May Christ bring you through the balancing times you face and hold you gently with his love. And may the Holy Spirit give you peace when fear is close and may that peace be your home for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

*HYMN

"God Will Take Care of You"

Insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

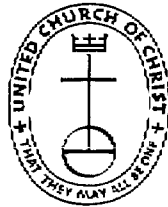
"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

Boehm



TRANSFIGURATION

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MARCH 6, 2011

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

"Vision"

Rheinberger

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!

Many: **We assemble in this sanctuary, this holy place, to meet together away from the distractions of the world.**

One: Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!

Many: **Yes, O God, we will come with excitement, trembling with anticipation, to your holy mountain!**

One: Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain! I am the Sovereign and Holy One. Do not be afraid.

Many: **Come! Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN**

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

#245

***GREETING**

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: God of Mercy and Grace, you come to us in Jesus of Nazareth to break down the dividing walls of hostility between us: yet we maintain walls that separate and isolate. You give us the ministry of reconciliation: yet we nurse our wounds and withhold mercy and forgiveness. You invite us to join with Peter, James, and John on the mountain of Transfiguration: yet we deny the wonders you have worked in our own lives. You ask us to acknowledge and share our wealth: yet we refuse to recognize and relieve the poverty around us. You bless our lives with boundless love: yet we fail to witness to that love, and so keep others from knowing you.

Forgive our selfishness, we pray. Transform us by your Spirit and your Word. Increase in us the faith and courage of the prophets, the love of Jesus, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. In your majestic name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: Here is the good news: By God's mercy, we are forgiven. By God's mercy, we are made whole. By God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

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

#733

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World without end. Amen. Amen*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"The Lord is Lifted Up"

Diane Borkman

10:30 a.m.

"Sing Alleluia"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Exodus 24: 12-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

*Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.*

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 17-1-9

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

***HYMN**

"Holy Ground"

#654

SERMON

"Light for the Journey"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Lemmel

*Doxology

#34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

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Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

One: The time has come to depart this holy place.

Many: **God is calling us down from the mountain to work and to witness.**

One: Be not afraid. The Spirit of the Living God goes ahead of you, with you,
guiding you.

All: Amen.

*HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

#502

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

"O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair"

arr. Jordan

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March 9, 2011

Ash Wednesday

7:30 p.m.

PRELUDE

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Walther

GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***LITANY OF JOURNEYING TO THE CROSS**

One: 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.

Many: **Let us return to the Lord, our God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

"Search Me, O God"

#385

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All: **Because temptation is woven into the fabric of our lives, and we know the weariness of forty days in the desert, and the beckoning power of sweet fruit, and the vain promises of the world, we need you, God.**

(moment of silent reflection)

One: We need you, God.

All: **Because we trust in what we can see, and we are blinded by our prejudices, and we do not know what we do not know, we need you, God.**

(moment of silent reflection)

One: We need you, God.

All: Because our need for correctness exceeds our need for truth, and our excuses preempt the cry of the wounded, and our celebration of blessing is mindless of those displaced, we need you, God.

(moment of silent reflection)

One: We need you, God.

All: Because you came among us, and breathed into our sinewy souls, and healed our pain and let us wound you, and loved us to the end, and triumphed over all our hatred, we need you, God.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Almighty God does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. For 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. God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. My friends in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

Many: Praise be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

*HYMN

"Refiners Fire"

#374

MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY – 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.

OFFERING

Offertory

"O Divine Redeemer"

Frank Hooper

***Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

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

All: Gentle God, we thank you for this Lenten hour of worship where you have strengthened us for the journey ahead by refreshing us at your table. Deepen our prayer. Teach us to understand ourselves, to be reconciled with one another and to love you with profound joy. Lead us into such simplicity of faith and honesty of spirit that we may endure temptation and be renewed in grace. Amen.

***PARTING BLESSING**

***SENDING HYMN**

"The Old Rugged Cross"

#260

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

"Savior, When in Dust to Thee"

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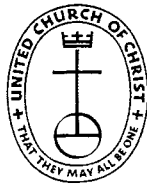
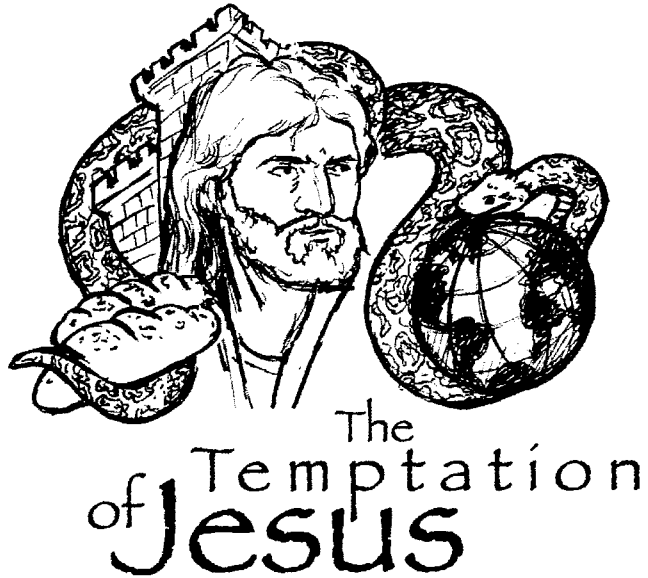
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MARCH 13, 2011

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace"

arr. Bish

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Lent is an opportunity for honest self-assessment and penitence, for coming clean and accepting the loving discipline of Christ Jesus.

Many: **Many are the problems of those who are unrepentant, but steadfast-love enfolds those who trust in God**

One: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, you people of faith! Shout for joy all you who stand tall by God's grace!

Many: **God is our hiding place and our refuge in the time of distress. We turn to God now, seeking comfort from the wounds of the world and power to face all our afflictions.**

*OPENING HYMN

"What a Friend We have in Jesus"

#473

*GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God our Creator and Redeemer, we confess to you and to each other that we are people who often fail in the hour of temptation. We sometimes put up a worthy fight, only to lose the ground in an unguarded moment. For the times we have deceived ourselves and others, with divided thoughts and purposes, creating emptiness of soul and unhappy relationships, forgive us O God. For the times we remain silent, fearful of inner truths, resistant to real change and truthful, intimate exchange, forgive us O God. For the times we believe the Tempter who tells us that your ways are unfair, and so rebelliously turn our backs on you, forgive us O God. Remove not only our guilt but also the mind games through

which we seek to justify ourselves. Give us a new start. As we journey with Jesus, may we learn how to say 'no' to all that tempts us. Through Jesus Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: In Christ's life, ministry, death and resurrection, we are made able to persist, upright and strong, for our sins are forgiven.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00

"Search Me, O God"

Florence Gundlach

10:30

"You Are My Hiding Place"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 4:1-11

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

***HYMN**

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

#252

SERMON

"Letting Go"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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And he will raise you up on eagle's wing. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

arr. Binckes
Hamburg

***Doxology**

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***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

One: Beloved of God, go now to be the people of God; resisting temptations based on false promises:

Many: We will rest in the hope of God.

One: Resisting temptations that lead to isolation:

Many: We will reach out more to a world in need.

One: Resisting temptations that lead to destruction:

Many: We will love creation.

One: And in all these things, may the Spirit of Christ fill and inspire all your deeds.

All: Amen.

***HYMN**

"Jesus Lover of My Soul"

#439

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

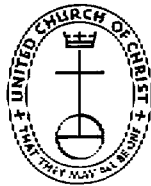
"O Savior Blest"

Bach



Lent

The Parables of Jesus



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MARCH 16, 2011

FIRST WEDNESDAY IN LENT

7:30 p.m.

GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

GATHERING IN SONG

LITANY PRAYER FOR MERCY

All: Holy and most Beautiful Lord, we are humbled by your compassion and mercy. We have made our commitment to you and have started a new journey into purposeful growth. Yet we recognize that within us is much that has hurt and offended you. We seek now to renew our commitment and consciously deepen our relationship with you.

(Time of Silent Reflection)

One: God of Eternal Love, we know that if we are to remain faithful, we need your help and your strength. And so, when we pray because we desire others' good opinion,

Many: **Forgive us, Lord, and teach us to pray with faith and to worship with passion.**

One: When we fail to do unto others as we would like them to do unto us,

Many: **Forgive us, Merciful One, and teach us to gather together with love and read your Word with understanding.**

One: When we keep for ourselves more than what we need,

All: **Forgive us, O God, and teach us to give generously, serve compassionately and use our time mindfully so that we may reflect your goodness, and that others may discover your grace through us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1-16

MESSAGE "The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard"

*HYMN "Amazing Grace" #422

LENTEN PRAYERS – 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.

OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

Hamburg

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*Prayer of Dedication

*SENDING FORTH

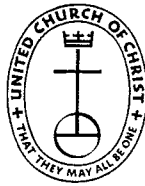
*PARTING HYMN "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

#405

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POSTLUDE



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MARCH 20, 2011

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes"

Schreiner

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: From where does our help come?

Many: **Our help comes from God who made heaven and earth.**

One: With the angels in the highest heaven

May: **Let us worship the Lord.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above"

#56

*GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Lord, you know we love you, and we know what you ask us to do....
but for those times when we have been too busy, when we have been hard-hearted, when we have been reluctant and lukewarm, we say sorry and ask for your forgiving love.

Silent Reflection

One: Let what we say and do here, what we ponder and decide here,

All: **Be real for us and honest to you, that we may take bold steps in our journey as your called people. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Lift up your eyes! God loves the world - God loves you! In God, there is welcome, courage, companionship, constant forgiveness, and renewed strength.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00

"God So Loved the World"
The Choir

10:30

"God So Loved the World"
Frank Hooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 3:1-17

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

***HYMN**

"There Is A Redeemer"

#117

SERMON

"The Walk of Faith"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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, forever and ever. Amen.**

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.

Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH
Call for the Offering
Musical Reflection

"To God Be the Glory"
"I'd Rather Have Jesus"
Frank Hooper

Crouche

*Doxology

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Hamburg

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

One: The love of the faithful Creator, the peace of the wounded Healer, the joy of the challenging Spirit, the hope of the Three in One surround and encourage you today, tomorrow and forever.

All: Amen.

*HYMN

"Trust and Obey"

#443

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

Bach

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MARCH 23, 2011

SECOND WEDNESDAY IN LENT

7:30 p.m.

GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

GATHERING IN SONG

LITANY PRAYER FOR MERCY

All: Holy and most Beautiful Lord, we are humbled by your compassion and mercy. We have made our commitment to you and have started a new journey into purposeful growth. Yet we recognize that within us is much that has hurt and offended you. We seek now to renew our commitment and consciously deepen our relationship with you.

(Time of Silent Reflection)

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One: When we keep for ourselves more than what we need,

All: Forgive us, O God, and teach us to give generously, serve compassionately and use our time mindfully so that we may reflect your goodness, and that others may discover your grace through us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:1-9

MESSAGE "The Parable of the Shrewd Manager"

*HYMN "I Surrender All"

#474

LENTEN PRAYERS – 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.

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

Hamburg

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*Prayer of Dedication

*SENDING FORTH

*PARTING HYMN "Take My Life and Let it Be"

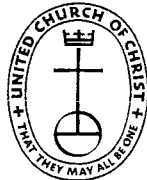
#466

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

Healing
Water



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MARCH 27, 2011

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"* arr. Johnson

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Many: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

One: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Many: For the Lord is our God, and we are God's people

***OPENING HYMN** *"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"* #9

***GREETING**

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: God of grace and truth, we bring all of ourselves to you, all of the good, the bad, and the ugly. We entrust our hidden, fearful, and fragile selves to your transforming power and gentle, loving care.

(Silent Reflection)

One: For every time we have attributed your miracles in our lives to our own hands alone,

Many: Forgive us, we pray.

One: For every time we promised to trust you but turned to our own way when your response did not come soon enough or in the way we expected,

Many: Grant us mercy, O God.

One: For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness that we have refused,

Many: Show us what it means to love, again, dear Lord.

One: For each way we put our own understandings above your wisdom; For each time we resist your command to be reconciled with those who believe differently from us,

Many: Direct us in the way of peace, we pray.

One: For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence, and our indifference to the suffering around us,

All: Forgive us, Loving One, remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. For Christ's sake we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: Because of God's great love for us, we have peace with God and access to God's grace all through Jesus Christ who, while we were still sinners, died to free us from the bondage of sin. In Christ we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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

#733

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00

"Fill My Cup Lord"

Florence Gundlach

10:30

"Healer of My Soul"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 4:5-42

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

*HYMN
SERMON

"Woman in the Night"
"Healing Waters"

#364

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00) Apostle's Creed First page of Hymnal
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:30) Insert
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come.
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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"All Who Are Thirsty"
"Fill My Cup Lord"

Brown-Robertson
The Choir
Hamburg

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

One: Depart from this time of worship, restored and refreshed by the living
water of Jesus, the Rock of our salvation.

Many: **We go in the power of the Holy Spirit, to praise God's holy name, to be
witnesses of God and ambassadors of reconciliation.**

All: Amen

*HYMN

"O Christians, Haste"

#565

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Cwm Rhondda"

Hegarty

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MARCH 30, 2011

THIRD WEDNESDAY IN LENT

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GREETING

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GATHERING IN SONG

LITANY PRAYER FOR MERCY

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***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:1-19

MESSAGE

"The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Maidens"

*HYMN

"Spirit of God Descend up my Heart"

#132

LENTEN PRAYERS – LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

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Hamburg

*Prayer of Dedication

*SENDING FORTH

*PARTING HYMN

"Shall We Gather at the River"

#522

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE



Jesus Heals a Blind Man



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APRIL 3, 2011

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let us praise God who meets our needs and leads us to places of tranquility and rest.

Many: Let us praise God who comforts us and replaces our fears with overflowing love.

*OPENING HYMN "The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well" #73

*GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Jesus, Light of the world, you penetrate the darkness with your love and your life, graciously enlightening us in ways which enable us to see the world and our neighbors as you see them. We confess, however, that there are times when we choose to reject the gift of your insight, preferring to 'close our eyes' to the pain and suffering which are daily experiences for so many people.

(silent reflection)

One: When selfishness blinds us to the needs of others;

Many: **When our insensitivity blinds us to the hurt we cause others;**

One: When our prejudices blind us to the equal dignity and worth of others;

Many: **When our pride blinds us to our own faults;**

One: When the lure of materialism blinds us to the poverty of others;

All: Jesus, Light of the world, forgive us, and help us to walk in your light so that goodness, righteousness, and truth are made visible as we reflect your love and your mercy in and through all we say and do. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: Hear the good news! Once we were darkness, but now in the Lord we are light. Know that we can live as children of the light because in Jesus, Light of the world, we are enlightened; we are healed; we are forgiven.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00

"He Grew the Tree"

Claire Hovermill

10:30

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 9:1-41

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

***HYMN**

"Open Our Eyes"

#491

SERMON

"Here's Mud In Your Eye"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

Last page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Shine Jesus Shine"

Kendrick
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**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

One: May the goodness and mercy of God enfold you, the glory and light of Jesus Christ shine upon you, the insight and power of the Holy Spirit inform you this day and every day.

All: Amen.

***HYMN**

"Now Let Us from This Table Rise"

#715

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

"Christ the Lamb of God"

Bach

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APRIL 6, 2011

FIFTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

7:30 p.m.

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GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

GATHERING IN SONG

LITANY PRAYER FOR MERCY

All: Holy and most Beautiful Lord, we are humbled by your compassion and mercy. We have made our commitment to you and have started a new journey into purposeful growth. Yet we recognize that within us is much that has hurt and offended you. We seek now to renew our commitment and consciously deepen our relationship with you.

(Time of Silent Reflection)

One: God of Eternal Love, we know that if we are to remain faithful, we need your help and your strength. And so we ask, when we pray because we desire others' good opinion,

Many: Forgive us, Lord, and teach us to pray with faith and to worship with passion.

One: When we fail to do unto others as we would like them to do unto us,

Many: Forgive us, Merciful One, and teach us to gather together with love and read your Word with understanding.

One: When we keep for ourselves more than what we need,

All: Forgive us, O God, and teach us to give generously, serve compassionately and use our time mindfully so that we may reflect your goodness, and that others may discover your grace through us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:15-24

MESSAGE

"The Parable of the Great Banquet"

*HYMN

"As We Gather at Your Table"

#695

LENTEN PRAYERS – 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.

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

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

*SENDING FORTH

*PARTING HYMN

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

#504

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

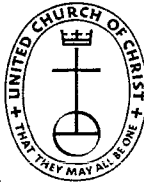
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POSTLUDE



"I am the
resurrection
and the
life."

JOHN 11:25



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Out of the Deep I Cry to Thee" Boehm

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Out of our weary depths we cry to you, O God.

Many: **Hear us, we pray.**

One: Our souls wait for you more than those who watch for the morning.

Many: **More than those who watch for the morning.**

One: People of God, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love.

Many: **With the Lord there is great power to redeem! Revive us once again O God.**

*OPENING HYMN "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #461

***GREETING**

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: Compassionate God, one breath from you and we are rescued from the arid valley of dry bones, and filled with the holy hope you grant to all your faithful children. Yet still we act as though the pains of this world have final claim upon us. We give in to the despair and hopelessness of death, not trusting in your ability to call forth new life from the tombs of our lives. Forgive us for doubting your power to raise up new life in the midst of all the deaths we experience. Forgive us for wanting to limit you to "the last day" or "the world beyond this one", not trusting you to move and act among us, within us, through us. Forgive us, that our whole lives might be filled with the life-breath of the Spirit. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: "Come out," Jesus calls, and unbinds us from the chains of our past. We are free in the spirit of God, and forgiven all our sins.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00

"Solo"

Denise Kelly

10:30

"He Grew the Tree"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:6-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 11:1-45

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

***HYMN**

"I am the Bread of Life"

#703

SERMON

"Coming Out of the Valley"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS WITH BAPTISM

Insert

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, forever and ever. Amen.

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00

"Solo"

Denise Kelly

10:30

"Lord of the Dance"

Shaker Melody

***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**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

One: Come out! Jesus commands,

Many: And calls us from the tombs of our existence into the brightness of a new day.

One: Come out! Jesus calls,

Many: And entices us into a world filled with grace and possibility.

One: So: Go out!

Many: Into a world that needs our life, our breath, our spirit!

One: Go out!

Many: Into the world to live as God's resurrected people!

One: Go out: and go on the breath of God's Holy Wind!

All: Amen.

***HYMN**

"Because He Lives"

#447

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

"Why Has Thou Forsaken Me?"

Yardumian

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APRIL 13, 2011

SIXTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

7:30 p.m.

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GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

GATHERING IN SONG

LITANY PRAYER FOR MERCY

All: Holy and most Beautiful Lord, we are humbled by your compassion and mercy. We have made our commitment to you and have started a new journey into purposeful growth. Yet we recognize that within us is much that has hurt and offended you. We seek now to renew our commitment and consciously deepen our relationship with you.

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***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:33-41

MESSAGE "The Parable of the Tenants in the Vineyard"

*HYMN "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

#263

LENTEN PRAYERS – 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.

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

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

*SENDING FORTH

*PARTING HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

#261

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

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APRIL 17, 2010

PALM SUNDAY

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

arr. Kauffman

*WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Daughter of Zion, behold! Your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Many: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

*OPENING HYMN

"The Palms"

Insert

*GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Savior God, you come to us in ways we never expect. How is a king on a donkey? We miss the coming of your realm as we look to the ways of the world to bring us security and fulfillment. We confess that the palms we wave with joy today will be thrown down tomorrow with doubt. Though we say we love you, we lack the courage to follow you to the cross. Forgive us, Merciful One. May your Spirit guide us through this Holiest of Weeks, helping us to live our praise of you through a renewed compassion and love for your world. We pray for the sake of Christ's present and coming kingdom. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Where and when we fail, God is there to make all things new. Receive the Good News, you are forgiven and cherished.

Many: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest Heaven.

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"The Holy City"

Solo - Lois Duvall

10:30 a.m.

"The Holy City"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 21:1-11

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

***HYMN**

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

#265

SERMON

"Riding the Wave"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

First page of 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*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

arr. Innes
Hamburg

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

One: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Many: **Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

One: In the week ahead may God grant us all to follow faithfully where Christ leads us, and may we all know the courage and certainty of God's presence strengthening us along the way.

All: **Amen**

*HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

#267

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

arr. Innes

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It's 60th Last Supper Tableau And Dramatization

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

Bach

***DOXOLOGY**

Hamburg

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Room at the Cross"

Ray Eberle

DRAMATIZATION OF THE LAST SUPPER

***BENEDICTION**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

#264

POSTLUDE

"O Saviour Blest"

Bach

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James the Less	Paul Bauersfeld
Andrew	Abe Price
Judas Iscariot	Carl Price
Peter	Timothy Watkins
John	Brandon Hovermill
Thomas	Craig Sparks
James the Great	Henry Leasure
Phillip	Art Jones
Matthew	Calvin Gundlach
Thaddeus	Harvey Jacob
Simon	William Single III
Narrator	Diane Borkman
Voice	Clarence Rowell
Music	Rob Gundlach
Song	Ray Eberle
Co-Directors	Arlene Pate
	Carol Borkman
Hair Stylist	Diane Borkman
	Althea Schrodt
Lighting	Chris and Will Thomson
Helpers	Jennifer Borkman
	Cass Young
	Pat Jenkins
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APRIL 21, 2011

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:30 P.M.

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PRELUDE

"Ah, Dearest Jesus"

arr. Middleton

WELCOME

***GATHERING WORDS**

One: Come and remember the love of Jesus, gathered at table with his friends.

Many: **We come to receive from Christ the bread of life, the cup of blessing;**

One: Come, receive the tender service Christ offers each of us;

Many: **We come to receive also the challenge of the new commandment: "Love one another."**

One: Come and confess the many temptations of a world that would entice us, like Judas, to betray the trust of a faithful God.

Many: **We come to travel with Jesus the way of the Cross, so that our Easter "alleluia" will take on new meaning.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"My Song is Love Unknown"

see insert

***GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: Gracious God, throughout time you have called us to yourself. In ways too numerous to mention, we have failed to respond. We recognize in ourselves the strengths and weaknesses of Jesus' disciples: although they loved him, they disappointed and failed him. Forgive us when we disappoint and fail you. Guide us back to a place of trust and faithful living. Grant us the vision to see the world as you see it, with love and compassion for each creature

and all of your creation. Replace our arrogance, Merciful One, with the humility and caring service Jesus modeled. Draw us closer to you and your beloved world. Help us receive you with open hearts prepared to love, even to the point of breaking, as we recall this night of Christ and his crucified love. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God gives us grace and more grace. Be assured of this truth, that in Christ you are forgiven!

Many: **What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I shall offer up a sacrifice of thanksgiving.**

***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**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Lamb of God"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

#262

MEDITATION

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection *"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**

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

All: **Holy God, we give you thanks for the Good News of Christ's table. Here we have been filled with hope and peace; bathed in grace and mercy. In remembrance, we go forth: to bring hope where despair resides, to be servants to those who are broken; to love selflessly as we are loved by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

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SERVICE OF TENNEBRAE

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APRIL 22, 2011

GOOD FRIDAY

9:00 A.M.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Were You There?"

arr. Innes

***GATHERING WORDS**

One: On this day, Lord Jesus, you climbed up Golgotha and suffered death upon the cross, for us.

Many: On this day, you endured the humiliation of the betrayal of your disciples, for us.

One: On this day, you looked down and saw the crowd, the people you loved, scream "crucify him!" for us

Many: On this day, you stretched out your arms and, breathing your last, died, for us.

One: On this day, you cast your fate totally into the hands of your Father and descended to the dead, for us.

All: We gather this day in great gratitude to thank you for your immeasurable gift, for us.

***OPENING HYMN**

"O Sacred Head"

#284

***GREETING**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: Crucified and Sovereign Jesus, we come here to stand beside your cross like Mary your mother, and your other faithful disciples, to wait for your word to us. We confess that we have been untrue to you. Like Peter, we have denied you, stood with our neighbors and acted as though we never knew you. We are humbled and filled with shame knowing that even when we betray your love and sacrifice, you do not leave us; even when we break our promises, your word is never broken. Forgive us for being weak in the face of adversity and conflict, for fleeing when the going gets tough, for forsaking you. Fill us with your passion and strength, that we might bring your love to our world. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Our denials of Jesus, have not been enough to shake his love for each of us. Even from the cross we hear his cry for our forgiveness. Friends of God, know now in this moment, we are forgiven.

Many: **Thanks 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!*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

THE PASSION OF CHRIST

John 18:1-12 / Isaiah 53:8

Silent reflection

Ah, Holy Jesus verses 1 and 2

#262

John 18:13-27 / Isaiah 53:3

Silent reflection

Go to Dark Gethsemane verses 1 and 2

#272

John 18:28-40 / Isaiah 53:7

Silent reflection

Lamb of God verses 1 and 2

#281

John 19:1-16a / Isaiah 53:4-6

Silent reflection

My Jesus, I Love Thee! verses 1 and 2

#468

John 19:16b-25a / Isaiah 52:13-15b

Silent reflection

Were You There? verses 1 and 2

#283

John 19:25b-30 / Isaiah 53:11

Silent reflection

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross verses 1-3

#261

John 19:31-37 / Isaiah 53:12b

Silent reflection

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed all verses

#263

John 19:38-42 / Isaiah 53:9
Silent Reflection
Meditation

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Angus Dei"

**Frank Hooper
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**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

One: May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you, now and forever.

All: Amen.

***HYMN**

"Near The Cross"

#479

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

(Please be seated while the bells toll 33 times, symbolic of each year of Jesus' life, pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE

"Rest in Peace"

Bach

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APRIL 24, 2011

EASTER DAY

6:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

arr. Shearing

WITNESSES TO THE RESURRECTION

The Light of the World

The Linen Cloth

The Bread of Life

The Fruits of the Vine

One: People of God, Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

#288

*GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God of good news, we confess to you that while we know well the story of your victory over the grave, it is not a story we always live. We are dragged down by all manner of death: fear suffocates us, we lose hope and let go of dreams for ourselves, our families, our communities and our nation. Sorrow walls us off like a grave, isolating us with anger, frustration, and grief. Yet the lives of your faithful witnesses are filled not with the marks of death, but with the word, "Alleluia!" So on this Easter morning, we pray that you will fill us with "fear and great joy" so that, like

those women who came to the tomb expecting death, we may instead find the radiant new life that is ever before us in your Resurrection. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Like the angels at the empty tomb, God breaks into our lives with the wonderful news that Christ lives and we are set free from all manner of death. All is made new on this Resurrection morning!

Many: **Our prayers have been answered! God has become our salvation. Alleluia!**

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

Hyfrydol

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior who has won the victory
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctify
Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

6:00 a.m.

"He Lives"

Solo - Darlene Waters

10:30 a.m.

"I Live"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 28:1-10

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

***HYMN**

"Thine Is the Glory"

#310

SERMON

"Earth Shaking"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

Back page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

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Musical Reflection

"Thine Be the Glory"

arr. Johnson

***Doxology**

#34

*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

Insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

One: Go into this Easter day filled with the urgency of those first witnesses to the resurrection, to live lives renewed in hope and glory, and to offer a message of tremendous joy. For Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed!

All: Alleluia and amen!

***HYMN**

"The Day of Resurrection"

#298

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

arr. Innes

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APRIL 24, 2011

LIVING CROSS

9:15 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me"

#437

OPENING PRAYER

THE STORY OF THE LIVING CROSS

THE CROSS COMES TO LIFE

EASTER GREETING

One: Christ is Risen!

Many: **He is Risen Indeed!**

One: Alleluia

Many: Alleluia

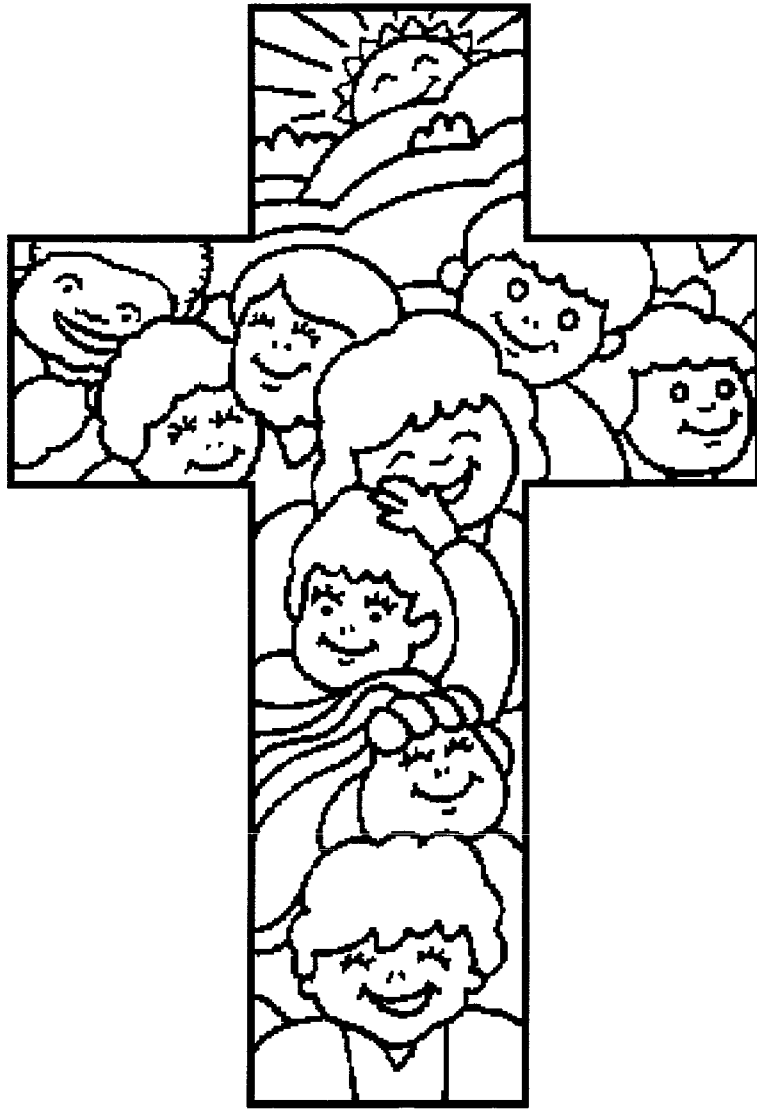
BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

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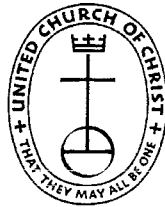
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be with you.
As the Father has
sent me,
so I send you."

John 20:21, NRSV



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MAY 1, 2011

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Fugue of Jesus Christ is Risen Today"* Lowe

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

One: We have not seen the risen Christ,

Many: **But we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.**

One: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

Many: **But we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.**

One: Come, let us worship the Risen One.

Many: **For God has done great things for us!**

*OPENING HYMN *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"* #295

*GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Redeeming God, with you there is always more life, more hope, more joy. Into our uncertainties and faltering days, your voice echoes in our hearts: "Peace be with you." Forgive us when we are locked into patterns of anxious behavior, when we are folded into ourselves by deep hurt, when we are frightened by what others may think, forever doubting that you are at work in the darkest moment and the everyday, under-noticed plod of life. Open us now to your love that we might be healed and set free by your peace and grace. Call us out of our tombs and fill us with trust, hope and courage. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: From the shadows of life, God brings us into the Light of Christ. From the prison of sin and death, God sets us free to live in hope.

Many: **The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has raised him from the dead, and given us new life. Thanks be to God.**

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

Hyfrydol

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior who has won the victory
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctify
Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"Because He Lives"

Lois Duvall

10:30 a.m.

"Mighty to Save"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 20:19-31

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

***HYMN**

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

#289

SERMON

"Evidence"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

Last page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

***Doxology**

#34

*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

Insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

One: Go...to follow the new path that Christ has forged for us. Go...with the love of God enfolding you, the peace of Jesus Christ within you, and the breath of the Holy Spirit inspiring you.

All: Amen.

***HYMN**

"Lift High the Cross"

#287

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

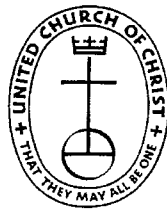

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POSTLUDE

"Fantasia in G Minor"

Bach

WALK with the RISEN LORD



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MAY 8, 2011

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Baloche

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Sisters and Brothers, now is the time to praise God who hears our prayers, who draws near to us, and brings new life out of death.

Many: **Loving God, we welcome your living presence in our midst. Receive our joy and our thanks for the life you give us. Shower us with your love!**

One: Let us lift our voices and our hearts in love, thanks, and praise!

Many: **We will praise the Lord as long as we live!**

*OPENING HYMN

"Faith of Our Fathers"

#530

*GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: **Risen Lord Jesus, we relish the joy which burns within our hearts when you are with us. Yet, we know that there are things in our lives that keep us from recognizing you. We become so full of ourselves that we block you right out of our lives. We are guilty of being slow of heart when we don't see you in our neighbor, or in the guise of the poor or the dispossessed. Forgive us, Dear Lord, and help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders our awareness of your presence with us. Press us to share the hope and joy of your love, so that those who hunger for spiritual food may be filled by our witness to your grace. In your name we pray. Amen.**

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One: God has made a way, to all who move out of the old. God speaks this word: In Jesus the Lover you are loved, by Jesus the Savior you are forgiven, through Jesus the Liberator you are freed.

Many: **Thanks be God.**

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

Hyfrydol

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"Lead Me to Calvary"

Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m.

"Order My Steps"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 24:13-35

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

***HYMN**

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

#480

SERMON

"Applied Christianity"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

First page of 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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 a.m.

"Solo"

Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m.

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

**Spiritual
#34**

***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**

One: Go, serving in the name of Christ and rejoicing in the mothering and fathering love of God! And may the victorious life of our Risen Savior, the power of the Spirit, and the love of God embrace you.

All: Amen.

***HYMN**

"Christ is Alive"

#312

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude"

Couperin



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MAY 15, 2011

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Sheep May Safely Graze"

Bach

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Incarnate God, You are the one who comes to us in Jesus Christ.

Many: **Holy One, You are the one who comes to us in the Holy Spirit.**

One: Sovereign of Earth and Heaven, You are the one who calls us to recognize you today and every day

Many: **Gather our hearts and minds this day. Let us worship you in awe and wonder!**

*OPENING HYMN

"Alleluia No. 1"

#291

*GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: **Merciful and Loving God, we confess that our consciousness of you is dimmed by everyday desires and needs. We forget that we are a reflection of your image, and act as though you are a Sunday-only event. Forgive us for our narrow and selfish ways. Save us from cheap grace with your amazing grace. Awaken us from faint-heartedness, O God, that we might turn our heads from shallow concerns to eternal truths. We ask in Jesus' precious name. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Once we were going astray like sheep, but now we have been returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Many: **Thanks be to God**

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

Hyfrydol

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"I Will Glorify Your Name"

The Choir

10:30 A.M.

"Jesus Shepherd, Be Thou Near Me"

Frank Hooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 10:1-10

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

***HYMN**

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

#86

SERMON

"Slow Down"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

First page of 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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 a.m.

"Gentle Shepherd"

Gaither

10:30 a.m.

"He Shall Feed His Flock"

Frank Hooper

***Doxology**

#34

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

One: Go, knowing that the Lord is your Shepherd. And may the blessing of God's goodness and mercy, the comfort and love of Jesus Christ, and the insight and guidance of the Holy Spirit, go with you.

All: Amen

***HYMN**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#440

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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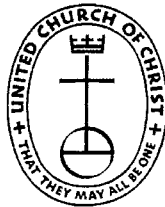
POSTLUDE

"Postlude in C"

Cappelan

**I AM THE WAY,
AND THE TRUTH,
AND THE LIFE.
NO ONE COMES TO
THE FATHER
EXCEPT THROUGH
ME.**

JOHN 14:6



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PRELUDE

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

arr. Innes

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We gather to seek a place of calm,

Many: Within the heart of our Beloved.

One: May our shame melt away with grace,

Many: May we be rescued by Love.

One: When the winds of instability blow,

Many: May our faith be the rock beneath us,

One: May Love encircle and hold us steady.

Many: As we yield our spirits to the steadfast love of God.

*OPENING HYMN

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

#468

*GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Ever-gracious God, from generation to generation you call forth faithful women and men to be willing servants of truth. You offer us the strength and hope to take up the mantle of justice and to follow wherever faith leads us. Yet we confess our fear that it will not be enough. Instead we pray both for great faith and for easy lives, knowing that these things seldom exist together. We pray only to avoid the time of trial when we need also to pray for strength and confidence to face the challenges that come with faithfulness. Forgive us, God, for our limited vision and our feeble trust. Make us strong so that we may

rejoice in your unending grace even in the times of deepest suffering. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy. For the redeeming power of God's love made known to us in Jesus has brought us out of darkness into God's marvelous light.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Hyfrydol

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior who has won the victory
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctify
Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"
Lois Duvall

10:30 A.M.

"I Will Glorify Your Name"
The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 14:1-14

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

***HYMN**

"When Peace Like a River"

#428

SERMON

"No Easy Way Out"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

First page of 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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Jesus is the Cornerstone"

arr. Innes

*Doxology

#34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

One: You are a people bound together in God's mercy and united in Christ's service. Depart from this place in peace and confidence, to love and serve in the name of Jesus the Christ, the living representation of God - our way, our truth, our life.

All: Amen.

*HYMN

"Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

#541

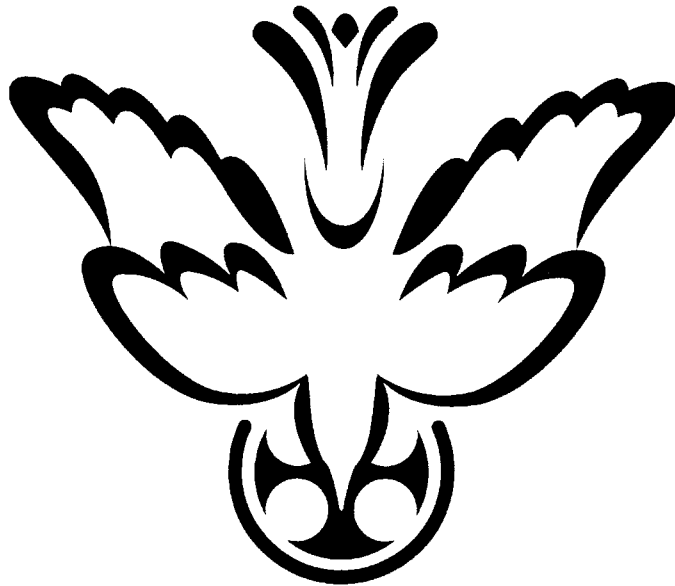
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POSTLUDE

"Toccata on Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

arr. Smith



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MAY 29, 2011

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"The Love of God"

arr. Leatherman

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Bless our God, O people, let the sound of God's praise be heard.

Many: **For God has brought us through fire and through water, to a place of abundance.**

One: Let us come into God's house to pay our vows, to make our offerings.

Many: **We will lift our voices that all might hear what God has done for us.**

One: For truly God has listened and given heed to the words of our prayers.

Many: **Blessed be God, whose love is steadfast.**

***OPENING HYMN**

"We Come, O Christ, to You"

#110

***GREETING**

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: God of our lives, you call us to live gently with our families and friends, yet we confess that we cause great hurt by our words and actions. Created in your image, we instead live as if it were the evil one who shapes our hearts. Given the simple command to love, we often complicate it with our expectations, our fears, our doubts. By your mercy, O God, help us to live out the commandments of Christ beyond these walls, beyond this hour, and in so doing, may we become for the world the very presence of your justice, hope and peace. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Do not be afraid. In love, God forgives us; in grace, God redeems us; in hope, God sends us forth to share this good news.

Many: Through Christ's resurrection, we become new people. Thanks be to God.

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

Hyfrydol

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"Is Anything Too Hard for God"

Diane Borkman

10:30 A.M.

"At the Name of Jesus"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 14:15-21

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

***HYMN**

"Refiner's Fire"

#374

SERMON

"Just What We Need, Another Lawyer"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

First page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Adagio"

Vierne

***Doxology**

#34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

One: Now go back into the world from which you have come and let love be true and freely given. And may you be encouraged and blessed by the Advocate, believing that God is with you always.

All: Amen.

***HYMN**

"America the Beautiful"

#727

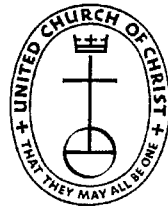
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POSTLUDE

"Fantasia in G Minor"

Bach



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JUNE 5, 2011

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"At the Name of Jesus"

Williams

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: The hour has come to worship our God:

Many: **To gather together as people of faith, to glorify the God of all grace.**

One: The time has come to devote ourselves to prayer:

Many: **To bring the burdens we carry, to lift our hopes to the God who hears us.**

One: The hour has come to rejoice and make God's name known:

Many: **To lift a song of thanksgiving, to praise God for all our blessings.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

#56

*GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God Most High, you created human beings for your glory and pleasure. Forgive us for being self-absorbed and choosing to live solely for ourselves. Forgive us for ignoring the prompting of your Spirit, and for placing our will above yours. Grant us courage to share in Christ's sufferings, to be his witnesses, and to carry your loving compassion to a hurting world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Here the Good News: There is hope for the hopeless, joy for the downtrodden, and peace where there is turmoil, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

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

Hyfrydol

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Alleluia to the Savior who has won the victory
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Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"How Great Is Our God"

Claire Hovermill

10:30 A.M.

"O Magnify the Lord"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 1:6-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 17:1-11

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

***HYMN**

"Cares Chorus"

#493

SERMON

"All In This Together"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

Last page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"He is Exalted"

**Paris
#34**

***Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

One: Go forth from this place to be faithful in suffering, to remain committed through struggle, and to be witnesses for Christ. And may the God of all grace who has called you to eternal glory through Jesus Christ, fulfill, restore, strengthen, and establish you.

All: Amen.

***HYMN**

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

#319

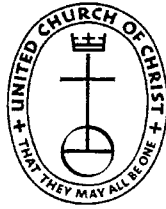
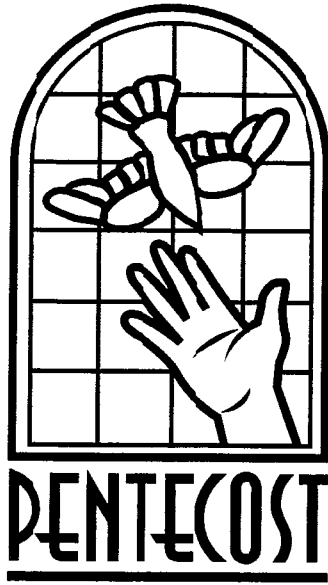
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POSTLUDE

"Improvisation on Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Smith



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JUNE 12, 2011

PENTECOST

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"* Held

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: When the day of Pentecost arrived they were all together in one place.

Many: **Suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled the house where they were sitting, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit.**

One: The Wind of God blows where it will, no one can chart its path or prescribe its boundaries.

Many: **The Fire of God inspires the meek and the poor with gifts, but no one can chose the day of inspiration or choose the kind of gift.**

One: By the one Spirit we are all baptized into the one body of Christ,

Many: **And we all have found refreshment in the one bountiful Spirit.**

One: Bless the Lord O my soul.

Many: **I will praise my God as long as I have being.**

*OPENING HYMN *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"* #132

*GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of every tribe and nation, our gifts are yours to use, yet we often hoard them to ourselves and hide them from others and from you. Your Spirit's power blows into our lives and you inspire us with goodness yet we snuff out your presence with our uncaring ways. Forgive us Holy One when we do not receive your Spirit with gratitude, for running to frivolous things; for forgetting what integrity means. May we turn the

Spirit's reign in our hearts to fire in our lives. May we glow red with power and love, that you may be glorified in us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Receive the Holy Spirit; like a rushing, cleansing wind like tongues of flame upon you. Receive the Holy Spirit; the breath of the risen Christ filled with peace and forgiveness.

Many: We will rejoice in God's healing hope, as long as we have breath.

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"The Center of Your Will"

Diane Borkman

10:30 a.m.

"Come Worship the Lord"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 7:37-39

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

***HYMN**

"Spirit of the Living God"

#492

SERMON

"Filled With New Wine"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

CONFIRMATION RENEWAL LITANY

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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"

Held

***Doxology**

#34

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

One: Go out two by two, and three by three to carry the peace of God wherever the Spirit leads. And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

***HYMN**

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

#334

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Held

A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

John William Strong, Jr.

October 25, 1926 – June 10, 2011

June 14, 2011

11:00 a.m.

*Indicates to stand as able

PRELUDE

*PROCESSION AND OPENING SENTENCES

*HYMN OF ADORATION *"How Great Thou Art"* #51

*GREETING

(L) May 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

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 14

MEDITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

*HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE *"Amazing Grace"* #422

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - 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.

*COMMENDATION

*BENEDICTION

*PARTING HYMN

"The Old Rugged Cross"

#260

POSTLUDE

Psalm 23

The Divine Shepherd

A PSALM OF DAVID.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not 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

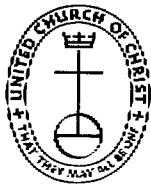
in the presence of my enemies;

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; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside
the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy staff and thy staff
comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



Trinity Sunday



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JUNE 19, 2011

TRINITY SUNDAY

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Variations on Holy, Holy, Holy"

Post

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Called by our Lord Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, blessed by an incomparable Father,

Many: **We come to worship one, holy God.**

One: O God, our God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth.

Many: **Your majesty is the music of the starry skies. Yet even children of dust can sing your praises.**

One: In the name of the Healer, the Provider and the Enabler let your gratitude and joy be made known.

Many: **O God, our God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!**

***OPENING HYMN**

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

#148

***GREETING**

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: Holy God, we were created in your image, an image of mutuality and respect for others. You have given us dominion over the work of your hands. You have charged us to be fruitful and multiply, to make disciples of all nations. Forgive us God, for we have denied our purpose. We have abused the earth's resources for our own selfish gain and the consequences wreak havoc upon the fish of the sea, the birds of the air and every living thing that moves upon the earth. Forgive us God, for we have defiled your image. We have regarded

some of your children as "other" and therefore beyond the reach of your love and care. Forgive us God; for we have sinned.

Silent reflection

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God desires to see broken relationships restored and has heard our prayer. In the name of Jesus the Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven.

Many: **Thanks be to God. Amen**

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"Come Worship the Lord"

The Choir

10:30 a.m.

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

Frank Hooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 28:16-20

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

***HYMN**

"Morning Has Broken"

#35

SERMON

"The Heart of a Father"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

First page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 a.m.

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

arr. Bish

The Choir

10:30 a.m.

"This is My Father's World"

Frank Hooper

***Doxology**

#34

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

One: Go from this place to engage the world with the good news of God through your words and actions. And may the Creator's strength empower you, the Redeemer's love transform you, and the Spirit's presence guide you.

All: Amen.

***HYMN**

"Faith of our Fathers"

#530

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

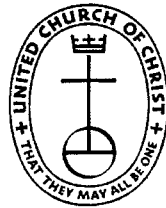
"Finale from Holy, Holy, Holy"

Post



And if anyone
gives even a cup
of cold **water** to
one of these
little ones...
he will **certainly**
not lose his
reward.

Matthew 10:42



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JUNE 26, 2011

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Adagio from Third Organ Sonata"

Guilmant

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: With joy and celebration, God welcomes us to this place.

Many: How good it is to gather in God's house!

One: With joy and celebration, we welcome one another.

**Many: We open our hearts, to welcome God's love;
We open our arms, to welcome God's people;
We open our spirits to worship.**

***OPENING HYMN**

"With Welcome Heart We Greet You Lord"

#567

***GREETING**

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: In your house, Inviting God, there is room for all; yet we admit that we find it difficult to be as accepting as you. You fling wide the doors to your kingdom but we are quick to try to shut them to those who are different from us. Your heart is open so that all might experience your grace, and we reluctantly remember our ungracious words and deeds.

(Silent Reflection)

One: Forgive us, God of every person.

All: **Heal our broken lives; mend our fragmented souls. Open our hearts to your vision of the Kingdom where all are welcome, all are affirmed, all are beloved - even as we receive these gifts from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whom we pray. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. In Christ, we are a new people, forgiven and made whole.

Many: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"To God Be the Glory"

Lois Duvall

10:30 a.m.

"Majesty"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-4

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 10:40-42

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

***HYMN**

"Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"

#389

SERMON

"The Work of Hospitality"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

First page of 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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection *"Andante from Fourth Organ Symphony"*

**Widor
#34**

***Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

One: Go to share the welcoming embrace of God's love. And in so doing, may you be surrounded by the grace and peace of Jesus Christ and renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

***HYMN**

"We Are Called to Be God's People"

#580

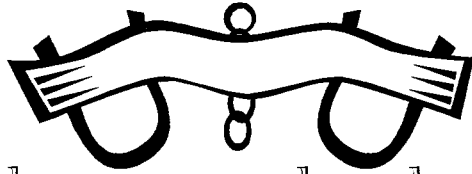
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POSTLUDE

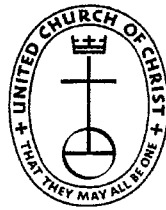
"The God of Abraham Praise"

arr. Innes



For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:30



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JULY 3, 2011

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Adagio from Sonata for Organ"

Powell

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Jesus says: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

Many: **We have come together in the name of Jesus the Christ to worship the God who loves us and sing with the Spirit who fills us.**

One: Let any who are feeling at odds with life, come, and find reconciliation.

Many: **Let any who are sad, come, and find comfort for aching hearts.**

One: Let any who feel worn and weary, come, and find rest for your souls.

Many: **Let any who are afraid, come, and find faith and renewed courage.**

One: Let any who feel ashamed, come, and find unadulterated forgiveness.

Many: **Let any who are feel unwanted, come, and find hospitality that is divine.**

One: Let all who love the Lord come, and let your love overflow in praise.

Many: **By Christ's invitation we are here, for his yoke is easy and his burden is light.**

*OPENING HYMN

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

#728

*GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Jesus, you were a humble man who offered healing, who gave everything so freely, and who cared and noticed and never turned your back. We were created in that very same image. We were created to follow that example: to be humble, to offer healing, to give abundantly, to care, to notice, to pay attention to the need that surrounds us. At times, we follow you Jesus. And, at times, we do not. In the stillness of

these moments, we confess the ways in which we do not follow your example.

(Silence Reflection)

One: God of all mercy, let your grace flow into our lives

All: Clean out everything within us that gets in our way of following Jesus' lead more closely. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends in Christ, there is Good News for us all to hear –

Our God is a gentle God who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God sees it all, and God loves us anyway. God knows it all, and God forgives, anyway.

All: Through Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

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

#733

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

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

World without end. Amen. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

Frank Hooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Acts 17:22-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

***HYMN**

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

#473

SERMON

"Did Paul Have A Bad Day?"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

Last page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection *"Eternal Father Strong To Save"*
Frank Hooper

***Doxology**

#34

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

One: We have come to find rest and renewal in this time of worship. But this is not where we stay.

Many: **This is the place from which we are sent. We go to be the hospitable love of Christ in the world.**

One: And, may the peace of God almighty: Abba, Word, and Spirit, bless you now and always.

All: **Amen.**

***HYMN**

"America, the Beautiful"

#727

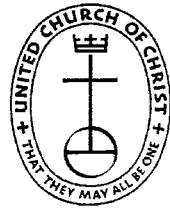
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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Materna"

Smith



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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Adagio from Third Organ Sonata"

Guilmant

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Your word is a lamp to our feet, O Lord, and a light to our path.

Many: **Give us life, O Lord, according to your word.**

One: Accept our offerings of praise and teach us your ways.

Many: **Your decrees are our heritage forever; they are the joy of our heart.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Search Me, O God"

#385

*GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Gracious God, we acknowledge that we too often take for granted your gifts to us: our lives, this world, and your word to us. When we receive your word, may we nurture it so that it grows roots within us. May we not be distracted by the lure of wealth or the cares of the world. Let us be good soil, receiving your word, understanding it, and acting upon it. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We claim what the apostle Paul teaches: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. We are forgiven and free.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Lord God of Abraham"

Frank Hooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 25:19-34

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

*HYMN

"Thy Word"

#664

SERMON

"Down in the Dirt"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

First page of 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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"O Rest in the Lord"

Frank Hooper

***Doxology**

#34

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

One: Go out in joy and be led back in peace.
The mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Go from here in the joy of God, secure in God's presence around you
and within you.

All: Amen

***HYMN**

"Hymn of Promise"

#515

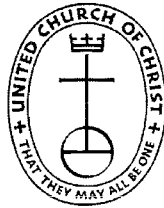
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POSTLUDE

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

arr. Eliot



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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Variations on "Jacob's Ladder"

Young

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We come to celebrate God's blessings to us.

Many: **Surely God is in this place!**

One: We come to open ourselves to God's guidance and love.

Many: **Surely God is in this place!**

One: We come to see more clearly God's presence in our lives.

Many: **Surely God is in this place!**

One: We come to pray, praise, and offer ourselves to God.

Many: **Surely God is in this place! Let us worship!**

*OPENING HYMN

"God Is Here!"

#1

*GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Gracious God, in the fields of our lives, we strive to be fruitful, but we fall short. We often live by the flesh, following those desires that control us. We get so comfortable that we sleep when we need to be vigilant about the errors in our own lives and the injustices around us. We are so casual about wrongdoing that it creeps into our lives and threatens to overwhelm the good we do. We live believing we have no need to share love, kindness, hope with those around us. Forgive us, O God. Keep us awake so that we can produce the lives you call us to live. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Even when we cannot see it, God's hope is all around us, surrounding us with peace and healing. As God's children, in God's embrace, you are forgiven and free.

Many: Thanks be to God, we are forgiven.

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00

"Someday"

Lois Duvall

10:30

"The Center of Your Will"

Diane Borkman

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 28:10-19a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

***HYMN**

"If You Will Trust in God to Guide You"

#429

SERMON

"In Search of God"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH TRIP

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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection *"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"*

arr. Eliot
#34

***Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

One: Go in peace, knowing God's spirit is always with you.
Many: **Who can flee from the presence of God?**
One: If you ascend to heaven,
Many: **God is there.**
One: If you settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
Many: **God is there.**
One: In all places, God holds you fast.
All: **Amen.**

***HYMN**

"Go, My Children With My Blessing"

#719

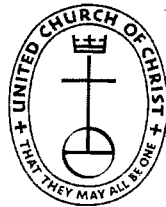
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POSTLUDE

"Fanfare in C Major"

Purcell



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JULY 24, 2011

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Andante from Sonata No. 4"

Mendelssohn

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Early in the morning, we gather at the edge of heaven,

Many: **Finding the gates flung wide open by the One who welcomes all.**

One: Early in the morning, we come to this holy place of worship,

Many: **To be touched by the One who offers us grace and love.**

One: Early in the morning, we worship God, who adopts us into the family,

Many: **To be filled by the One who would pour us out in service to the world.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

#136

*GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of our hearts, you have shaped us in your image that we might humbly serve others. Yet we confess that often we have duped others with our deceit. We promise one thing, only to do the opposite. We struggle to trust you, while we so easily listen to the promises of those who would pull us away from you. Forgive us, God of mercy. Draw us closer to your Heart, that we might be filled with healing and grace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Here the good news: the One who could accuse us, saves us from sin and death. The One who could condemn us, cradles us in grace. The One who could punish us, prays for us. Know there is nothing, no thing, that can separate us from the love of God.

Many: **Thanks be to the One who forgives us.**

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING *"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"*
Frank Hooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING **Genesis 29:15-28**

One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING **Romans 8:26-39**

One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

***GOSPEL LESSON** **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

***HYMN** *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* **#106**

SERMON **"Seeing Beyond the Mystery and the Mess"**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed **First page of 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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection **Solo - Frank Hooper**

***Doxology**

#34

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

One: May the Holy Spirit fill and inspire you with the wonderful knowledge that nothing is able to separate you from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

***HYMN**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#560

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

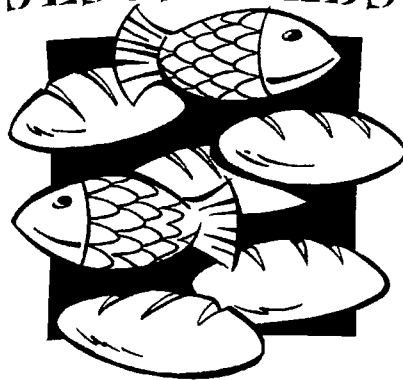
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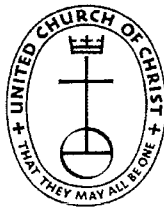
"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

arr. Lowe

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JULY 31, 2011

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

arr. Jordan

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: As you have always been with those who have drawn apart; for solitude, for grieving, for prayer, out of fear or out of hope:

Many: Be with us now, O God.

One: As you have always been with the ones who search or flee; the ones who struggle or hunger:

Many: Be with us now, O God.

One: As you have always been in this place of worship; and in every place where those who sought you have encountered you:

Many: Be with us now, O God.

*OPENING HYMN

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

#138

*GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of all mercy, you see us. You see our struggles, you see our difficulties. You see our possibilities, you see our promise. We confess that our hearts are not always entirely yours. Our love of neighbor falls short. Sin grips us and we cannot break free. The sins in our minds, on our lips, in acts done or ignored, stand between us. In the name of Jesus, have mercy on us. Grant us your renewing forgiveness. Lead us on your paths of righteousness, that we might give glory to your holy name. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The God who gives, gives all. The God who loves, loves all. The God who forgives, forgives all. Through Christ, our sins, every one of them: the sins of commission, the sins of omission, the sins we confessed with contrition – all are forgiven.

Many: **By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Alleluia!**

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Search Me, O God"
Pam Georgiadis, Rob Gundlach

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 14:13-21

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

***HYMN**

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

#665

SERMON

"Simple Beginnings"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

First page of 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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

***Doxology**

#34

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

One: God's peace: carry, keep and hold you.
God's love: nourish, bless and enfold you.
God's spirit: inspire, lift and mold you.
Almighty God: Triune, holy and blessed
Be with you now and forever.

All: Amen.

***HYMN**

"God Be With You"

#716

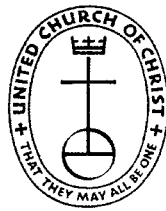
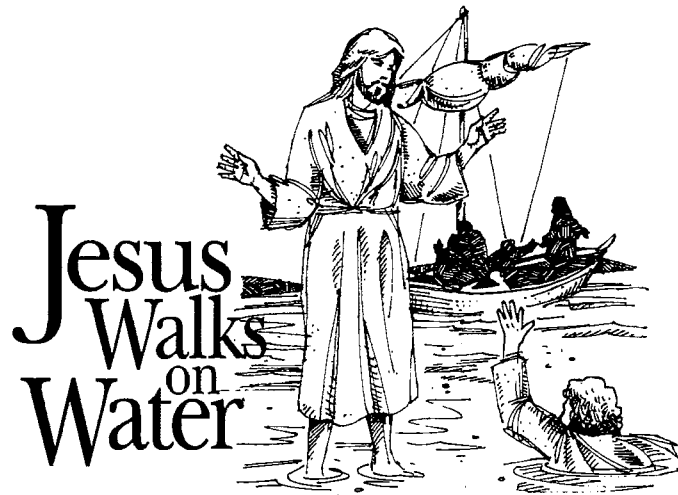
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POSTLUDE

"Prelude in G Major"

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8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me"

arr. Hustad

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Those who wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles.

Many: **They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

One: Come; worship the Holy One who meets you where you are. Come; open yourselves to the God who lifts us up.

Many: **We are here to worship; we are here to surrender to God.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

#71

*GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: **Faithful God we confess that we have turned our eyes to the challenges of this life, and have lost our focus on you and are sinking in sin. We have cast aside our dreams to maintain the familiar. We have cast aside the dreams of others, fearful of what they might mean. God of Presence, as you walked upon the water to meet the disciples, meet us in the midst of the storms in our lives. As you lifted Peter from the water, lift us from despair to hope, from distraction to focus, from death to life. Direct us in your way, work out your purpose in and through our lives. We pray in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Take heart, do not be afraid. Everyone who calls upon God's name will be saved. We are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

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

#733

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Note to God"
Claire Hovermill

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 14:22-33

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

***HYMN**

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

#74

SERMON

"Why Did You Doubt?"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

Last page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

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Musical Reflection

"Adagio"

Mendelssohn

***Doxology**

#34

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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**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

One: Go now to do the work of Christ in the world: extend a hand to those in need, speak up for those others would cast aside, build bridges of reconciliation, strengthen bonds of community. Knowing that the God who created you, the Christ who redeems you and the Spirit who empowers you will be with you this day and ever more.

All: Amen.

***HYMN**

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

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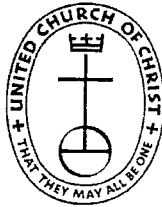
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

WORDS OF GATHERING

- One: Here we can come together, people searching for healing and hope:
Many: **Here we are met by the One who would bless us with abundant life.**
One: Here we are called to gather as the family of God:
Many: **We may find those who are strangers, yet are sisters and brothers of ours.**
One: Here we discover the truth that God makes no distinctions among us:
Many: **Here we are welcomed and embraced by the One whose arms are open to all.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#72

*GREETING

- One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

- All: **Maker of Our Days, you created each of us unique beings with differing strengths and weaknesses. When we fail to recognize you at work in the faith of others, have mercy upon us. Help us not only to use our strengths to assist others but also to allow others to use their strengths to meet our weaknesses.**

(silent reflection)

- One: Restorer of Our Souls, you have seen the parched places we have made in our lives, along with the devastation thrust upon us by the action or inaction of others.
All: **When we try to go it on our own, lacking faith in your providence, forgive us. Meet us in the places of our deepest pain so that our masks of self-**

sufficiency might fall away and we might be drawn into right relationship with you and one another.

(silent reflection)

One: Breath of Our Lives, without you we are but a mound of clay.

All: In all that we have done and all that we have left undone, have mercy upon us. Fill us with your presence, invigorate our worship, set us on fire so that others might be drawn into your light and nurtured by the warmth of your loving care. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God calls each of us by name and cries out with tears of joy as we recognize our need for God's saving grace. Hear the Good News, you have been reconciled with Christ.

Many: Praise be to God who welcomes us as we are, challenges us to let go of our guilt and provides a way for us to walk on together.

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

#733

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World without end. Amen. Amen.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 45:1-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 15:21-28

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

***HYMN**

"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

#638

SERMON

"Famine and Forgiveness"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

First page of 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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

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Musical Reflection

***Doxology**

#34

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Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

One: The gathering of the people of God is ending, the scattering of the people of God to be agents of Christ in many places is about to begin.

Many: **We came on the strength of God's promise of mercy. We leave on the strength of God's promise of presence.**

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Amen.

***HYMN**

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

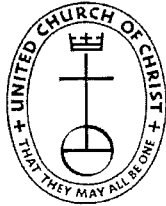
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Many: Who made heaven and earth.

One: Our joy comes from the heart of God,

Many: Who transforms us into open-handed givers of hope.

One: Our grace comes from God's compassion,

Many: Who breaks the bonds which tie us to sin and death.

One: Blessed be the Lord our God!

Many: Who reveals to us the One who brings us new life!

*OPENING HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

#501

*GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God who births new life in us, we acknowledge that sometimes the pain is too much to bear. Our world deals so shrewdly with your people that your renewal seems impossible. Fears of economic uncertainty confront us all and seem to limit our choices. Fears of immigrants and strangers in our midst seem to require walls. Fears about changing traditions seem to require blocks to new family expressions. We lament, mothering God, but we don't push through the fear. Help us to open ourselves to labor with you, that your love may be birthed through our lives. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The God of Moses and Miriam, makes a way for us. By God's mercy and grace, our hearts, our lives, our spirits are transfigured and made new.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

#733

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Exodus 1:8 - 2:10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 16:13-20

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

***HYMN**

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

#466

SERMON

"Giving Birth"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

First page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*Doxology

#34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

One: We go into the world as bearers of God's love.

Many: **We will be transformed by the renewing of our minds.**

One: We will not think more highly of ourselves than we ought.

Many: **We will go to remember we can't do it alone.**

One: We stretch out our hands.

Many: **Our God delivers.**

All: Amen.

*HYMN

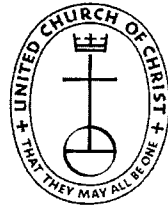
"Christ For the World We Sing"

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September 4, 2011

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Gathered as God's people, we come to worship together:

Many: **Singing praises to the One who loves us, opening our hearts to the One who calls us.**

One: Called to be God's people, we come to share our lives together:

Many: **To celebrate the joys of our hearts, to mingle our tears with God's.**

One: Challenged to follow Jesus to the end, we come to learn how to be disciples:

Many: **Offering our food to our enemies, giving a drink of water to those who have drained our souls.**

* **OPENING HYMN** *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

#82

* **GREETING**

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: God of mercy and forgiveness, you call us to be imitators of your love; a genuine love that holds fast to all that is good. Yet we confess that we sometimes cling to resentments, judgments and negativity.

(silent reflection)

One: Genuine love strives to be mutual, bringing honor to one another

All: Yet we can be demanding, self-serving, and demeaning at times.
(silent reflection)

One: Genuine love seeks to welcome all into the circle of love.

All: Yet we often include only those in whose circles we comfortably travel.

(silent reflection)

One: For all this, and for all that burdens our heart today, O God, we seek your forgiveness.

All: Have mercy on us and hear our prayers. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, hear the good news offered to us! God's mercy extends beyond the sum of all our sin. We are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

#733

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Exodus 12:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

Matthew 18:15-20

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

*** HYMN**

"Come, Share the Lord"

#696

SERMON

"At Ease in Egypt"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Last page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection

* Doxology

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* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.
And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

* HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection"

#298

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Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

INTROIT

"Step by Step"

O God, you are my God and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways;
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
Many: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**
One: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
Many: **Though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.**
One: For the Lord will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
Many: **He will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.**

*** OPENING HYMN**

"Morning Has Broken"

#35

*** GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*** OPENING PRAYER**

All: At your table, Gracious Lord, you told us to always remember; to remember that love is stronger than hate, that good is more powerful than evil, that your faithfulness never falters no matter how dark the circumstances. On this day when we remember just how dark and vicious and frightening hatred and evil can be, we

gather in the shelter of your faithful love. Fill us with your strength that we might always be courageous witnesses to your divine ways. In the words of St. Francis, Lord, make us instruments of your peace, so that where there is hatred we might sow love, where there is injury we might sow pardon, where there is darkness we might sow light. In your Holy name we pray. Amen

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING OF AGE

First Steps...Sunday School/Promotions...

Filling Big Shoes...1 Samuel 17

With the Help of God...Psalm 121...

Passing the Mantle...1 Timothy...

"They'll Know We Are Christians" (#595)

Our God is Mighty to Save...

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You

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, forever and ever. Amen.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Seek Ye First"

* Doxology

#34

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, Alleluia*

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Followers of God, go and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called.

All: Amen

* HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

#559

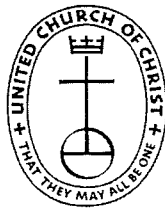
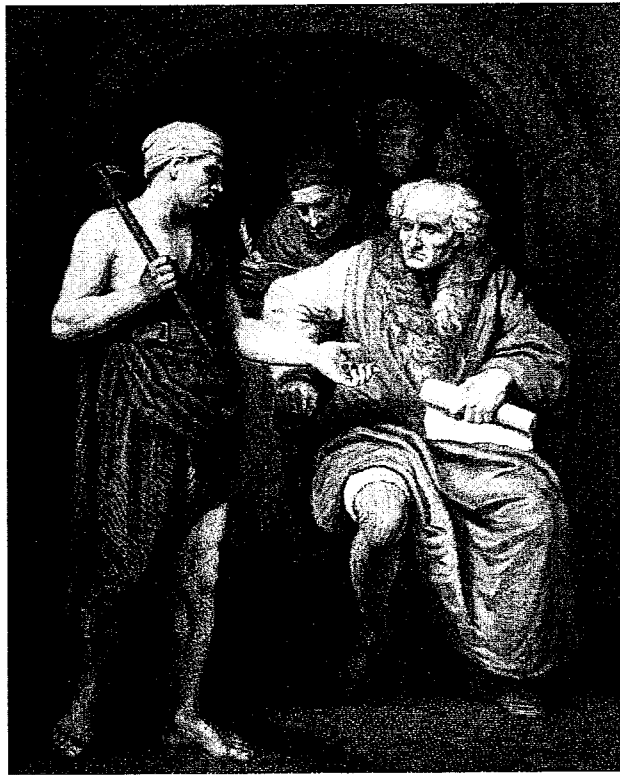
CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Claire Hovermill	Words of Gathering
Shantaya Thomas	Greeting
Amber Sumuel	Opening Prayer
Reverend Cathy	Children's Message, Scripture Reading, Prayers
Kelly Oxendine	Scripture Reader
Brandon Hovermill	Sermon
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September 18, 2011

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Prelude on Stuttgart"

Pethel

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Sing to God, sing praise to God; tell of God's wonderful works.

Many: **With grateful hearts, we sing and tell of the great deeds of God.**

One: Seek the Lord, seek the Lord's strength and presence continually. Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Many: **With grateful hearts, we rejoice in the great deeds of God.**

* OPENING HYMN

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

#113

* GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Creator God, we come to You in the spirit of confession, knowing that at times we fall short of following Your way. At times we are self-centered and we think only of how events affect us, and we view the world as unfair. We do not always celebrate when others receive blessings that we did not; at times we feel that we deserve more and others deserve less. Forgive us, O God, when we cannot see Your reign on earth, when we cannot see our neighbors in Your light and love. Forgive us, O God, when we are concerned about fairness and being right rather than having compassion and doing the right thing. Help us to celebrate with others and to bear each other's burdens, knowing that we are all part of this world together, part of Your reign on earth together. In the name of Christ, the Way, we pray all things. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Sing aloud of God's mighty acts! In grace and mercy, God abounds in steadfast love. We are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am: "Here I Am Lord", Solo by Lois Duvall

10:30 am: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship", The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Exodus 16:2-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

Matthew 20:1-16

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

*** HYMN**

"Give Thanks"

#359

SERMON

"An Attitude of Gratitude"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles Creed

First page of 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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Arietta"

Haydn

* Doxology

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*** SENDING FORTH**

One: Let us continue in our work.

Many: Let us live in manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

One: Let us be in one spirit, striving side by side,

Many: Let us find Christ in our struggles,

One: Let us be surprised by the joy in our faith,

Many: Let us find you, O God, in all our work.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Thanks to God for My Redeemer"

#725

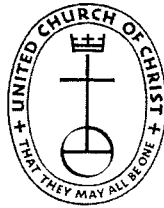
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POSTLUDE

"Recessional"

Battman



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September 25, 2011

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"What Wondrous Love is This"

arr. Innes

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: When the people of Israel were thirsty, God gave water in the rock.

Many: **Praise God for the water of life.**

One: When people were lost without direction, Jesus came to show us the way.

Many: **Praise God for the water of life.**

One: When we cry out in need, God listens to us, and gives us what we need.

Many: **Praise God for the water of life.**

* OPENING HYMN

"As the Deer"

#471

* GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Gracious and loving God, we come to you this morning desiring a change in our lives. We want to turn deeper into your ways. We confess that we have turned aside from following you and we want to walk more fully in your path. Turn us away from the distractions of the world; away from selfish ambitions and conceit, away from hypocrisy and complacency, to remember our part in your family, to bring healing and hope, love and forgiveness. Help us to be mindful of your ways in our daily lives, so that we might not forget the lost and least among us. Call us to your paths of right-living so that we might take part in your covenant with the world. In the name of Christ, who journeys with us now and forever, we pray.
Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Good friends: God is at work in you! God is alive in us, and our sins are forgiven, through Christ, our Savior.

Many: Thanks be to God, who loves us and forgives us!

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am: "How Great is Our God", Solo by Claire Hovermill

10:30 am: "Ancient Words", The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Exodus 17:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

Matthew 21:23-32

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

*** HYMN**

"At the Name of Jesus"

#321

SERMON

"Mission:1"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles Creed

First page of 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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"At the Name of Jesus"

Berry

* Doxology

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go from here and turn toward the poor, the homeless, the downtrodden;

Many: We will go and turn away from the ways of the world and toward Jesus.

One: Turn to the outcast, the marginalized, the imprisoned;

Many: We will turn to the good news of the Gospel of Love.

One: Let us go and embrace The Way of Christ.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

#590

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

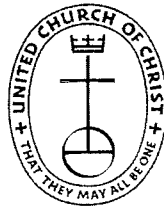
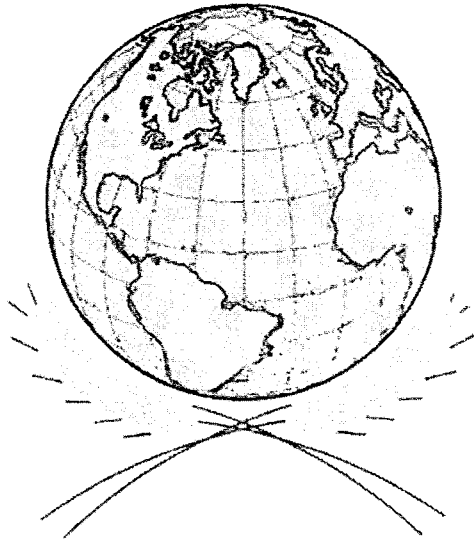
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POSTLUDE

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

arr. Smith

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October 2, 2011

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

arr. Johnson

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

Many: May our worship reflect God's glory.

One: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Many: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

One: Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation
project the love of God.

**Many: We commune with Christians around the world, with Christians
throughout time.**

One: With Christians across the globe and across time,

All: Let us worship!

* OPENING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

#649

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Gracious God, we confess that too often we focus on the differences
among us, rather than celebrating what we share in common.
Forgive us. Help us to be open to your presence among all of your
people and throughout your creation. Help us to remember we are
siblings to all of humanity, each and all of us created in your image.

When we choose conflict, redirect our thoughts and actions to you love and your call to love each other. We pray in Christ who makes us all one. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: As children of God, we are loved tenderly. By the life and love of Jesus, we are forgiven and free.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am: "Softly and Tenderly," Solo by Diane Borkman

10:30 am: "With Broken Bread in Our Hands," The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Exodus 2:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

John 17:20-26

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

*** HYMN**

"As We Gather At Your Table"

#695

SERMON

"Bread and Body"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Last page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table"

Kretchmar

* Doxology

#34

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

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: You have been fed at the table of Jesus, go out now to feed others.
May the blessings of God, the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen

* HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

#712

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Christ, the Lamb of God"

Bach

“DO NOT BE ANXIOUS
ABOUT ANYTHING,
BUT IN EVERYTHING,
BY PRAYER AND
PETITION, WITH
THANKSGIVING,
PRESENT
YOUR
REQUESTS
TO GOD.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:6, NIV



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October 9, 2011

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Andante from Sonata No. 4"

Mendelssohn

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let us gather at the mountain of God's holiness.

Many: **Today is a day to celebrate God.**

One: Let us gather aware of those we left behind to be here.

Many: **Today is a day to stand in the gap between God and God's children.**

One: Let us gather to share in God's presence.

Many: **Today is a day of transformation for us and for God's world. Let us worship God.**

* OPENING HYMN

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

#478

* GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Living God, at times you seem so distant, and like our ancestors of faith we stray from you. When we have fashioned idols of our own desire or worshiped the temples of our own tradition, have mercy upon us. When we have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice, or failed to extend the invitation to others, forgive us. When we have adorned ourselves with worry rather than joy or failed to be gentle, have compassion upon us. Help us to draw near that we might hear your voice guiding us back home to your heart. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Praise be to God, our sins are forgiven. God's steadfast love endures forever

Many: Praise God!

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

#733

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am: Solo by Denise Kelly

10:30 am: "Come Share the Lord," The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Exodus 32:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

Matthew 22:1-14

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

*** HYMN**

"Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult"

#345

SERMON

"Standing in the Gap"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles Creed

First page of 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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 am: Solo by Denise Kelly

10:30 am: "Adagio," (Mozart)

*** Doxology**

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*** SENDING FORTH**

One: Go forth, strengthened to do the work of Christ, standing in the gap, extending the invitation to the eternal banquet, and rejoicing in God. Let your gentleness be known to everyone and don't worry about anything. The God who created you, the Christ who redeems you and the Spirit who empowers you is with you today and ever more.

All: Amen.

*** HYMN**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

#569

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Praise God, Ye Christians, All Together"

Buxtehude

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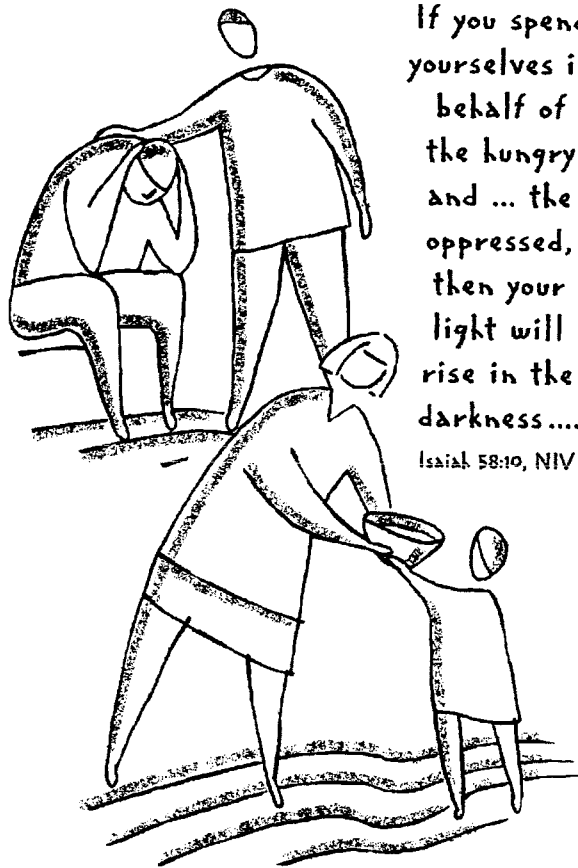
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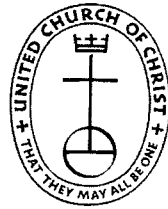
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If you spend
yourselves in
behalf of
the hungry
and ... the
oppressed,
then your
light will
rise in the
darkness....

Isaiah 58:10, NIV



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October 16, 2011

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Adagio from Third Organ Sonata"

Guilmant

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: This is the time to worship our God who is awesome beyond all our ability to comprehend; beautiful beyond all possible imagining.

Many: **The Lord our God reigns, let all the earth tremble.**

One: It is written: "No one could look on the face of God and live."
But we have glimpsed God's glory, in the face of Jesus Christ.

Many: **The Lord our God is holy. Let us exalt in the Lord and worship at his footstool.**

* OPENING HYMN

"O Worship the King"

#2

* GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Gracious God, we confess that we cling to the comfortable, fall back on the familiar, and allow apathy to dull our hearts and our commitment. We shrug our shoulders and say that poverty is inevitable even as it deprives children of the fullness of life that you intend. We throw up our hands at the number of your people without health coverage and accept what is unacceptable. We shake our heads over the bursting prisons but turn away from the things that push young people toward prison rather than keeping them on the path to success. Forgive us, Lord, for callousness instead of compassion, for discouragement instead of determination, for selfishness instead of service. Help us to grow into your ways and find favor in your sight, that we might do justice on the behalf of all your children. We pray in the name of your Beloved Child, the hope of the world. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. By Christ,
God has forgiven each one of our sins. We are made new.

Many: Alleluia, thanks be to God.

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am: "I Have Loved You With an Everlasting Love," Senior Choir

10:30 am: Solo by Frank Hooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Exodus 33:12-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

Matthew 22:15-22

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

*** HYMN**

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

#384

SERMON

"Religion and Politics"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles Creed

First page of 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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*8:00 am: "Adagio" (Mozart)
10:30 am: Solo by Frank Hooper*

*** Doxology**

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*** SENDING FORTH**

One: Here we have known the presence of God.

Many: Here we have seen the glory of God.

One: Go from here carrying God's glory.

Many: We will show it to all God's children.

One: Go to be the people of God, embraced by the love of God, imprinted with the image of Jesus Christ, and invigorated with the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

*** HYMN**

"I Surrender All"

#474

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Karg-Elert



heart

*"Love the Lord your God with
all your heart and with all your
soul and with all your mind."*

Matthew 22:37



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October 23, 2011

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Binckes

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: You, O God, know our hearts.

Many: Guide our hearts, O God.

One: You, O God, see our ways.

Many: Shape our ways, O God.

One: You, O God, call our spirits.

Many: Call us now, O God, as we call on you.

* OPENING HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

#84

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of mercy, grace, reconciliation and goodness, happy are we when our ways are your ways and our spirits are enlivened by your call. We confess however that too often we listen to the counsel of the wicked rather than heed the call of your Spirit. Though we say we love you, we don't always live like we love you. We are quick to make excuses not to attend worship, pray, or help the needy. We turn away from loving others as soon as somebody hurts us or when someone is frightening, confusing, or annoying. We are sorry for so much. You know our hearts, O God, forgive us. Bind our hearts to you so that, in all ways, we may live in the joy of your salvation and the delight of your loving embrace. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God's love is relentless; always seeking the forgiveness and restitution of the wayward, rebellious and the lost. Know that through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Many: **Happy are we, God's beloved ones, made whole through Jesus Christ.**

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

*8:00 am: "In My Heart There Rings a Melody" Solo by Lois Duvall
10:30 am: "I Have Loved You With an Everlasting Love" Senior Choir*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb
Matthew 22:34-46

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

*** HYMN**

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

#519

SERMON

"The Law of Love"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles Creed

First page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Andante from Fourth Organ Symphony"

Widor

* Doxology

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*** SENDING FORTH**

One: We have been given this new week in which to honor the God who is easy to love by loving the neighbors who are sometimes difficult to love.

Many: Not in our own strength are we so commanded but in the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit and in the love of the Lord Jesus through whom all things are possible.

One: Go on your way rejoicing, and may the blessing of the Living God be always yours.

All: Amen!

*** HYMN**

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

#457

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

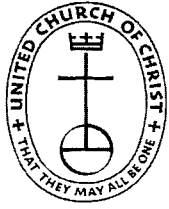
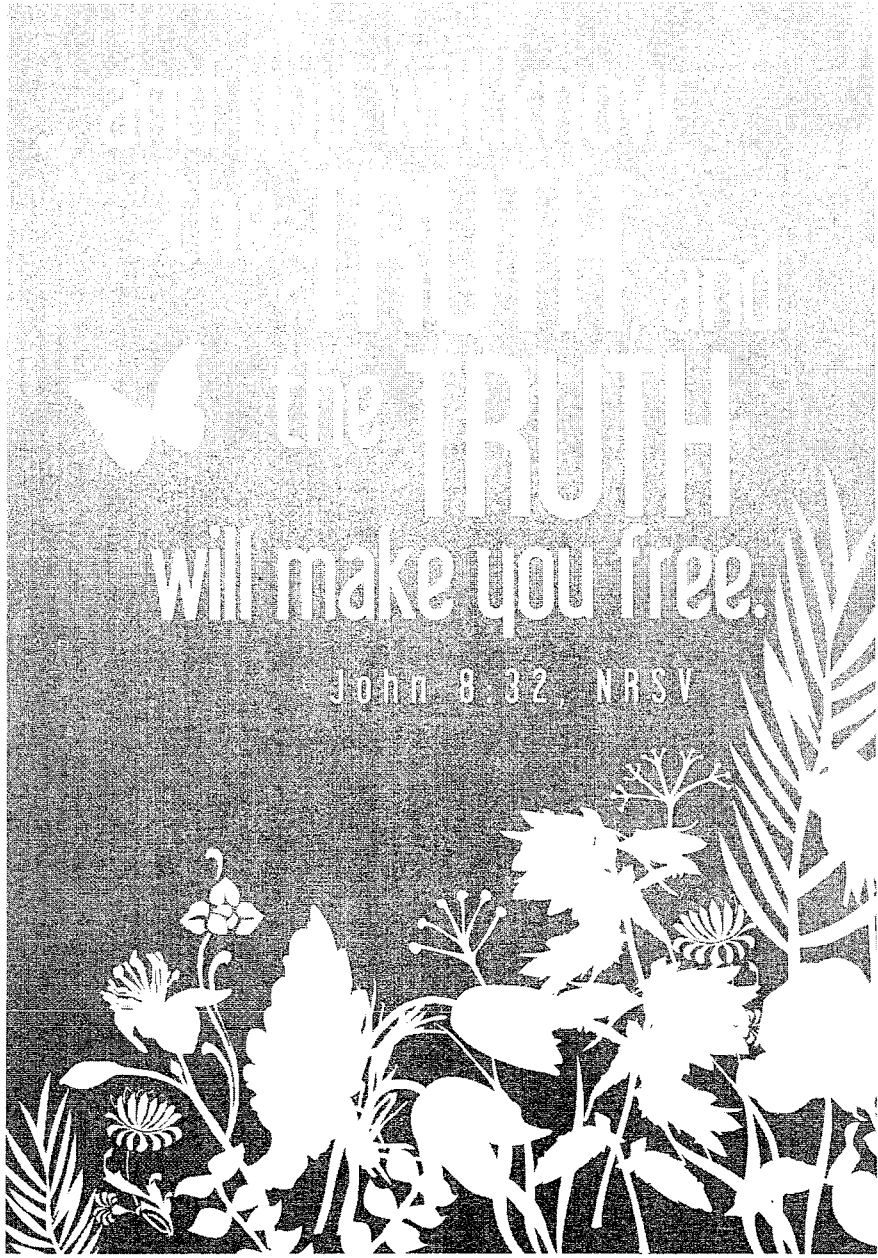
"Toccata on Diademata"

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October 30, 2011

Reformation Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Kittle

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Many: **God redeems us from trouble,**

One: Gathering us from east and from the west,

Many: **From the north and from the south.**

One: God led our ancestors from the wilderness, through the Jordan to a new land.

Many: **We say thanks for God's steadfast love**

One: And God's wonderful works to humankind.

Many: **We worship God with thanks and praise.**

* OPENING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

#507

* GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Almighty God, we confess that we turn away from your ways and follow the ways of the world. We look to our own interests, our own success and fortune, and not the well-being of the poor and the hungry. We even go as far at times to believe you must be with us and not with others, that you are on our side. Forgive us, O God, for not being on your side, for not looking to the ones Christ ate with and ministered to: the sick and the poor, the widowed and the orphaned, the marginalized and the oppressed. Forgive us, and help us to be humble. Keep us mindful that we are all students who continue to learn how to walk in your ways. In the name of Christ, who calls us to seek out the lost and the least, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. In Jesus Christ, God conquers sin and death reconciling the world to God. Rejoice in our gracious God! You are forgiven and free.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am: "Change My Heart, O God" Pam Georiadis and Rob Gundlach

10:30 am: "By Faith" Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Joshua 3:7-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

John 8:31-38

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

*** HYMN**

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

#123

SERMON

"Making Room for the Word"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles Creed

First page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Make Me a Servant"

Willard

* Doxology

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*** SENDING FORTH**

One: Brothers and sisters, those whom God has gathered, God now sends forth.

Many: We are blessed to go in the presence of God who leads us.

One: As long as we follow in the way God is leading –

Many: We know God's realm will surely appear.

One: Go then as the people of God, encouraged and empowered by God who goes with us.

All: Amen!

*** HYMN**

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

#96

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Arr. Hustad

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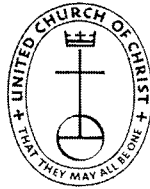


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November 6, 2011

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Prelude on Rhosymedre"

Vaughn Williams

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: God has gathered us to this place,

Many: Where we hear those stories which show us what the kingdom of God is like.

One: God summons us to this place,

Many: Where we can learn how to serve our God without reservation, or hesitation.

One: God will send us from this place,

Many: To tell others of God's hopes and dreams, so they, too, can choose to follow God.

One: Let us heed God's call

Many: Let us worship God.

* OPENING HYMN

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

#11

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(*"The Road Not Taken"* by Robert Frost)

One: Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,/And sorry I could not travel both/And be one traveler, long I stood/And looked down one as far as I could/To where it bent in the undergrowth./(Silent reflection)

One: For the times we have failed to look,

Many: For the times we have failed to understand the difference,

One: For the times we have failed to make a choice,

All: Lord have mercy.

One: Then took the other, as just as fair,/And having perhaps the better claim,/Because it was grassy and wanted wear;/Though as for that the passing there/Had worn them really about the same./(Silent reflection)

One: For the ways in which our choice is shallow,

Many: For the ways in which our sight is limited,

One: For the ways in which we second guess,

All: Christ have mercy.

One: And both that morning equally lay/In leaves no step had trodden
black./Oh, I kept the first for another day!/Yet knowing how way leads on
to way./I doubted if I should ever come back./*(Silent reflection)*

One: For the sorrow of the "might have been",

Many: For the pain of clinging to the past

One: For the doubt that clouds our hope,

All: Lord have mercy.

One: I shall be telling this with a sigh/Somewhere ages and ages hence:/Two
roads diverged in a wood, and I--/I took the one less traveled by./And that
has made all the difference./*(Silent reflection)*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: For the chance to take new paths,

Many: We give thanks to the Lord.

One: For the grace to celebrate the sunrise where we are,

Many: We give thanks to God.

One: For the hope that lies ahead,

Many: We give thanks to the Lord who forgives all our sins. Amen.

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am: "Cherish the Treasure" Solo by Claire Hovermill

10:30 am: "Taste and See" Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

* GOSPEL LESSON

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb
Matthew 25:1-13

* HYMN
SERMON

"The Family Prayer Song"
"Waiting in the Night"

#605

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

* BLESSING FOR MISSION:1

(see insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 am *"The Family Prayer Song"* by Chapman
10:30 am *"Cherish the Treasure"* Solo by Claire Hovermill

* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God 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

One: Go forth into this day with the glory of God moving through you. And may the light of God, the affirming love of Jesus Christ, and the ever-renewing power of the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"We Meet as Friends at Table"

#704

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

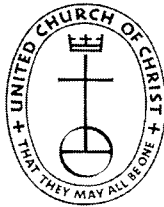
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POSTLUDE

"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"

Kretzchmar

Praise
GOD!!
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November 13, 2011

Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes"

Schreiner

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: This is the Lord's Day, the day of wonder and grace.

Many: This is the day to worship the One who calls us here.

One: This is the Lord's Day, the day we are given joy and peace.

Many: This is the day promised to us, the day of healing and renewal.

One: This is the Lord's Day, and it has come just in time!

Many: This is the day we gather with hope, with faith, with love.

* OPENING HYMN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

#248

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: We joyfully receive your abundant gifts, O God, and we look for ways to invest them in order to increase your realm of love on Earth. Yet we confess that when circumstance and limitations rise up against us, we allow them to cloud our vision for possibilities. Sometimes we think too little of ourselves. We become weighed down with doubt and insecurity and we bury our preciousness under a diminished self-worth. We can allow indifference to have its way in us, growing numb to the world's needs, neglecting our baptismal vocation, and withholding our resources. Despite the abundance of your love, a mindset of scarcity can creep into our community and we can give in to the thought that there is not enough to go around. Forgive us, O God. May we become aware of our own potential and may our imaginations be sparked by the flame of your Spirit until our world overflows with possibilities. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the Good News, created in God's image God has destined us to be free and generous. Let us live in God's forgiveness and power.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am: Solo by Denise Kelly

10:30 am: "Bow the Knee" Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Judges 4:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

Matthew 25:14-30

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

*** HYMN**

"Lord, Be Glorified"

#465

SERMON

"Count Yourself Blessed"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 8:00 am**

Apostles Creed

First page of Hymnal

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, 10:30 am

See insert

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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 am: Solo by Denise Kelly

10:30 am: "Adagio" by Mendelssohn

* Doxology

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go now as children of the light: ready to serve, eager to give, delighted to love. And may God's blessing keep, lead and mold you, now and forever.

All: Amen!

* HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

#466

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

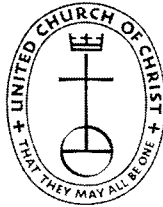
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POSTLUDE

"Prelude in G Major" by Bach



Reign of Christ
Sunday



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November 20, 2011

Reign of Christ Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"On Eagle's Wings"

Arr. Smith

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Many: We know that the Lord is God! We belong to God! We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise. Let us give thanks to the Lord and bless God's holy name.

Many: For the Lord is good. God's steadfast love endures forever, God's faithfulness to all generations.

One: Let us worship with thanks and joy!

Many: Let us praise God in song and word and prayer!

* OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign"

#341

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Loving God, too often, we overlook the needs of people around us while we proclaim our devotion to you. We could do so much more to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, to welcome the stranger, and heal the sick. We fail to see how our prison system diminishes the humanity of all of us, how our medical system denies healing to the poor, how poverty leaves children without coats, how legal obstacles keep the strangers at a distance. Open our eyes to see your presence in every person, and to respond to their needs so that we may be rightly called by your name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Though we wander, God searches us out. Speaking through Ezekiel, God said, "As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick gloom." God reaches out to us, longing to bring us ever closer. Hear this good news: we are forgiven and free.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

#733

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am: "Ancient Words"

10:30 am: "One Body in Christ"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

Matthew 25:31-46

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

*** HYMN**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#440

SERMON

"The Eyes of the Heart"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

TOTENFEST REMEMBRANCE

See Inset

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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 am: "One Body in Christ"

10:30 am: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Shelley

* Doxology

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*** SENDING FORTH**

One: May God give you wisdom and revelation. May the eyes of your heart be enlightened. May you know the hope to which God has called you. And may the blessings of the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer go with you this day and always.

All: Amen!

* HYMN

"For All the Saints"

#529

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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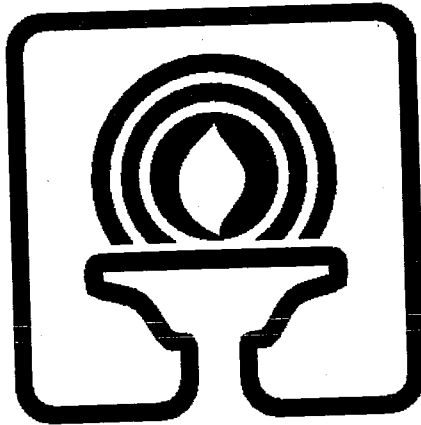
POSTLUDE

"Fanfare on Sine Nomine" by White

A Day of
National Thanksgiving
at
United Evangelical Church



The Canton community of churches
November 23, 2011
7 p.m.



Prayer on the Eve of Thanksgiving

voice of worship leader

voice of the assembly

**stand*

- *Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.*
- *Stay with us Lord, for it is evening, and the day is almost over.*
- *Let your light scatter the darkness, and illumine your church.*

in praise of light

1}
The day you gave us, Lord, has ended,
The darkness falls at your behest,
To you the morning hymns ascended,
Your praise shall hallow now our rest.

2}
We thank you that your church, unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world its watch is keeping,
And never rests by day or night.

5}
So be it, Lord; your realm shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
But stand and grow and rule forever,
Till all your creatures own your sway.

3}
As to each continent and island,
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

4}
The sun, here having set, is waking,
Your children under western skies,
And hour by hour, as day is breaking,
Fresh hymns of thankful praise arise.

thanksgiving for light

- *The Lord be with you; and also with you.*
- *Let us give thanks to the Lord or God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of the universe; in the beginning you called forth light from darkness and set the lights in the sky, to rule the day and rule the night. You led your people Israel into freedom with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light for our journey. For you are merciful and you love your whole creation; and we, your creatures, give you praise and glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

(be seated)

the psalms

1}		4}
Before Jehovah's awesome throne,		We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs,
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy;		High as the heavens our voices raise;
Know that the Lord is God alone,		And earth with all its thousand tongues
He can create, and he destroy.		Shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.
2}		5}
His sov'reign pow'r, without our aid,		Wide as the world is thy command;
Made us of clay and formed us men;		Vast as eternity thy love;
And when, like wand'ring sheep we strayed,		Firm as a rock thy truth shall stand,
He brought us to his fold again.		When rolling years shall cease to move.
3}		6}
We are his people, we his care,		Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Our souls and all our mortal frame.		Praise him, all creatures here below
What lasting honors shall we rear,		Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts.
Almighty Maker, to thy name?		Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Let us pray: (silence) God our Father, you create us as your people and sustain us with your hand. Help us always to give thanks to you; for you are worthy of thanks and praise and honor, now and always. Amen.

(read responsively-)

You are to be praised, O God in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

To you, the one who answers prayer, to you flesh shall come.

Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!

They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas afar off!

You make the mountains firm by your power; you are girded about with might.

You still the roaring of the seas,

the roaring of the waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

Those that dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;

You make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

*You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water,*

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;

with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,

and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

Let us pray: (silence) Lord God, joy is from your presence; beauty, abundance, and peace are your tokens in creation. Work in and among us, that in these signs we may glimpse your splendor, know your love, and praise your goodness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

the office hymn

1}

**Come you thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, does provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.**

2}

**All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield.
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

3}

**For the Lord our God shall come
And shall take his harvest home
From his field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.**

4}

**Even so, Lord, quickly come
To your final harvest home.
Gather all your people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever, purified,
In your garner to abide.
Come, with all your angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home!**

the lessons

the first lesson is from 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Thanks be to God!

the second lesson is from I Timothy 6:6-10; 17-19

But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Thanks be to God!

the gospel hymn

1}

**My heart sings out with joyful praise
To God who raises me,
Who came to me when I was low
And changed my destiny.
The Holy One, the Living God,
Is always full of grace
To those who seek their maker's will
In every time and place.**

2}

**The arm of God is strong and just
to scatter all the proud.
The tyrants tumble from their thrones
And vanish like a cloud.
The hungry all are satisfied:
the rich are sent away.
The poor of earth who suffer long
Will welcome God's new day.**

3}

**The promise made in ages past
At last has come to be,
For God has come in power to save,
To set all people free.
Rememb'ring those who wait to see
Salvation's dawning day,
Our Savior comes to all who weep
To wipe their tears away.**

the prayers

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

*For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.***

*For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.***

*For our bishops, leaders and for our pastor/pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.***

For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

*For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.***

*For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.***

*For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth,
and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.***

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluia.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. (silence for meditation)

*Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord. **To you, O Lord.***

*God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to us that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear and danger, may live in peace and tranquility; through the merits and mercy of Christ our Savior, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. **Amen.***

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

***Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God!**

(be seated)

offerings

gathering of offerings

the offering of the community choir

thanksgivings

community service story, *Health Care for the Homeless*, Kevin Lindamood

thanksgiving hymn

1}

**For the fruit of all creation,
Thanks be to God!
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
Thanks be to God!
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping.
Future needs in earth's safekeeping
Thanks be to God!**

2}

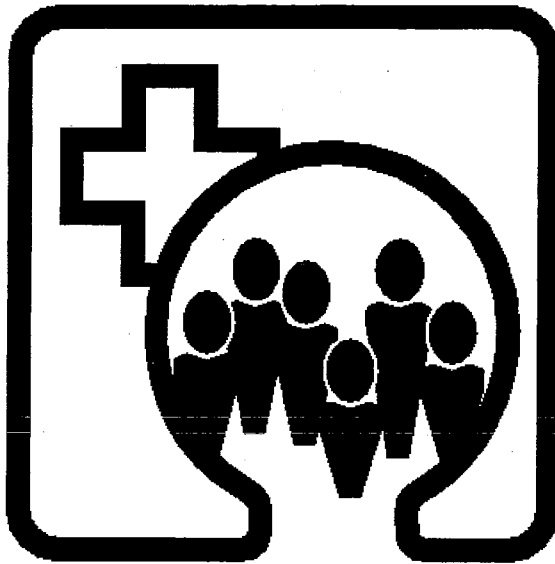
**In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing.
In the harvests we are sharing
God's will is done.**

3) For the harvests of the Spirit,
Thanks be to God!
For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God!
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us
Most of all, that love has found us,
Thanks be to God!

going in joy

**Let us pray: Lord you call us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, along paths we have not trod, amid challenges yet unknown; give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we may go but only that your hand is leading us and your love is supporting us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you. Amen.*



Canton Baptist Church, Steve Wolverton, pastor
First United Evangelical Church, David Flaherty, pastor
Messiah Lutheran Church, Lee Hudson, pastor
United Evangelical Church. Cathy Oatman, pastor

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

November 27, 2011

First Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:30 am

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Come Redeemer of Mankind"

Pachelbel

*LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

One: The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the *coming* of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ *is* coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of hope, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

(first candle is lit)

All: Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

* OPENING HYMN

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

#154

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy God, we come to you in this time where the light grows dim, where the air turns cooler, when the northern hemisphere turns to wintry sleep. We come to you in a time when economic prospects look bleak, when political polarization has captured the news, and the real cries of the poor and hungry in all our world are not heard. God, you are the Light of the World. In the darkness, your light shines. Help us to grow and share that light. Call us to be beacons in times of darkness. In the most challenging

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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection 8:00 am: "Some Day" * 10:30 am: "Glorious Day"

* 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

One: Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection— for the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.

Many: We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder, and set aside time to offer quiet thanks.

One: The good news of Advent is this: Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.

All: We will welcome Christ into our hearts. We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry. We will go forth from this place in hope.

* HYMN

"Lift Up Your Head, O Mighty Gates"

#176

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Come Redeemer of Mankind"

Bach

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December 4, 2011

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:30 am

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Num komm, der Heiden Heiland"

Pachelbel

*LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

One: Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

(Two candles are lit)

All: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

* OPENING HYMN

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

#181

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God of compassionate love, you hold us all tenderly in your warm embrace, and desire that we love each other. We confess that all too often we fail in our efforts to live as you would have us live. We push away, turning cold shoulders to you and each other. We are quick to respond with anger and resentment instead of compassion and grace. We seek revenge instead of reconciliation. In these moments, O God, forgive us. Set us upon the right path that we might be a people prepared; a people

through which your glory is revealed. In the name of the Coming One we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: When we turn to God with faithful hearts, God hears and responds. Our failings and shortcomings are forgiven.

Many: Glory to God in the Highest.

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

#170

My soul proclaims with wonder the greatness of the Lord. Rejoicing in God's goodness my spirit is restored.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "Emmanuel"

10:30 am: "Go Up to the Mountain"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 40:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

We lift our hearts to praise you (x3), Christ the Lord

Mark 1:1-8

We give you all the glory (x3), Christ the Lord

*** HYMN**

"Let All Mortal Flesh"

#232

SERMON

"Background Music"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection 8:00 and 10:30 am: *“Comfort Ye, My People”* Handel

* Doxology Greensleeves

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him; The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

- One: Take your encouragement from Christ, that your joy may be complete.
- Many: We will share in the Spirit; We will find consolation in love.
- One: Practice a ministry of humility and compassion. For God is at work in you, empowering you.
- All: We will welcome Christ into our hearts. We will live lives worthy of the Gospel. We will go forth in hope and in peace. Amen.

* HYMN *“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”* #155

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE *“From Heaven Above I Hither Come”* Bach

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December 11, 2011

Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 am

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Pastorale on What is This Lovely Fragrance"

Lovelace

*LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

One: We have lit the first two candles, one for hope and one for peace. Today we light the third candle, the candle of joy. This should be the easy one, because joy is all around us—in the children, the lights, the music, the gathering together. But how often do we let our preparations—or our memories—push joy to the side? Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us, but joy is also a choice, an attitude. Like a muscle, it needs to be exercised. So today we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us. All we need to do is give it care and offer it to share.

(Three candles are lit.)

All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you, trusting that this is how you made us: you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

#153

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God you are a lover of justice, and One who despises wrongdoing. We bow our heads in holy reverence as we admit the wrongs we have done. We long to be free of the burdens that hold us captive, yet we confess that

we doubt in your power to deliver us. We long to be bearers of good news to the oppressed, yet we confess that our apathy and fear hold us back from speaking up. We long to return to your favor, O God. Forgive us our transgressions; loosen the chains of doubt and fear that bind us that we might be your faithful people. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God gives a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning. God blesses us with new beginnings and new life. We are forgiven!

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

#170

My soul proclaims with wonder the greatness of the Lord, Rejoicing in God's goodness my spirit is restored.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Jesus, What a Wonderful Child"

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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

We lift our hearts to praise you (x3), Christ the Lord
John 1:6-8, 19-28

*** HYMN**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#180

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

"Finding Christ in Christmas"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Bach

* 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

One: Rejoice in God always, and again I say, rejoice. For God has created you with the capacity for joy.

Many: We will find what makes us joyful and make that our gift to the world.

One: Trust in God's good will for all of creation and open yourself to God's gentle, transforming love.

All: We will welcome new possibilities in our lives. We will offer ourselves to God's goodness. We will go forth in hope, and peace, and joy. Amen.

* HYMN

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry"

#156

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Toccata"

Boellman

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December 18, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:30 am

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Once in Royal David's City"

Arr. Innes

*LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

One: We have lit three candles—for hope, for peace, and for joy. Today we light the fourth candle—the candle of love. With this flame we signify the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times, but that we recognize in a special way in the Christmas story. There is no greater power than love. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death. We love, because God loves us.

(Four candles are lit.)

All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season. As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Magnify your love within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.
Amen.

* OPENING HYMN

"Once in Royal David's City"

#183

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: We open our hearts to you, O God, for you desire that we know your love, a love that sets us free from all that encumbers us. And so we confess the sins that bind us. Too often we pride ourselves on our own

importance. We credit ourselves with our successes and blame our shortcomings on others. Forgive us, O God, when we have failed to let your love spill over through our lives to others. Forgive us and empower us with your Spirit to proclaim your love in word and deed to those who are close to us and to those who at this time feel rejected, unwanted, lonely ... those who are sick and those who mourn - especially those for whom this season is a time of sadness ... to those people, young and old, who are trapped in a cycle of poverty ... to the many people across the world who have been forced into being refugees, and those who suffer at the hands of others. May the words we speak and sing about over these next few days become reality for those who are denied peace and goodwill, as we seek to live and love even as Christ did. These things we pray in his name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God knows our weakness and our strengths. God loves us as we are, knowing we are yet works in progress. Receive the anointing love of God's grace. You are forgiven!

Many: Our souls rejoice in God our Savior.

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

#170

My soul proclaims with wonder the greatness of the Lord, Rejoicing in God's goodness my spirit is restored.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am: "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted"

10:30 am: "Wandering Stranger"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 7:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

We lift our hearts to praise you (x3), Christ the Lord

Luke 1:26-38

We give you all the glory (x3), Christ the Lord

*** HYMN**

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Bloming"

#190

SERMON

"A Place for God"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

First page of 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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection

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* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Depart in peace, and take with you the certain knowledge that God is always coming into the world.

Many: We will seek God, not in a long ago stable or ancient manger, but in the people we meet and the depths of our own hearts.

One: May the blessing of Christmas make you a blessing to others. May the peace of the season pervade all that you do.

All: We will welcome the challenge of discipleship. We will offer ourselves as God's ministers. We will go forth in hope, peace, joy, and love. Amen.

* HYMN

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

#191

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

POSTLUDE

"My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord"

Bach

A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Lena Cecelia Kemp

July 21, 1909 – December 19, 2011

December 22, 2011

11:00 a.m.

* Indicates to stand as able

PRELUDE

* PROCESSION AND OPENING SENTENCES

* HYMN OF ADORATION *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* #182

* GREETING

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
 God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with
 you all

Many: And also with you

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 14

MEDITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

* HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE *"On Eagle's Wings"* #438

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - 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.

* COMMENDATION

* BENEDICTION

* PARTING HYMN

"The Old Rugged Cross"

#260

(Following the hymn please follow behind the casket
to proceed to the cemetery for final services)

POSTLUDE

Psalm 23

The Divine Shepherd

A PSALM OF DAVID.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

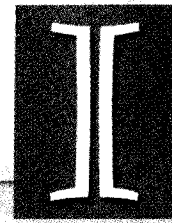
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

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.



will dwell in the house



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of the **LORD** *for ever*

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

December 24, 2011

Christmas Eve

7:30 pm

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Carol of the Manger"

Wood

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Hope, peace, joy, and love. Four candles, four promises continually offered to us by God, and all of them manifest in this one we light tonight: the Christ candle. In Christ we find the hope of transformation, the peace that follows justice, the joy of self-fulfillment in community, and the love that encompasses us in all our diversity, empowering us to make our own unique contribution to this world. In Christ we find light and life, and the courage to be like him, answering his call and following in his footsteps.

[All candles are lit.]

All: We rejoice in God's steadfast presence in our lives, and in God's unique presence in the life of Jesus of Nazareth—born of Mary, growing through childhood into an adult ministry, in all his life manifesting the peace, love, and justice of God; his voice undimmed by the centuries, his call and his promise as clear to us as it was to his disciples so long ago. Come to us, Lord Jesus, be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, our lives. May the light of your life be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth, of God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

#182

GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God of the Child of Bethlehem, we come into your presence with praise and thanksgiving. We hear the glad tidings of the angel voices, and we come to experience this good news of great joy for all people. Let the words of sacred scripture seep into our hearts, to be treasured and

pondered anew. On this night of introspection on the nature of Divine presence, turn us inward to your indwelling Spirit. On this night of reflection on the nature of Divine power, turn us outward to the needs of this broken, but beautiful world. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: People of God, arise! Shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For unto us a child has been born, unto us a son has been given.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glorio in Excelsis Dio
Glorio in Excelsis Dio

Iris

* CHRISTMAS GREETING OF PEACE

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Sleep Holy Child"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 9:2-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

* GOSPEL LESSON

We lift our hearts to praise you (x3), Christ the Lord

Luke 2:1-20

We give you all the glory (x3), Christ the Lord

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TIME

* HYMN

"Away in a Manger"

#203

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

CHRISTMAS PRAYER – 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, forever and ever. Amen.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Shepherd's Pipe Carol"

Wood

* Doxology

Greensleeves

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him; The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.

* Prayer of Dedication

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Tonight we will receive communion in procession. Ushers will invite you forward up the center aisle by rows. The darker liquid is wine, and the lighter liquid is grape juice. After you partake in communion, return to your seat by the side aisles. As you wait to receive the elements please join in singing the hymns.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

The First Noel

*The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

Refrain:

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!*

*They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.*

Refrain

*And by the light of that same star
Three Wise men came from country far
To seek for a King was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went.*

Refrain

*This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both pause and stay
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay.*

Refrain

*Then entered in those wise men three
Full reverently upon their knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.*

Refrain

*Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of naught
And with his blood our life has bought.*

Refrain

O Holy Night

*O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appeared and soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!*

*Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born!
O night divine, O night, O night divine!*

*Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing heart by his cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from the Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend;*

*He knows our need, he guards us from all danger,
Behold your King; before him lowly bend!
Behold your King; before him lowly bend!*

*Truly he taught us to love one another;
His law is love and his gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raising,
Let all within us praise his holy name.*

*Christ is the Lord! O praise his name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Almighty and Redeeming God, you have made us one with you by lovingly sending your Son to take on our frail flesh. We thank you for this Word made flesh, revealed to us in the manger and in the bread and wine. Grant that we may find in his birth new birth in us to live out your gospel of love in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* CELEBRATION OF THE LIGHT

A prayer in the darkness
The coming of the Light into the world

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! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!*

*Silent night! holy night! Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

* BENEDICTION

* RECESSIONAL HYMN

Joy to the World

Antioch

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King:*

*Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing;
And heaven and nature sing;
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.*

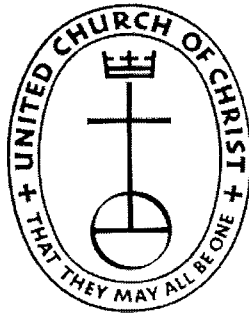
*Joy to the earth! The Savior Reigns;
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains;
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy;
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.*

POSTLUDE

"Toccata from Symphony V"

Widor



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December 25, 2011

Christmas Day

10:00 am

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PRELUDE *"Prelude on Silent Night"* Innes

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: O come, let us adore him

Many: Whose coming was announced by the prophets

One: O come, let us adore him

Many: Whose message was proclaimed by the angels

One: O come, let us adore him

Many: Whose glory was hailed by the shepherds

All: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

* OPENING HYMN *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* #185

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

* CHRISTMAS PRAYER

All: O God of Christmas, God of unspeakable grace, long ago you sent your angels through the midnight of the sleeping world to tell the shepherds Christ was born in Bethlehem: come to our dark world, and stir our hearts to hear again their message of your love in Christ. Though there was no room in Bethlehem's inn, help us to make room in the busyness of the world, in our daily life, that our lives may declare the wonders of that Holy Love that has called us out of darkness into glorious light. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Glory to God in the highest heaven! Peace on earth to all! For on this day is born for us a Savior.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection *"Pastorale on Away in a Manger"*

Innes

* Doxology

Greensleeves

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* Prayer of Dedication

A READING:

Isaiah 52:7-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Mystery"

A READING

Psalms 98

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice" #198

A READING

Hebrews 1:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

"Angels We Have Heard on High" #188

BORN IN HUMILITY, RETURNING IN GLORY

GOD SPOKE

"In the Bleak Midwinter" #196

GOD INCARNATE

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #221

GOD WITH US

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

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trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of The Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All thanks to you, generous God, for the gift of Christ, light in our darkness and hope of the world, whom you have sent to save all humanity. With singing angels, let us praise your name, and tell the earth this story, so that all may walk together, work together, eat together and in the breaking of bread, one with another, may feel our hearts inflamed and our souls sustained. In Christ we pray. Amen.

CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN

* SENDING FORTH

* HYMN

"Go Tell It On the Mountain"

#218

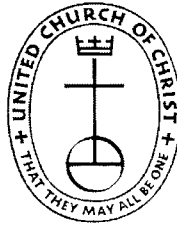
CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Fanfare on Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

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