### **OUR MISSION**

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January 1, 2012

First Sunday after Christmas/New Year's Day

10:00 am

\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Prelude on It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

MacNutt

#### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: The prophet calls to us, "Arise, shine for your light has come!"

Many: We come reminded by Isaiah that no suffering or pain can separate us

from God.

One: Come now to connect with God's light in Christ, and so illumine the

world.

Many: We come bringing the joys and hardships of life and to celebrate that

God's light is with us and within us. Let us worship the newborn King.

\* OPENING HYMN

"Joy to the World"

#179

\* 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 mystery, you place stars in the sky to guide us. This morning we recall the star that guided the Magi to Bethlehem, to worship the Christ, the one who would reveal your love to all the world. So we remember the paths on which we have travelled here this week, from the celebrations of Christmas Day, from holiday destinations, from work, or from sporting events, and we confess the times we have not allowed the light of Christ's love to shine through us.

(silent reflection)

One: If we have moved too fast and not seen you,

Many: Forgive us, God.

One: If we have talked too much and not heard you,

Many: Forgive us, God.

One: If we have worked too hard and not had time for you,

Many: Forgive us, God.

All: Grant us the courage and the strength to follow your Light, that we might

be counted among the wise in our world who seek the teachings of Jesus.

In his holy name we pray. Amen.

# \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One:

Jesus was born among us, to restore our relationship with God. Even in our darkness, God is there offering empowering light. Friends, God

forgives us.

Many: Thanks be to God

# \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis Deo Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria

# WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Mary Did You Know"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 60:1-6

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

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

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

We lift our hearts to praise you (x3), Christ the Lord

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

We give you all the glory (x3), Christ the Lord \* HYMN "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

#233

SERMON

"The Present of Presence"

# 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

"Once in Royal David's City"

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 now and shine with the light of Christ's compassion, justice and gentleness. And may the light of the Christ child guide your every step

and every encounter with God's earth and God's people.

All: Amen

\* HYMN

"Another Year is Dawning"

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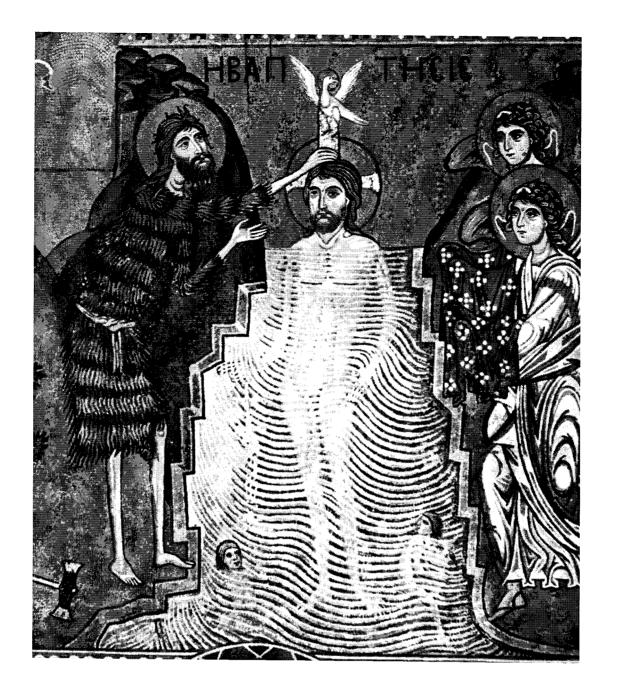
CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Postlude on We Three Kings"

Young



<u>Baptism of Christ</u> by Cappella Palatina di Palermo

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January 8, 2012

The Baptism of Christ

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Shall We Gather at the River"

arr. Johnson

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: God said, "Let there be light!" And there was light.

Many: And God saw that the light was good.

We are called to bring God's light to the world. One:

Many: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

All: Let us worship the One who declares this day good.

\* OPENING HYMN

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

#31

\* GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion One:

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 Light, we confess that at times we live as if we are in darkness. We grumble and complain and worry. We make mountains out of molehills and we hold grudges. We predict gloom and doom and darken other's bright days. Forgive us, O God, for not being the light you made us to be. Forgive us for not living into the new life of our baptism. O God of Life, we hear your voice and we see the way of Jesus set before us. Help us to maintain our resolve to be your people in the world. Set us once again on

a holy path that leads to you. In Christ we pray. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and Brothers, hear the Good News: God has known us from the

beginning, God knows our thoughts, God knit us together to be the person that we have become. We are loved, we are forgiven, we are restored.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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: "Majesty (Lord I Stand Before Your Presence)" Solo by Denise Kelly 10:30 am: "Wash Me Now," The Choir

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Genesis 1:1-5

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

SECOND READING

Acts of the Apostles 19:1-7

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:4-11
Praise be to Thee. O Christ

\* HYMN

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

#241

SERMON "From Creation to Computers"

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

#### LITTANY OF RENEWAL OF 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.

#### 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: "Here I Am To Worship" Solo by Denise Kelly 10:30 am: "Your Name" Solo by Kayla Iwanowski

\* 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 with God's calling and direction. And may God's blessing remove

your reluctance, doubt, and fears, replacing them with courage and

commission.

All:

Amen.

\* HYMN

"Spirit Song"

#352

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"To Jordan Came Our Lord, the Christ"

Bach

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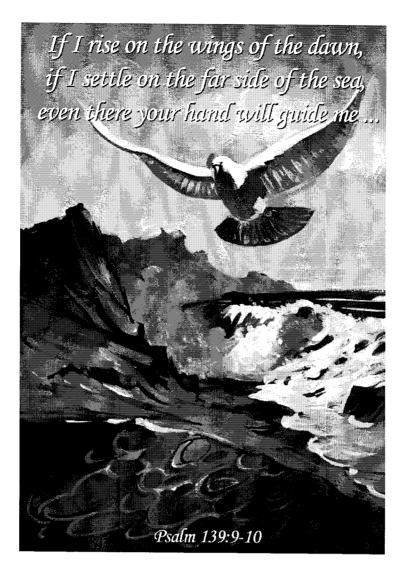
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January 15, 2012

**PRELUDE** 

Second Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

arr. DeCou

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We are called.

Many: Each and every one:

One: Old, young,

Many: Woman, man.

One: We are called.

Many: Called by the Holy God whom we gather to worship today.

\* OPENING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

#502

\* GREETING

All:

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

God, we know you call us, but sometimes we do not recognize your voice, for we have not yet learnt, or have forgotten to expect your call. Sometimes, we do not hear you calling, because we get too busy, or distracted by other voices, like our inner voice of greed or self-satisfaction. Sometimes we hear your call, but we ignore it because to follow means making changes when we are comfortable, or we doubt that we are able to answer the call. We are sorry for these times when we don't acknowledge your voice, don't hear your voice, don't respond to your voice. Merciful God, forgive us. Take from us all that hinders our hearing your voice that we may joyfully respond to Jesus' call on our lives. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

# \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: When we don't hear God's voice,

Many: God will call us again.

One: When we don't recognize God's voice,

Many: God will call us again.

One: When we don't respond to God's voice,

Many: God will call us again.

One: The Good News is that God will call us, and call us again and again, for we

are loved; we are forgiven; we are precious in the eyes of God.

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: "Wash Me Now," The Choir

10:30 am: "Morning Has Broken," Solo by Frank Hooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Glory be to Thee, O Lord

John 1:43-51

Praise be to Thee, O Christ

\* HYMN

"Sanctuary"

#482

SERMON

"R-E-S-P-E-C-T"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

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: "Lord, Be Glorified" Kilpatrick 10:30 am: "Trust and Obey" 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: God is calling. Go, empowered by the Spirit to listen and to follow the

way shown to us by Jesus the Christ.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" #559

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE "Rondo in G" Bull



<u>Calling Disciples</u> by He, Qi

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January 22, 2012

Thurd Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Jesus Calls Us"

arr. Johnson

WORDS OF GATHERING

We gather to respond to the call of God's love

Many: Thankful that someone cared enough to share God's good news

with us.

One:

Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.

Many: Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded.

One:

God, of love and life, in this time of worship be more and more in

Many: That we might live more and more in you. Amen.

\* OPENING HYMN

"Rock of Ages"

#384

\* 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 One, what a blessing and privilege we share here in this sacred space and among this loving community. We know that others are longing and thirsting for what we know and experience in this place. Forgive us our reluctance to open our doors, open our hearts to others; some like us, some not. We repent of our hesitations and unwillingness to witness to those we have considered strangers and even enemies. Forgive us when we are reluctant disciples, and renew our desire to follow you even if, like those first disciples, it means having the direction of our lives completely changed. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

# \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One

The One who calls us to this place calls us to reconciliation through grace. God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit. Know that you are forgiven and walk in the new way that is made known to you in Christ's

love.

Many: 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: "Nearer My God To Thee," Solo by Lois Duvall

10:30 am: "Our God," The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Glory be to Thee, O Lord

Mark 1:14-20

Praise be to Thee, O Christ

\* HYMN

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

#347

**SERMON** 

"Taking Steps"

# 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 and 10:30 am: "Lord of the Dance"

Carter

\* 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: Nov

Now may the One who is faithful to all, be with us all as we depart this blessed place. May we be a blessing in every place we go, until we

gather again.

All:

Amen.

\* HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

#345

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Postlude"

Cappelan

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Jesus Teaching in the Temple Wood Carving in the Cathedral d'Amiens in Amiens, France, 1508-1519

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January 29, 2012

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Eliot

**PRELUDE** 

"My Prayer is to Thee"

WORDS OF GATHERING

One:

Thinking we know all the answers, yet wondering if we haven't

missed something.

Many: We enter this sanctuary of Truth.

One:

In the company of sinners, in the presence of saints:

Many: We gather as God's people.

One:

Standing by friends of deep, abiding faith; seated with those who

stumble through the Kingdom:

Many: We lift our praise to God.

\* 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: Holy God, we confess that our lives have become insular. We know few of our neighbors and we know fewer their concerns. We desire to follow you into the world but are afraid. We are afraid of meeting those who have such difficult struggles in their lives; struggles of addiction and abuse, of poverty and homelessness. We are afraid to go to the streets and the prisons, the institutions and the shelters. Forgive us for not looking outward, for not reaching out. Open our hearts to see your people. Overcome our fears, dear God, and grant us courage and wisdom so that

we might follow you and welcome others into our lives with the love of

Christ Jesus, in whose precious name we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God never forgets about us. Even though our memories fade, God's

covenant endures forever. We belong to God. We are forgiven and loved.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

One:

The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Glory be to Thee, O Lord

Mark 1:21-28

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Praise be to Thee, O Christ

\* HYMN **SERMON**  "O Christ, the Healer"

#638

"What is This?"

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

First page of Hymnal

(8:00 am)

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL

(10:30 am)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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#733

#### 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: "Praise the Lord"

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: And now in the wholeness and the goodness of God, go forth.

To laugh with your friends, to be reconciled with those who have hurt you, to be kind to strangers. And may God who is love, hold you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"We All Are One in Mission"

#552

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Voluntary IX"

Stanley

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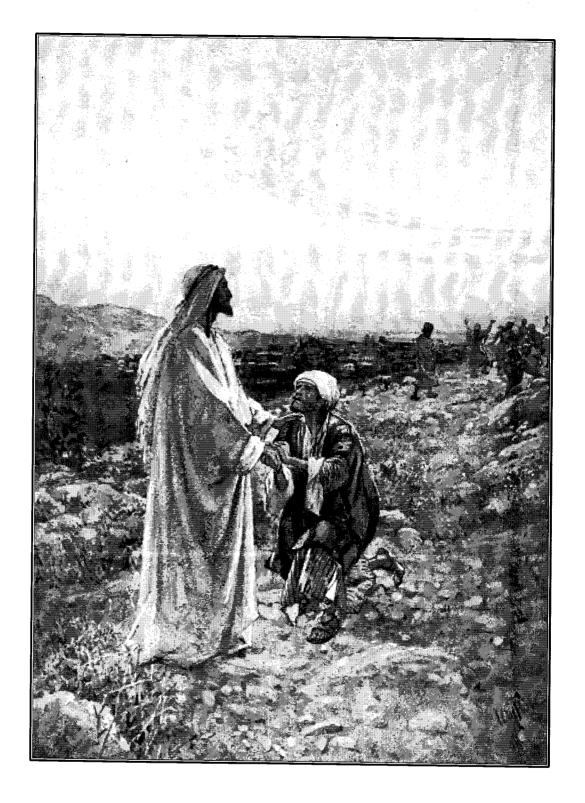
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February 12, 2012

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "A Meditation on Brother James' Air"

Darke

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let us praise the Lord who lifts us up out of the depths of trouble.

Many: The Lord hears our cries for help, bringing healing, restoring our

souls, drawing our lives from the pit.

One: Weeping lingers for a night, but joy comes with the morning.

Many: The Lord has transformed my life from mourning to joy, making

my spirit dance and my heart sing.

One: Let all faithful people give thanks, and praise God's holy name.

Many: May our praise never be silenced as we give thanks, and praise

God for ever and ever.

\* 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: O Healing One, we cry to you for help. Be gracious to us for we have

made mistakes. We have made choices that have harmed our relationships with your children and your created world. In a moment of silent confession we choose to listen for your voice above all others.

(silent reflection)

One: O God, we are passionate about bringing changes to the ways of the world

that hurt rather than heal, that dishonor rather than respect, that divide

rather than unify.

All: Help us to live out your passion, to be agents of your just ways in the

world. Help us to see as you see, to live out your reconciling love in the

world. Help us to love as you love, to be agents of your healing in the world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: As Jesus said to those he healed, God says to us today, "I do choose, I

choose to love you. Be made whole again."

Many: Amen.

#### \*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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Kings 5:1-14

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

SECOND READING

\* GOSPEL LESSON

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord

Mark 1:40-45

Praise be to Thee. O Christ

\* HYMN

"Just as I Am"

#354

SERMON

"Pride and Prejudice"

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

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### 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 and 10:30 am: "Adagio, from Organ Sonata No. 1" 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, to run the race of faith. And may God be healing for you. May God

be justice for you. May God be reconciling love for you; and through

you, to all you meet.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Forth In Your Name"

#718

CLOSING OF WORSHIP t

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Allegro assai vivace, from Organ Sonata No. 1"

Mendelssohn

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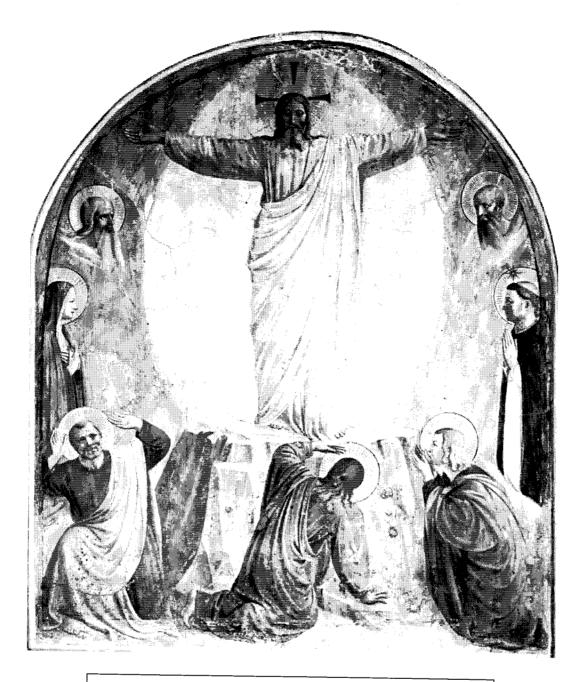
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Transfiguration by Angelico (1400-1455)

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February 19, 2012

Transfiguration Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 am

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#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Arioso"

Bach

#### WORDS OF GATHERING

Wherever two or three are gathered to worship, Christ's Spirit is

present.

Many: You are with us, God of Glory, gathering us into the presence of

your peace, listening to the deep sighs of our hearts.

One:

Gathering in this sacred place we anticipate new wonders each

Many: You are with us, Inviting God, calling us to respond to all the chances to know and share your spirit of grace and hope.

One:

You are with us, God of sunrises, you awaken us with each new

day, overflowing them with promise.

Many: Let us rise to greet our God with songs of great rejoicing.

\* 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 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, Holy, Lord, on mountaintops you reveal to us the light of your love. Our hearts' desire is to bask in the amazing glory of your divine presence. Yet we confess that foolishly we miss your presence in the world. We are caught up in the busy-ness of the world around us, and we fail to see how close you really are to us. Forgive us when we ignore your presence. Forgive us when we cover our ears and fail to hear your voice. Forgive us when we close ourselves off from you by not seeking deeper relationships with our neighbors. Open our eyes, our ears and our hearts so that we might experience your love and grace more fully. Help us, O Holy

One, to live our lives as a reflection of your divine glory, that we might walk among our brothers and sister as a blessing, bearing light into dark places, hope to displace despair, and love that casts out hate. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has been here all along. God had been present with us from the very beginning. There is no place we can turn away from God's presence, no place we can hide. We are found and 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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

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

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord

\* GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:2-9

Praise be to Thee, O Christ

\* HYMN SERMON "Glimpses of the Resurrected Christ"

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

#319

#### 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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# SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 and 10:30 am: "If Thou Art Near"

Buxtehude

\* Doxology

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\* Prayer of Dedication

#### GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

#### \* SENDING FORTH

One:

May God take you to high places. May God grant you thin places May God give you moments apart from the ordinary, sacred glimpses of the extraordinary, to shine light into your every day.

All:

Amen.

\* HYMN

"You, Lord. Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

#99

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious"

Buxtehude

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February 22, 2012

Ash Wednesday

7:30 pm

\* indicates to stand as able

**PRELUDE** 

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

Bach

GREETING

One: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the

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

"Amazing Grace"

#422

#### PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

One: Have mercy, tender God, forget that I defied you.

Wash away my sin, cleanse me from my guilt.

Many: I know my evil well, it stares me in the face,

Evil done to you alone before your very eyes.

One: How right your condemnation! Your verdict is clearly just.

You see me for what I am: frail, a sinner.

Many: You love those centered in truth; teach me your hidden wisdom.

Wash me with fresh water, wash me bright and clean.

One: Fill me with happy songs! Let the bones you bruised now dance,

Shut your eyes to my sin, make my guilt disappear.

Many: Creator, reshape my heart, God, steady my spirit.

Do not cast me aside stripped of your holy spirit.

One: Save me, bring back my joy, support me, strengthen my will,

Then I will teach your way and sinners will turn to you.

Many: Help me, stop my tears, and I will sing your goodness.

Lord, give me words and I will shout your praise.

(moment of silent reflection)

#### IMPOSITION OF ASHES

(All who wish are invited to come forward to receive ashes as a sign of repentance. Ashes can be placed on your forehead or the back of your hand.)

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One

Almighty God does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Know that God loves you,

forgives you, welcomes you and rejoices in you.

Many: Praise be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:1-12 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

\* HYMN

"Refiner's Fire"

#374

#### **MESSAGE**

#### LENTEN PRAYERS - LORD'S PRAYER

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#### PRAYER RESPONSE

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

#### **OFFERING**

Offertory

"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"
Solo by Frank Hooper

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

# CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

We praise and thank you, Loving God, for restoring us to life through the gift of this meal. Filled with your presence, may we turn to serve others; filled with your joy, may we bear the burdens of others; filled with your grace, may our love overflow to others, as we journey this Lent in the way of Christ. Amen.

- \* PARTING BLESSING
- \* SENDING HYMN

"The Old Rugged Cross"

#260

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"O Savior Blest"

Bach

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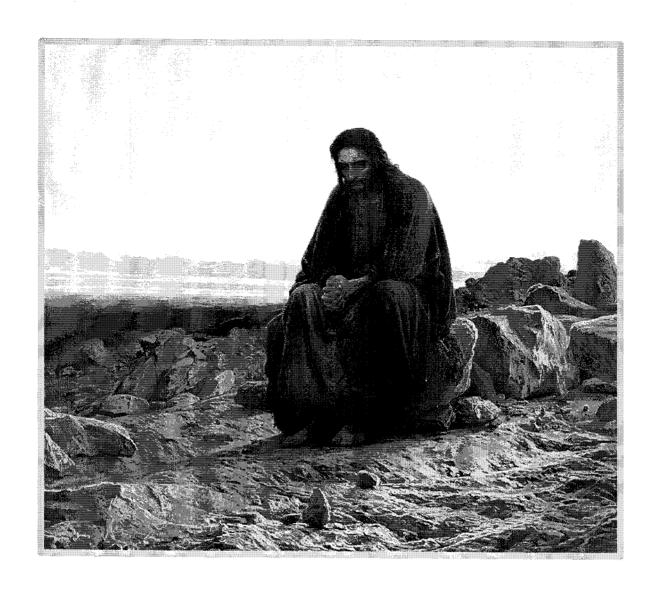
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Christ in the Desert (1872)

I.N. Kramskoi (1837-1887)

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February 26, 2012

First Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:30 am

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#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Gesangbuch

WORDS OF GATHERING

We come, so God might open our eyes,

Many: That we may discover the wonders surrounding us; that we may

embrace the joy deep within us.

One:

We gather, so Christ might widen our hearts,

Many: That we may hear the sounds of brokenness around us; that we

may sing the melodies of hope.

One:

We are here, so the Spirit might teach us the ways of humility,

Many: That we may walk along God's path of enduring love; that we

may wait with faithful patience in the wilderness.

\* OPENING HYMN

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

#63

\* 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: Creating and Renewing God, in this Lenten season you call us to clear our eyes of the glaze of indifference and apathy. We confess that we often lack the courage for works of justice and compassion. Help us get our minds off our distractions, obsessions and self-pity so that we don't feel helpless to answer your call. Help us to start over. Re-orient our head and heart so that we may fill our whole selves with life-affirming activities and thoughts. May we be in right relationship with you and all your creation and join with Christians around the world in over-coming violence, hunger, and injustice. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

# \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and Sisters, God hears our prayers. Here in this place we find all we need to sustain us in our pilgrim journey: God's word, God's way, God's

love, God's forgiveness.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8 am "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Solo by Lois Duvall 10:30 am "You are Holy" The Choir

# PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Genesis 9:8-17

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

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

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

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Glory be to Thee, O Lord

Mark 1:9-15 Praise be to Thee, O Christ

\* HYMN

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

#252

SERMON

"Holy Spirit History Lesson"

# 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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## SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 and 10:30 am: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

arr. DeCou 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: Mindful of God's mercy, forgiveness, and instruction, go now into the

world renewed, refreshed, and full of courage to be God's people.

Many: We go in peace to work for justice.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"As a Fire is Meant for Burning"

#551

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"O Savior Blest"

Bach

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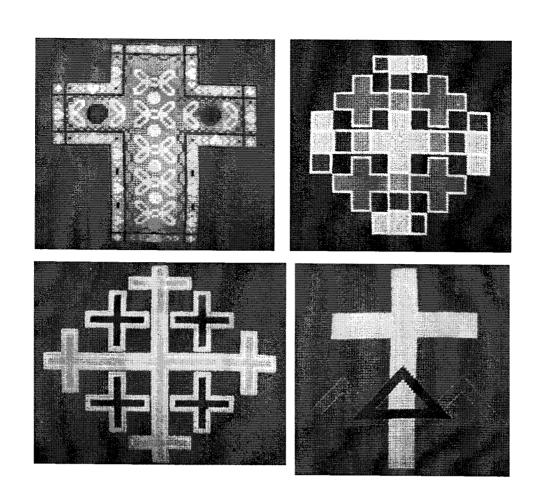
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The Paradox of God "You Have Heard it Said..."

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February 29, 2012

Second Wednesday in Lent

7:30 pm

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#### GREETING

One:

May the grace of the 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

One: If we had a fraction of the faith in you that you have in us

Many: Then this world would be transformed. Lord

One: If we showed a fraction of the love that you show to us

Many: Then this world would be transformed, Lord

One: If we possessed a fraction of the patience that you display with us

Many: Then this world would be transformed, Lord

One: If we shared just a portion of the blessings that we have received from

you

Many: Then this world would be transformed, Lord

One: If we showed as much trust in others as you have shown in us

Many: Then this world would be transformed, Lord

One: If we claimed just a fraction of the power you promised to your

Church

Many: Then this world would be transformed, Lord

One: Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform this world

Many: Through your love and your power. Amen.

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#### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

MESSAGE

"You Have Heard it Said..."

\* HYMN

"Be Not Afraid"

#430

#### 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, forever and ever. Amen.

## PRAYER RESPONSE

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

#### **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

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

#264

#### CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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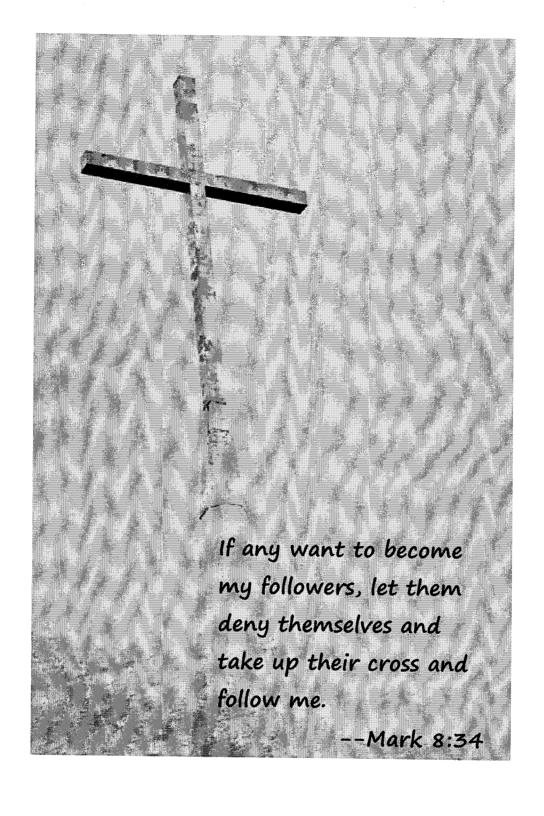
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March 4, 2012

Second Sunday after Lent

8:00 & 10:30 am

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#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Prelude on Ave Verum"

Mozart

WORDS OF GATHERING

As Pilgrims, we continue to journey through this season of Lent

Many: Towards the One who calls us each by a new name.

One:

As Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,

Many: Pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.

One:

As Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,

Many: Whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called

Jesus.

\* OPENING HYMN

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

#255

\* 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

God of steadfast love, like our ancestors in the faith, we are a people who All: have known the hurt of broken promises, and have spoken words we could not keep. We are quick to condemn those who make wrong choices, but want only gentle criticism directed our way. We let our lives be guided so much by our past, rather than opening our eyes, our hearts, our hopes to your amazing future. Forgive our distrust of the vows you have made to us. Forgive our disbelief that you can bring hope to those places where we see only despair. Forgive our hesitancy in denying all that keeps us from committing ourselves completely to you. Forgive us, so we may take up the life you offer to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whom we pray. Amen.

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Once

Dear friends, God does not reject us, God redeems us. God does not hold back, but pours abundant forgiveness into our lives. We are free to follow,

filled with hope, restored to new life, forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "Blessings" Solo by Diane Borkman

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Genesis 17:1-7

#733

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

SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

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

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Glory be to Thee, O Lord

Mark 8:31-38
Praise be to Thee, O Christ

\* HYMN

"With the Body that was Broken"

#691

**SERMON** 

"The Costs and Joys of Discipleship"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### PRAYER RESPONSE

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## SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"I Come, O Savior to Thy Table"

Kretchzmar

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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Love so amazing, so divine,

Demands my soul, my life, my all.

\* Prayer of Dedication

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(see insert)

## GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

# \* SENDING FORTH

One: Go now into the future filled with promise. And may the God of steadfast

love and everlasting covenant abide with you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Community of Christ"

#615

CLOSING OF WORSHIP +

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**POSTLUDE** 

"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"

Frescobaldi

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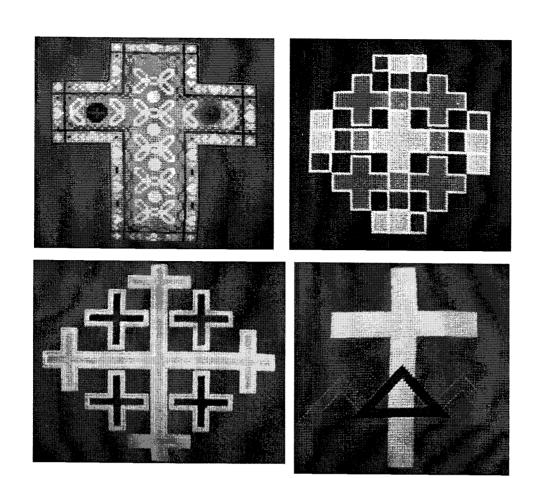
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The Paradox of God "But I Say to You..."

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March 7, 2012

Third Wednesday in Lent

7:30 pm

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#### **GREETING**

One:

May the grace of the 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

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Many: Then this world would be transformed, Lord

One: If we possessed a fraction of the patience that you display with us

Many: Then this world would be transformed, Lord

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Many: Through your love and your power. Amen.

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#### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 5:43-48

**MESSAGE** 

"But I Say to You..."

\* HYMN

"Think About His Love"

#57

#### 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, forever and ever. Amen.

#### PRAYER RESPONSE

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

## **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 "

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

#382

# CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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<u>Christ Expelling the Money Changers</u> <u>in the Temple</u> (1600) Greco (1541?-1614)

## **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

March 11, 2012

Third Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Adagio"

Mozart

WORDS OF GATHERING

One:

The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom.

Many:

Disclose to us your foolishness, O Lord, that we might become

One:

The weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Many: Show us your weakness, O Lord, that we might become strong.

One:

Let us worship the Lord who, on Calvary, turned foolishness into

wisdom, weakness into strength, and a cross of torture into a tree

of life.

Many: Reveal to us your presence, O Lord, that we might find life.

\* OPENING HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

#51

\* 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, in this season of Lent we reflect on those things that lead us away from the life you desire for us. We confess that we have fallen astray. We have turned our backs on those in need and have failed to share the Good News to the downhearted. We have at times focused too hard on our own faults and believe we are not good enough. We become focused on day-to-day tasks and forget the world at need. Forgive us, O God, for not living into our full created potential. Forgive us for not recognizing your love and grace at work in our own lives. Guide us into ways in which we can share the full meaning of the Gospel with those in need in our community and in our world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God who brought the Israelites out of Egypt, is the power that frees us

from our sin. Live in the grace of God's love

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am Solo by Denise Kelly 10:30 am "Shout to the Lord" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Exodus 20:1-17

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

SECOND READING

\* GOSPEL LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord

John 2:13-22 Praise be to Thee, O Christ

\* HYMN

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

#264

**SERMON** 

"Marketplace"

#### 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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# SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 am: Solo by Denise Kelly 10:30 am: "More Precious Than Silver"

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\* 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:

Go into the world without fear, knowing that the weakness of the Holy One is stronger than every human power. Live free! And may the God who brought the Israelites out of Egypt, be your strength and your power.

All:

Amen.

\* HYMN

"The Old Rugged Cross"

#260

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Rondo in G"

Bull

## United Evangelical Church

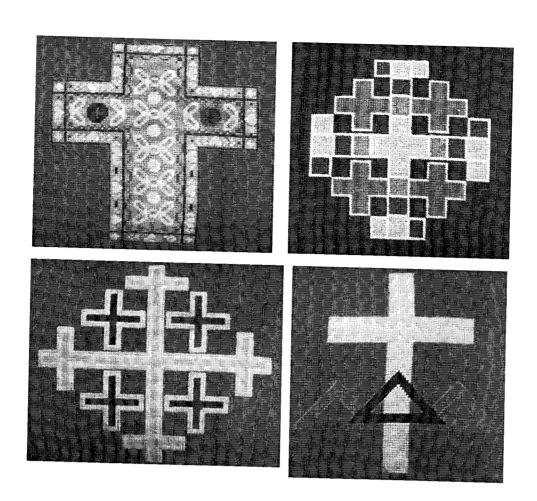
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The Paradox of God "Law or Grace..."

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March 14, 2012

Fourth Wednesday in Lent

7:30 pm

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#### GREETING

One:

May the grace of the 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

One: If we had a fraction of the faith in you that you have in us

Many: Then this world would be transformed, Lord

One: If we showed a fraction of the love that you show to us

Many: Then this world would be transformed, Lord

One: If we possessed a fraction of the patience that you display with us

Many: Then this world would be transformed, Lord

One: If we shared just a portion of the blessings that we have received from

you

Many: Then this world would be transformed, Lord

One: If we showed as much trust in others as you have shown in us

Many: Then this world would be transformed, Lord

One: If we claimed just a fraction of the power you promised to your

Church

Many: Then this world would be transformed, Lord

One: Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform this world

Many: Through your love and your power. Amen.

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# \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

**MESSAGE** 

"Law or Grace..."

\* HYMN

"I Come to the Cross"

#251

#### 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, forever and ever. Amen.

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## **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

"Abide With Me"

#551

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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.



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March 18, 2012

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:30 am

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# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"For God So Loved the World"

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WORDS OF GATHERING

We come, to offer all we have to God:

Many: Our minds, our bodies; our hearts, our hopes.

We come, to offer all we are to God: One:

Many: Our relationships with families and friends, our longing to draw

closer to other pilgrims.

We come, to offer all we would be to God: One:

Many: Our faith, our discipleship; our yearning to follow Jesus.

We come, to offer ourselves to God: One:

Many: Who offers life, joy, and peace in Jesus Christ.

\* OPENING HYMN

"When Morning Guilds the Skies"

#111

\* GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion One:

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

O God of Comfort and God of Challenge, we come to you this morning All: the way the Israelites did, full of complaints and dissatisfaction. Nothing is enough; we do not recognize your blessings at work in our day to day lives. Forgive us when we become so comfortable that we moan and groan about the most insignificant details of our lives. In our complaints, challenge us as you did the Israelites, to consider the bigger picture of oppression, injustice, and inequality around us. Forgive us when we close our eyes for fear of what you might show us; keep sending loving and compassionate leaders to open our eyes until we see what you see in our world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God loves us enough to send the Son not to condemn us, but to save us. By

God's good and precious grace we are saved.

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 "He Grew the Tree" The Choir 10:30 am "God So Loved the World" Solo by Frank Hooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Numbers 21:4-9

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

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord

John 3:14-21

Praise be to Thee, O Christ

\* HYMN

\* GOSPEL LESSON

"Healer of My Soul"

#633

SERMON

"Looking Up"

#### 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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# SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 am: "God So Loved the World" 10:30 am: "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" Solo by Frank Hopper

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## \* 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: As the Lord sent Jesus into the world to manifest the grace of God,

Many: The Lord sends us into the world to manifest the love of Christ.

One: Go now in the assurance that, as the Lord stood with Jesus in the hour of

his trial.

Many: The Lord shall stand with us in the hour of our trial.

One: As the Lord went with him, Many: The Lord shall go with us.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"There is a Redeemer"

#117

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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#### **POSTLUDE**

"Postlude"

Cappalan

United Evangelical Church

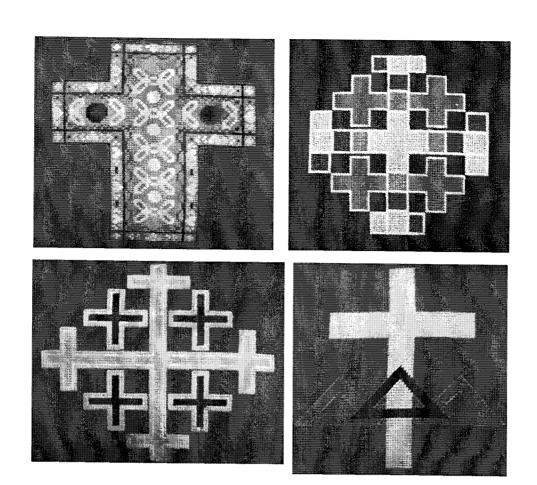
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The Paradox of God "All is Washed Away..."

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March 21, 2012

Fifth Wednesday in Lent

7:30 pm

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#### GREETING

One:

May the grace of the 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

One: If we had a fraction of the faith in you that you have in us

Many: Then this world would be transformed, Lord

One: If we showed a fraction of the love that you show to us

Many: Then this world would be transformed, Lord

One: If we possessed a fraction of the patience that you display with us

Many: Then this world would be transformed, Lord

One: If we shared just a portion of the blessings that we have received from

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Many: Then this world would be transformed, Lord

One: If we showed as much trust in others as you have shown in us

Many: Then this world would be transformed, Lord

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Church

Many: Then this world would be transformed, Lord

One: Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform this world

Many: Through your love and your power. Amen.

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#### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING
Galatians 3:27-28

**MESSAGE** 

"All is Washed Away..."

\* HYMN

"One Bread, One Body"

#689

#### 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, forever and ever. Amen.

#### PRAYER RESPONSE

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#### **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

"We Are All One in Mission"

#552

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Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. (Psalm 51:1)



Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. (Psalm 51:12)

## **OUR MISSION**

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March 25, 2012

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:30 am

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#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"My Song is Love Unknown"

Arr. V. Williams

#### WORDS OF GATHERING

Each day is a gift from God,

Many: Each moment is an opportunity to reach out in service to all creation.

One:

Each day is a reminder of the new covenant:

Many: Not written on stone tablets easily broken, but inscribed on our hearts

filled with joy and hope.

One:

Each day we draw closer to God:

Many: Who has forgiven us more than we ever acknowledge.

\* 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, we crowd our lives with so much activity, that it is hard to find time for you. We become so focused on ourselves, we can overlook those around us who are searching for hope. We fill our spiritual emptiness with junk, rather than feasting on your Word. God of mercy, forgive us. Open our eyes, that we may see your new covenant written in plain sight on our hearts. Open our hearts, that we may join you in serving the broken of the world. Open our love, so we may pour it out as abundantly and graciously as your love is given to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One:

Through Christ, we are made whole; through Christ, we are loved; through

Christ, 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 "I Believe in a Hill Called Mt. Calvary" Solo by Florence Gundlach 10:30 am "He Grew the Tree" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord

John 12:20-33

Praise be to Thee, O Christ

\* GOSPEL LESSON

"Change My Heart, O God"

#373

\* HYMN SERMON

"Mercy"

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

Musical Reflection

8:00 and 10:30 am: "Jesus Calls Us"

Arr. Hughes Hamburg

\* Doxology

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\* Prayer of Dedication

#### GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

## \* SENDING FORTH

One: As we leave this time and place, go out in good heart to face the needs of

this hour and to bear the fruit of love in the world.

Many: We go in the strength of God's peace.

All:

Amen.

\* HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

#287

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Prelude in Classic Style"

Young

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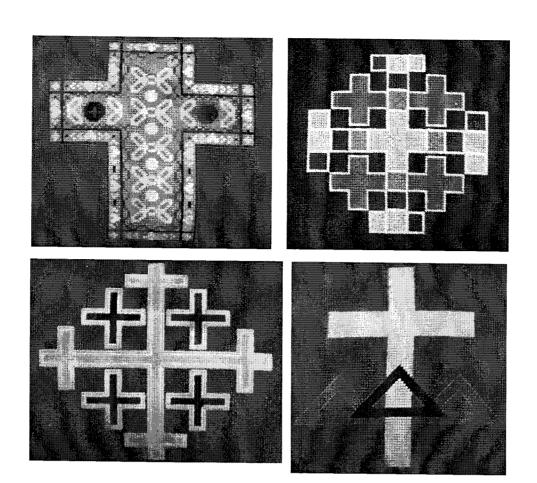
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The Paradox of God "Father forgive them..."

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March 28, 2012

Sixth Wednesday in Lent

7:30 pm

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#### **GREETING**

One:

May the grace of the 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

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#### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:34

**MESSAGE** 

"Father forgive them..."

\* HYMN

"What the Lord Has Done in Me"

#360

#### 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, forever and ever. Amen.

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## **OFFERING**

# Offertory

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Demands my soul, my life, my all.

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* SENDING FORTH

\* PARTING HYMN "Near the Cross" #479

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April 1, 2012

Palm Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 am

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#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Bach

#### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

Many: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we

long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

One: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before Jesus, to

cushion his walk.

Many: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God!

Many: 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: God of Grace and Glory, we come singing with palms and praises, knowing that our efforts to be faithful to you at times fall short. We, like the disciples, will run away, betray and deny you. All too often, we wrap up your gift of love in our own expectations and demands. We come seeking your guidance in our lives that we might be more authentic, more true to you. Help us to share your love with the world. Peel off the layers that we hide you in, Lord, and guide us into living your love faithfully in this world. In the name of Jesus the Messiah we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One:

Laying aside judgment, God offers us forgiveness and embraces us with love. This is the good news: God's steadfast love endures forever.

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 "The Holy City" Solo by Lois Duvall 10:30 am "Hosanna in the Highest" 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 in the highest

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 11:1-11

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings

\* HYMN

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

#265

**SERMON** 

"Having the Same Mind"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00 am)

Apostles Creed

First page of Hymnal

ORDER OF CONFIRMATION (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

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Musical Reflection

8:00 and 10:30 am: "With Palms Before Thee"

Nordman

\* 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: Go into this week to walk with Jesus into the strongholds of evil, into the

sacred space of prayer, and into the horrors of torture. Knowing that the

faithfulness, courage, and strength needed to follow, God will provide.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #267

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

**POSTLUDE** 

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

arr. Innes

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# The 61<sup>st</sup> Last Supper Tableau And Pramatization

Wednesday, April 4th, 2012 8:00 pm

#### **OUR MISSION**

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April 4, 2012

Wednesday of Holy Week--Tableau

8:00 pm

\* indicates to stand as able

**PRELUDE** 

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

arr. Johnson

**OPENING SENTENCE** 

\* HYMN OF ADORATION

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

#255

\* 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.

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All:

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

Amen

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One:

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

are forgiven.

Many:

Praise be to God.

#### \* GLORIA PATRIA

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

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior, I surrender all.

#### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY**

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

Bach

#### \* 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Room at the Cross" Solo by Frank Hooper

#### **DRAMATIZATION OF THE LAST SUPPER**

\* BENEDICTION

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN POSTLUDE

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" "O Savior Blest"

#264

Bach

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April 5, 2012

Maundy Thursday

7:30 pm

\* indicates to stand as able

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Ah, Dearest Jesus"

arr. Middleton

WELCOME

\* GATHERING WORDS

One:

We gather tonight to recall the night Jesus was betrayed. Are you prepared to come to the feast of Jesus the Christ, whose life was poured out for you?

Many:

By the grace of God, we are.

One:

Are you able to watch with Jesus at prayer in the garden -- indeed, to struggle ourselves to be in unity with God's will for your life?

By the grace of God, we are.

Many: One:

Then let us praise God, even in this hour of darkness!

All:

God of all grace and steadfast love, greatly is your name to be praised in all the

earth. Bring us to this feast of remembrance with open hearts!

\* OPENING HYMN

"My Song is Love Unknown"

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.

#### WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All:

O Lord Jesus, in this Holy Week you prayed that we would love one another as you have loved us. Tonight we confess the ways we have not have practiced what you have taught us. You came announcing freedom to the poor, yet we turn away from the homeless and the jobless. You spoke of God's inclusive love, yet we find loving those who are different from us difficult. You indulged in acts of radical acceptance yet we erect barriers of fear and suspicion

between us. Forgive us Lord. Let the love, joy and humility by which you served us, be how we serve one another. Continue to bless us that we may share your blessing with the world you love and gave your life for. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One:

God reaches out to heal us and to reveal again the love that will not let us go.

Know that you are forgiven.

Many:

We will answer God's love with our praise; our devotion; our service.

#### \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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.

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Lamb of God" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

One:

The Word of the Lord

Manv:

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

One:

The Word of the Lord

Many:

Thanks be to God

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest

\* GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION "An Upper Room with Evening Lamps"

#274

**MEDITATION** 

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

#### \* 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

Δ11.

We thank you, O Christ, that through this meal we have known your incredible love. Thank you, O Lord, that in your death we discover your irrepressible life; and that in your cross, O Savior, we find that we are saved. Thank you for leading us out of darkness and into your marvelous light. Now lead us into the world, as agents of Love, Light and Salvation. In your most Holy name we pray. Amen.

**HYMN** 

"Go to Dark Gethsamane"

#272

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

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April 6, 2012

Good Friday

9:00 am

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#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Were You There"

arr. Innes

\* GATHERING WORDS

One:

It is a dark day to be gathered here. It is a barren place beneath the cross, filled

with shadows and death.

Many:

We are here because we need to be here; the shadows of this day are our

shadows, the death is our death.

One:

The cross becomes for us a mirror, in it we see our own brokenness, our own

sinfulness: our own darkness.

Many:

We gather at the foot of your cross, O Christ, because we desperately need to be here. For in the reflection of your love-inspired sacrifice we find an open

doorway to life.

\* OPENING HYMN

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

#284

\* GREETING

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All:

Crucified and Sovereign Jesus, 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 have broken our promises, while your word is never broken. We have inflicted pain on others and on our world through our selfishness and greed, our brokenness and anger, our rigidity and our need to be right. Forgive us, O Lord, for being weak in the face of adversity and conflict, for fleeing when the going gets tough, for forsaking you. Strengthen us with your courage and lead us to follow the path you set before us. Help and restore us because we cannot heal ourselves. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One:

Hear Jesus' first words from the cross, and the last word on our sins – "Father, forgive them." This is the Good News: even though we betray God's love, we are not abandoned to the ways of death.

Many:

By his wounds we are healed. Thanks be to God.

#### \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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

YOU HAVE HEARD IT SAID	
First Scripture Reading  Matthew 26:1-2 / Matthew 26:3-5  Ah. Holy Jesus (verses 1, 2, and 4)	#262
Second Scripture Reading Matthew 26:14-16	
Third Scripture Reading  Matthew 26:19-25, 30  Go to Dark Gethsemane	#272
Fourth Scripture Reading  Matthew 26:31-46  Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed	#263
Fifth Scripture Reading Matthew 26:47-50, 56b-57, 59-66  Lamb of God (verses 1 and 2)	#281
Sixth Scripture Reading Matthew 26:67-68, 73-75, 27:1-8 Were You There? (verses 1 and 2)	#283
Seventh Scripture Reading  Matthew 27:11-23, 26-31, 35-36  God, My Father, Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me? Solo by Frank Hooper	
Eight Scripture Reading Matthew 27:37-46, 50 / Matthew 27:51-54 Meditation	

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

#### PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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

"Agnus Dei" Solo by Frank Hooper

Martin

\* 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:

Since, then, we have a great high priest, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Him who is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross.

All:

Amen.

\* CLOSING HYMN

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

#261

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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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth"

Handel

# THE LIVING CROSS

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Many: Christ is Risen indeed!

One: The stone that the builders rejected.

Many: Has become the chief cornerstone.

One: This the day that the Lord has made.

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

\* OPENING HYMN

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

#288

\* 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: Wondrous God of resurrection, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. Continue to break down the walls of death in our lives, so that the Risen Christ, who continually offers us new life, will be seen in us. In the name of our risen Savior we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away. Receive the gift and promise of new

life and resurrection: we are forgiven, we are loved; we are restored.

Many: Alleluia!

\*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;

Hyfrydol

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

"The Power of the Cross" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 10:34-43

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

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Windson.

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 16:1-8

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings

\* HYMN

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

#289

SERMON

"Who Will Roll Away the Stone?"

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Back page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Thine Be the Glory"

arr. Johnson Hamburg

\* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

\* Prayer of Dedication

#### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

#### GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Alleluia, Christ is risen! Many: Christ is risen indeed.

There is no darkness now, only light. Go from here and share the wondrous

news of God's love in Jesus Christ.

Many: We go in the power of Christ's resurrection! Alleluia!

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection"

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today"

arr. Innes

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# Christ shows himself to Thomas

By Hildreth M. Meiere (d. 1961) A mosaic in the Washington Cathedral, Washington D.C.

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April 15, 2012

Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Adagio"

Mozart

#### WORDS OF GATHERING

One:

This is a new day.

Many: The day of the risen Christ!

One:

Christ lives in our hearts and in our world.

Many: Christ lives. Let us love our neighbors!

One:

Christ lives. Let us share God's abundance. Many: Christ lives. Let us care for God's creation!

Christ lives. Let us rejoice!

Many: Christ lives. Let us worship God!

\* 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:

Holy God, who made the world and called it good, who calls humanity into community with you and with each other, who breathes within our world and calls us to peace and justice, we confess we have not walked in the light of the Resurrected Christ. We have hid in the shadows of fear and distrust, of doubt and resignation. Forgive us Merciful One. Make your presence known to us here gathered that we may recognize you in the wounds of our sisters and brothers, and make real for them your hope of abundant life, through Jesus Christ, our Crucified and Risen Savior. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News: Even in the darkness of sin and fear, the Light of God breaks in with the forgiveness, grace and joy. Rejoice for in Christ we have new

life.

Many: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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Hyfrydol

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#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "The Power of the Cross" The Choir 10:30 am Solo by Frank Hooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 4:32-35

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

SECOND READING

1 John 1:1-2:2

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

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings

\* HYMN

"Christ Arose!"

**SERMON** 

"Rescuing Thomas"

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

First page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 am "Interlude" 10:30 am Solo by Frank Hooper

Stainer

\* Doxology

Hamburg

During Condition

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 out from this place trusting that God walks with us.

Many: We go out from this place knowing that we walk in the light.

One: Go out from this place shining with the good news that Christ is risen.

Many: We will be a people who love our neighbors, who share God's abundance,

and who care for God's creation.

One: Christ is risen indeed.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

\* HYMN

"Thine Is the Glory"

#310

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today"

Young

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Christ Appears to the Disciples at the Table after the Resurrection

By Duccio, di Buoninsegna (d. 1319)

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April 22, 2012

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

arr. Leatherman

**PRELUDE** 

"Medley on The Love of God"

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Like the disciples who met the risen Christ,

Many: We come hoping for unexpected appearances of God's presence.

One: We come with our questions and doubts, and listen for Christ to appear in our

midst saying:

Many: "Peace be with you."

One: We hear the stories of God's love in the Scriptures,

Many: And we know that God is still speaking!

One: Come let us witness to the miraculous love of Jesus!

Many: Come, let us worship!

\* OPENING HYMN

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

#23

\* 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 Present God, our lives are filled with distractions big and small. We confess that like the disciples we are easily scared by the unknown. We are overcome with worry about illness, unemployment, our children, and the world as a whole. In our most vulnerable moments we demand that you answer us when we call to you. But often we do not listen for you or seek your unexpected, grace filled presence in our trouble. Forgive us for our demands. Be gracious to us and hear the longing found within our prayers. Give us eyes to see the light of your face shining on us, O God. In our waking and in our slumber, give us peace. In Christ we pray.

Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Our lives have been transformed by the abundant mercy given to us in

Christ Jesus our Lord. As God's children, we are blessed, we are loved, we

are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;

Hyfrydol

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 am "The Center of Your Will" Solo by Diane Borkman 10:30 am "I Will Rise" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 3:12-19

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

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

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

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:36b-48

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings

\* HYMN

"O How He Loves You and Me"

#270

SERMON

"You are Witnesses of These Things"

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

First page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 and 10:30 am "Interlude"

Haydn Hamburg

\* 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 from here in the power of the risen Christ, offering peace, offering hope, offering courage. And may the blessing of God our Creator, Christ our Teacher, and the Holy Spirit of Light be with you now and always.

All: Amen!

\* HYMN

"Christ is Alive"

#312

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"The Strife is O'er"

Young

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# Jesus the Good Shepherd By Jaques Le Breton and Jean Gaudín

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#### **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

April 29, 2012

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

arr. DeCou

#### WORDS OF GATHERING

One:

In the presence of God, we gather:

Many:

As people burdened and looking for comfort; as folks whose spirits need a

One:

Like little children, we surround God:

Many: Hoping for that touch which will refresh us; longing to be embraced in arms of

One:

For the Lord is our Shepherd:

Many: And we shall not be in want.

\* OPENING HYMN

"In the Garden"

#300

#### \* 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:

Gentle Shepherd, we know your voice. We know your call upon our lives. And so we confess that we have failed to listen as you have called to us through the cries of the world. We have ignored the needs of our neighbors. Forgive us, O God, for failing to act because the problems seem too big for us. Forgive us, O God, when we become focused on our own problems and worries, instead of seeing your face in our neighbors and around the world. Open our ears and our hearts to answer your call to follow you, even when it is difficult, even when we do not want to. Call us back to you, so that we might hear your voice, seek your ways, and love our neighbors as ourselves. In the name of Christ, the one who lays down his life for us all, we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news: Goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives.

Wherever we are, God is with us; whatever we've done, God forgives us.

Many: Thanks be to God

\*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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 am "Here I Am Lord" Solo by Lois Duvall

10:30 am "To You" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 4:5-12

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

SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

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

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:11-18

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings

\* HYMN

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

#86

**SERMON** 

"The Good Shepherd"

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 8:00 am SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 10:30 am Apostles Creed

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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

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 and 10:30 am "The Lord's My Shepherd"

arr. Johnson

Hamburg

\* 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: Beloved, let us love not in word or speech,

Many: But in truth and action.

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

All: Amen!

\* HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#440

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"The Church's One Foundation"

arr. Innes

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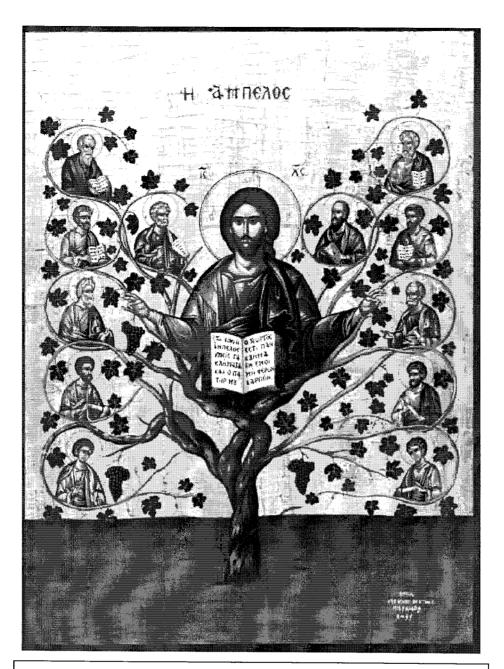
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May 6, 2012

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:30 am

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#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"How Beautiful"

Paris

#### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We come to this place where God pours out love on us,

Many: We join our voices in praise, as our fears are left behind.

One: We open our hearts to the gifts of the Spirit,

Many: So that grace and peace might be the fruit we bear.

One: We gather as those who seek to follow Jesus,

Many: So we might walk the paths of service hand in hand.

\* OPENING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

#59

\* 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, we come together to reconnect to you, the source of love. No one has ever seen you, but here, connected to one another, we feel you abiding with us. We confess however that our lives do not always bear the fruit of your love but rather the fruit of resentment, complaining, judging and worry. We are filled with fear about the future generations of your church. We worry that we won't be here to tell them about you. We are worried they won't know about your love. Forgive us when we do not trust in your perfect love, or allow it to penetrate our lives. Strengthen us to reach out like branches bearing good fruit to the world. Abide with us in this time, O God, so that we will continue to abide in your love now and always. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One:

Beloved, God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent

his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, so that we might live

through him.

Many: We are alive in Christ! Thanks be to God.

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

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 sanctity

Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.

Hyfrydol

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF REV. CATHY'S 10 YEARS AT UNITED

Occasion, Reflections, Words from Pastor Cathy

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "Keep Me True" Solo by Claire Hovermill 10:30 am "Keep Me True" The Choir and Guests

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 8:26-40

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

One:

The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-8

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings

\* HYMN

"Lamb of God"

#281

**SERMON** 

"Unless Someone Guides Me"

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### PRAYER RESPONSE

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"How Lovely are the Messengers"

Mendelsohn

\* Doxology

Hamburg

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

\* Prayer of Dedication

#### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION †

(see insert)

<sup>†(</sup>All are welcome to the table. A blessing will be given to children who are pre-confirmation age.)

#### GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

#### \* SENDING FORTH

One: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

Many: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

One: Go in peace to love and serve. Reach out in love and bear the good fruit

that is uniquely yours by the love of God.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

#356

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Karg-Elert

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May 13, 2012

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"There is No Greater Love"

arr. Peterson

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Listen! The world is singing God's praises! In the sound of children laughing, the

feel of a gentle breeze, the fresh smell of morning.

Many: God's steadfast love is everywhere around us.

One: Listen! The world is singing God's praises! In friendship restored, in reconciled

relationships, in love refreshed.

Many: God's steadfast love is everywhere around us.

One: Let us worship the One who surrounds us with love,

Many: Let us lift our praise to the God who calls us friend.

\* 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: O God of Steadfast Love, we confess that we are selfish with our love; loving those who will love us, those who will help us, but ignoring those who seem irrelevant. Forgive us, Lord, for being short-sighted, and not seeing our brothers and sisters in the world. Forgive us for not loving the way you did. Loving Jesus you laid down your life for the lost and the least, the poor and the broken. Help us to hear your call to follow you away from the ways of the world and back into the ways of your love. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One

Our God is ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding

in steadfast love. So, hear and believe the good news that through Jesus who dwells in us, we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God

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

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.

Hyfrydol

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "My Redeemer Lives" Solo by Denise Kelly 10:30 am "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 10:44-48

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

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

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

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:9-17

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings

\* HYMN

"I Then Shall Live"

#372

SERMON

"Being Friends with God"

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

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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.

#### PRAYER RESPONSE

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

arr. Johnson

8:00 am "No Greater Love" Solo by Denise Kelly 10:30 am "No Greater Love" Harris/Nystrom

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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

\* Praver of Dedication

#### GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

#### \* SENDING FORTH

One: We are chosen by Christ as friends, surrounded with faithfulness and steadfast

love. So go, to keep his commandments, to abide in his love.

Many: We will go forth in peace and justice!

One: Love one another, go and serve.

Many: We will share in Christ's mission, bearing fruit that will last.

One: Go forth as Christ's friends, rejoicing!

Many: We go to witness to our world that Christ is alive!

All: Amen!

\* HYMN

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

#393

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

**POSTLUDE** 

"O Love That Will Not Let God"

arr. Jordan

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May 20, 2012

Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:30 am

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#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky"

Kinderman

WORDS OF GATHERING

One:

We gather in this place because we know the Lord, and because we wish to

know the Lord more.

Many: We come seeking the blessing of the Risen Lord.

One:

Come to celebrate the presence of the One who knows our hearts and guides our

choices.

Many: We come to witness the Risen Lord at work in our midst.

Come, let us worship God, who is inviting us into life in a new way, a way that

transcends death, a way of hope and faith.

\* OPENING HYMN

Many: Let us worship Christ, who overcame death to give us new life! "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

#322

\* 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 are the Protector of all. Many of us come this morning with the weight of the world on our shoulders. We are burdened with our own problems and with the problems of the world that we just can't solve. We confess that anxiety and pain separate us from one another and from you.

Silent Reflection

One:

Remind us that your prayer for us is to become one—

All:

To share each other's hopes and burdens, to create a world where resources are shared so that all have enough. Transform our separate lives into one life shared in you; take away the armor that shields us from the pain of others and fill us with

joy that radiates from the core of our being. In the joyful spirit of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One:

Whoever has Christ has life. No matter if we have turned or fallen away, God's

promise of new life is always available. You are forgiven. You are loved.

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;

Alleluia to the Savior who has won the victory

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#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Before the Throne of God Above" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God SECOND READING

1 John 5:9-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:6-19

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings

\* HYMN

"At the Name of Jesus"

#321

Hyfrydol

**SERMON** 

"The Pay-Off"

#### 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

"Look Ye Saints the Sight is Glorious"

Buxtehude Hamburg

\* 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 into the world, refreshed by the truth you have received from Christ

and renewed by the knowledge that you belong to God.

All:

Amen!

\* HYMN

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

#317

CLOSING OF WORSHIP +

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Improvisation on Diademata"

Smith

United Evangelical Church

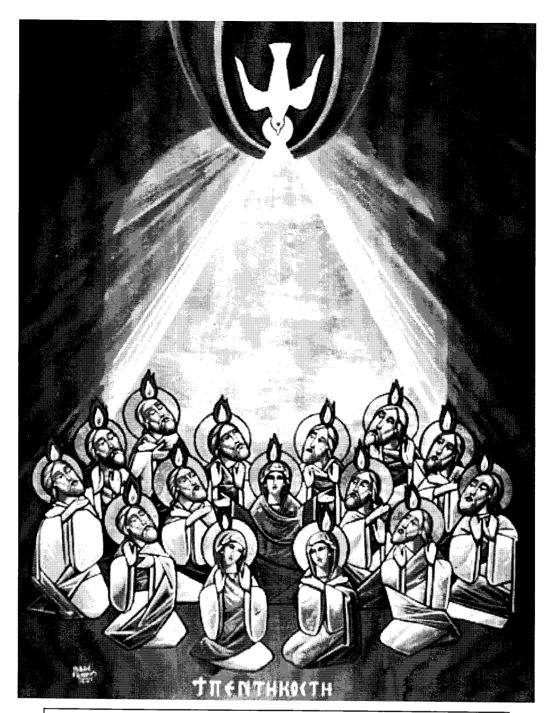
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May 27, 2012

Pentecost Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 am

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### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

arr. Johnson

#### WORDS OF GATHERING

One:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

One:

Anointing us to bring good news to the poor.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

One:

Calling us to bring release to the captives.

One:

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Calling us to let the oppressed go free.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

One:

Come, Holy Spirit, let us proclaim God's presence by our witness of word and

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, Come, and fill us in this time of worship. \* OPENING HYMN

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

#334

\* 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 Holy Spirit, we come here from the Four Directions to celebrate the amazing gift of your presence. We also come confessing that we do not always witness to your work in our lives. We do not show love for our neighbors in need because we are too concerned about our own worries. We put ourselves first instead of remembering Christ's call to be servants of all. At times our lives do not bear witness to your power and grace in our lives. Forgive us, restore us, and guide us to live our lives honoring you. May we experience this day Pentecost as the first

church elders did. Come, Holy Spirit! Breathe on us with life-giving power. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has poured out the Holy Spirit on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that having been justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the

hope of eternal life.

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

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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 "Nearer My God to Thee" Solo by Lois Duvall 10:30 am "Worthy of Worship" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-21

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

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

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"Spirit Song"

#352

**SERMON** 

"Open Up and Receive"

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**CONFIRMATION RENEWAL LITANY** 

(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

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

**Iverson** 

8:00 and 10:30 am "Spirit of the Living God"

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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 into the world with joy; celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit, ministering by the power of the Spirit to those in need, those seeking justice, and those seeking peace. And may the grace of the Holy Spirit guide you into all truth.

All:

Amen!

\* HYMN

"America, the Beautiful"

#727

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

**POSTLUDE** 

"Come Holy Ghost, Lord and God"

Bach

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#### A SERVICE OF MEMORIAL

Edward Lea Willis

July 24, 1929 - May 16, 2012

May 30, 2012

2:00 p.m.

\*Indicates to stand as able

PRELUDE

**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.

**OPENING SENTENCE** 

\*OPENING HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All:

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

WELCOME

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

FIRST READING

Psalm 23

GOSPEL READING

John 14

MEDITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE

"On Eagle's Wings"

PRAYER - 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.

#### \*LITANY OF DEPARTURE

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

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

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

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

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

Gracious God, help us to recall the joy and warmth of our times together as we prepare to unbind Ed and let him go free.

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

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

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

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

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

And let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

Amen.

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

Amen.

\*BENEDICTION

\*PARTING HYMN

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

**POSTLUDE** 



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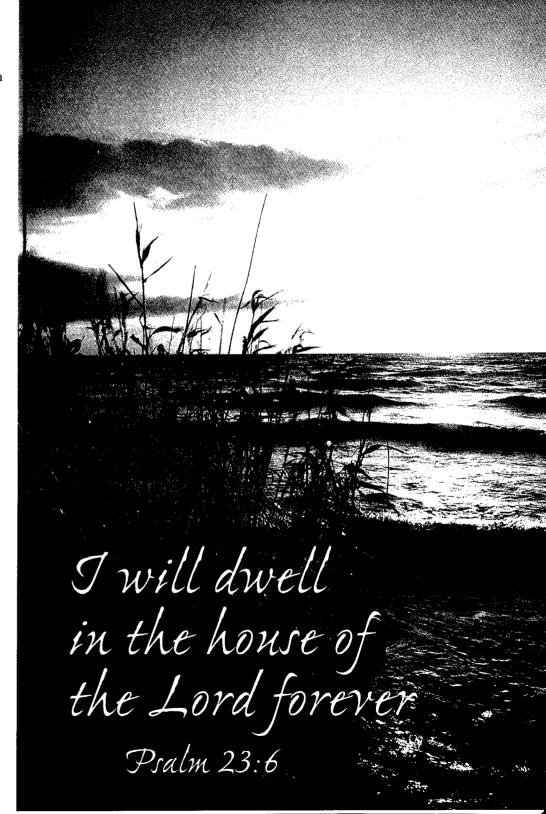
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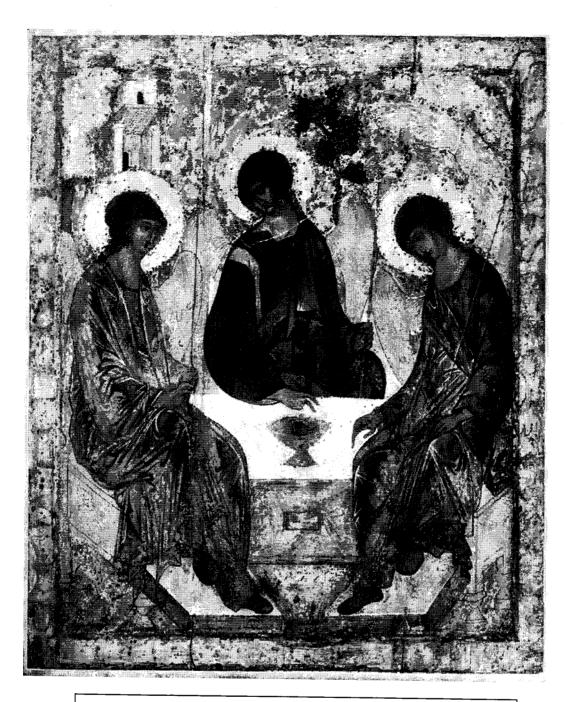
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<u>Holy Trinity</u> Andrei Saint Rublev (d. ca. 1430)

#### **OUR MISSION**

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June 3, 2012

Trinity Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"God So Loved the World"

Stainer

WORDS OF GATHERING

One:

Let us praise God the Creator,

Many: Who is filled with glory and power - with holiness and splendor;

One:

Let us worship God the Savior,

Many: Who is filled with love and compassion - with justice and peace;

One:

Let us experience God the Spirit,

Many: Who fills us with faith and joy - with love and eternal life.

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts.

One:

Many: Let us worship the Triune One.

\* 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

O Holy God of Mystery, too often we resist presenting ourselves before you, All: afraid of your judgment, afraid of your condemnation, afraid you will find us unworthy of your love and unequipped to be your servants. We confess times when we focus too much on our own deficiencies, and not enough on our capabilities. We can be discouraged too easily from seeking to follow your call. We sometimes allow our worries to distract us from your goodness, and our doubts to distract us from your love. Forgive us, we pray, for everything we do that creates a barrier between us and you. Help us to be reborn this day as your loving children and devoted servants. In Christ we pray. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One:

Mercy, hope and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us. We are

surrounded by God's peace, by God's grace, by God's love. We are forgiven!

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

#733

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 "Glorify Your Name" Pam Georgiadis and Rob Gundlach 10:30 am "Jesus Friend of Sinners" The Choir

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 6:1-8

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

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-17

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:1-17

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"Holy Ground"

#654

**SERMON** 

"A Holy Mystery"

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Back page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection

Post

8:00 and 10:30 am "Chorale from Holy, Holy,"

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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)

<sup>†</sup>(All are welcome to the table. A blessing will be given to children who are pre-confirmation age.)

#### GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

#### \* SENDING FORTH

One

Go forth from this place reborn in God's spirit, assured of your place in God's family, empowered to serve, and freed to love. And may the Lord give you strength; may the Lord bless you with peace.

All: Am

Amen!

\* HYMN

"Here I am Lord"

#559

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Finale from Holy, Holy, Holy"

Post

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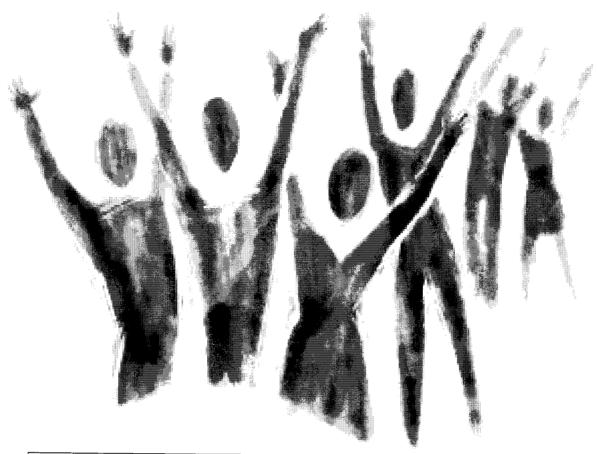
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Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

--Psalm 146:1b-2



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June 10, 2012

Second Sunday after Pentecost, Laity Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Jesus Loves Me"

arr. Adams

HYMN SING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: The church is the place where the broken gather:

Many: Let us worship God who reconciles us to one another and to God.

One: The church is the place where sinners are welcome:

Many: Let us worship God who, with forgiving hands, shapes us into new people.

One: The church is the place where the lost, the least, the forgotten, the ignored

gather:

Many: Let us worship God who looks at us with the eyes of love.

Many. Let us worship dod who looks at us with the eyes of love

\* OPENING HYMN

"Lamb of God"

#281

\* 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 Jesus Christ, we recognize how you have blessed our lives with the gift of the Holy Spirit so that our faith has miraculously and mysteriously grown. We remember with gratitude those people who generously sowed the seeds of faith in our lives.

Pause for a time of reflection

One: We confess the times we fail to involve ourselves in planting any seeds of faith in

the lives of others:

Many: The times when our personal agendas become more important than yours;

One: The times when we have denied others the opportunity to expand their faith

through our lack of interest or involvement;

Many: The times when our lives become so entangled with the values of the world, that

we forget what you have said and done and promised.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, we know that when we become disconnected from you, our

lives become parched and unfruitful and our faith becomes stunted and dry. Bless and renew our lives, we pray, so that we remain connected to you at all times and in all places, strengthening our faith to expand and, growing strongly and

vigorously, to bear the fruit of your mercy, your love, your undying life. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In Christ we are forgiven all our failed efforts and invited afresh to rejoin the family

of God.

Many: Thanks be to God

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

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

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

"This Little Light of Mine"

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am Solo by Denise Kelly 10:30 am "Majesty" The Choir

#### FAVORITE SONG OF ALL

First Reading:

Matthew 11:28-30

Meditation:

Diane Borkman

Hymn:

Have Thine Own Way, Lord (#486)

#733

Second Reading:

Matthew 6:24-32

Meditation:

Ric Nyborg

Medital

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Hymn:

A Mighty Fortress is Our God (#507)

Third Reading:

Psalm 23

Meditation:

Carolyn Noteware

Hymn:

In the Garden (#300)

#### 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.

#### PRAYER RESPONSE

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection

8:00 am Solo by Denise Kelly

10:30 am "He Grew the Tree" The Choir

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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 to sing your song of faith. And may the One who began a good

work within you bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

All:

Amen!

\* HYMN

"Onward Christian Soldiers"

#509

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Prelude in Classic Style"

Young



"With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

---Mark 4:30-32

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June 17, 2012

Third Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

arr. Johnson

WORDS OF GATHERING

Come and give thanks to our God. Sing praises to God's holy name.

With the melody of the lute and the harp and the song in our hearts. We

declare God's steadfast love in the morning and faithfulness at night.

One:

God's works make us glad.

Many: Your works are great, O God. We sing our praises of joy to you.

\* 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:

O God, maker of all that is beautiful, you are indeed generous. You give us the gifts of the spirit which enable us to have so much. Jesus gave us the seeds of your justice and peace. We forget, however, that we have been recipients of other people's generosity. Believing that what we have is ours, we forget that all we have is yours. Forgive us. Help us to remember that being made in your image, we can be as generous as you. In this time together, touch us, teach us, inspire us to sow those seeds through our ministries so that all may share in Creation's abundance, and to make true the promise that no one will know scarcity and no one will suffer deprivation in this community and beyond. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a humble spirit and a contrite heart. By God's

steadfast love for us, we are forgiven of our sins.

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "Offering" The Choir

10:30 am "People Need the Lord" Solo by Frank Hooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

One:

The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

One:

The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:26-34

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

#721

#733

SERMON

"The Joy of Planting"

#### 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

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection

8:00 am "Consolation" 10:30 am "This is My Father's World" Solo by Frank Hooper Mendelssohn

Hamburg

\* 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: People of God, go forth to share the gifts with which God has anointed you;

knowing that God, the giver of all gifts, journeys with you, and blesses you each

and every day.

All:

Amen!

\* HYMN

"Hymn of Promise"

#515

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Fanfare"

Lemmens

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Peace Be Still By Qi He

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June 24, 2012

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

arr. Livingston

**PRELUDE** 

"It is Well With My Soul"

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We gather in this place to worship our God:

Many: The calm Presence in our times of confusion, the Comforter in our nights of

struggle.

One: We gather with fellow pilgrims, as we seek to follow Jesus:

Many: A Brother to those swamped by fears, a Friend to all overwhelmed by loss.

One: We are brought together by the Spirit who lives in the depths of our souls:

Many: The Serenity who travels with us on this up-and-down journey we call life.

One: We gather in this place to worship our God:

Many: Who is worthy of all our praise.

\* OPENING HYMN "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

#74

\* 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, it is true that sometimes we are like David, and sometimes Goliath. We face the powerful with righteous anger, but cling to any sense of power that we attain. We are grateful when grace is extended to us, yet remain absent-minded of this when others have wronged us. We treat our own as family, yet ignore sisters and brothers whom we see only from a distance. Forgive us for our two-sided nature. As people of paradox, we long for oneness with ourselves and others, with Christ and creation. Bring us your wholeness, O God, so that justice and love may flow freely. In Christ we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One:

Through Christ, God's grace washes over our lives; and we are forgiven to begin

again.

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

#733

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 & 10:30 am "Sheltered in the Arms of God" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:35-41

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"Stand By Me"

#495

SERMON

"Making Waves"

#### 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

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 & 10:30 am "Lead Me Lord"

Wesley

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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 in a spirit of prayer, knowing that with Christ you can

overcome obstacles. And may God make strong your heart to stand before the

storms calling out, "peace be still."

Many: We go with the power of God.

All: \* HYMN Amen!

"When Peace Like a River"

#428

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

arr. Page

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July 1, 2012

Fifth Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Out of the Depths I Cry to You"

Walther

#### WORDS OF GATHERING

One:

Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones

Many: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow

One:

Where there was no way

Many: God leads us in a new way

One:

Where there was no mercy

One:

Many: God surprises us with fresh mercy Where there was weeping

Many: God invites us to step into a new joy.

Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones

Many: Holy One, teach us to recognize the ways of life and hope into which you are

leading us.

\* OPENING HYMN

"As We Gather at Your Table"

#695

\* 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

One:

Let us ponder for a moment the places of our lives where we resist turning to God

for healing and change.

(silent reflection)

When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to

enter:

Many: Lord have mercy.

One: When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and

reconciliation:

Many: Christ have mercy.

When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead One:

of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice:

Many: Lord have mercy.

One: O Faithful God.

May our desires become your desires, our work become your work, and our All:

community the place where you are sought and found. In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's mercies are fresh every morning. In Christ, God offers us forgiving grace.

Many: We give thanks for the mercy of God.

\*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 & 10:30 am "Blessings" Solo by Diane Borkman

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

The Word of the Lord One:

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 5:21-43

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"Healer of My Soul"

#633

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

#733

SERMON

"A Holy Moment"

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 and 10:30 am "He Touched Me"

Gaither

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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)

t(All are welcome to the table. A blessing will be given to children who are pre-confirmation age.)

#### GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

#### \* SENDING FORTH

One:

Go from here to walk in the assurance that God's presence and love is with you always, calling you beyond fear into belief and joy. And may the grace and peace of God the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer come upon you this day and remain with you.

All:

Amen!

\* HYMN

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

#731

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

**POSTLUDE** 

"Fantasia on America the Beautiful"

Kouroy



Anointing of David

10th Century, Bibliotheque of Paris

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July 8, 2012

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Praver"

Boellman

WORDS OF GATHERING

One:

This is the house of God who is the most generous Host.

Many:

Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

One:

God's grace is sufficient for us. Christ's power is made perfect in our weakness.

Many:

Let the sons of God be glad! Let the daughters of God rejoice!

\* OPENING HYMN

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

#598

\* 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

One: If we have been so busy that we didn't notice the needs of others,

Many: Or have resented those who do take time to be kind and generous,

One: Or have disgraced our faith by becoming self-absorbed:

All: Forgive us, loving God, and save us from ourselves.

One: If we have been too proud to undertake humble tasks,

Many: Or too impatient to do tasks that have no immediate reward.

One: Or too stubborn to seek the help of others.

All: Forgive us, loving God, and save us from ourselves.

One: If we have magnified small wrongs done to us,

Many: Or have allowed tiny difficulties to frustrate us,

One: Or have been thick-skinned, inflexible or unteachable.

All: Forgive us, loving God, and save us from ourselves. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God do

God does not have to be persuaded to forgive us; it is more likely our pride that holds us back from accepting forgiveness. Open your mind and heart, and accept

the Gospel of free grace.

Many: In Christ there is grace. In Christ there is peace. In Christ there is love and joy.

Thanks be to God!

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

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

#733

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am Solo by Denise Kelly \* 10:30 am Solo by Frank Hooper

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 5:1-10

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

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:1-13

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"I Sing Praises"

#660

SERMON

"David - King at Last"

#### 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

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 am Solo by Denise Kelly \* 10:30 am Solo by Frank Hooper

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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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

Go out into God's world with a commitment to make others feel loved, and welcomed. And know that you yourselves are loved and welcomed by God,

who has called you by name and knows you by heart.

All:

Amen!

\* HYMN

"O Christians, Haste"

#565

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Toccata"

Widor

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John the Babtist's Head on a Platter
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July 15, 2012

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"A Meditation on Brother James' Air"

Darke

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come, let us enter into the House of the Lord with song and dance.

Many: We have come to worship our God, the Creator of heaven and earth, and all

that dwells within.

One: The Lord of the Dance beckons us to join in this time of celebration and joy...

Many: That we might know that we are gathered in God's holy place.

One: Here we are reminded of God's faithfulness and wisdom.

Many: Let us join with the psalmist and sing songs of the glory of the God of Hosts.

\* 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: Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open to the life you offer to us. We allow ourselves to wander off into our own ways. Too often the noise of the world confuses us. We have led ourselves and others down paths that are not in accordance with your loving direction. Help us pay attention to your guidance with all of our senses. Help us take the risks that are part of letting you lead us. Cleanse our hearts, purify our hands and steady our feet that we might know and share your blessings. In Christ we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God is eager to show us the path home. Accept the offer of the new life we have

been given through Christ Jesus.

Many: Thanks be to God!

\*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

#733

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 am "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" Solo by Lois Duvall 10:30 am "He Touched Me" Solo by Florence Gundlach

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

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

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

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:14-29

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"We're Marching to Zion"

#390

**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

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Musical Reflection

8:00 am & 10:30 am "My Tribute"

Crouch Hamburg

\* Doxology

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Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

\* Prayer of Dedication

#### GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

#### \* SENDING FORTH

Go forth into the world in faithfulness to speak God's truth, to spread God's love, and to proclaim God's welcome. And may the joy of the Lord be with

you.

All:

Amen!

\* HYMN

"We Are Called to Be God's People"

#580

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Sinfonia to Cantata No. 29"

Bach

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July 22, 2012

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"In Faith I Quiet Wait"

Bach

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Whether we are strangers or old friends, God is joining us together in this place.

Many: God's steadfast love is our foundation; God's faithfulness is with us forever.

One: Whether we are 'natives' or immigrants, God is building us together spiritually.

Many: God's steadfast love is our foundation; God's faithfulness is with us forever.

One: Whatever walls we try to build between us, in Christ, God tears them down to

build a household for all of God's people.

Many: God's steadfast love is our foundation; God's faithfulness is with us forever.

\* OPENING HYMN

"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

#549

\* 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: Steadfast God, we confess that we often put up walls between ourselves and others, forgetting that you are building a home for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, while you throw open your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst. Forgive us, Father. By your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people. Help us to take down those walls so we may welcome the stranger and truly be one community together. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, and our Savior. Amen.

One: In Christ Jesus, we who once were far off have been brought near by his blood.

He is our peace, and has broken down the dividing wall, reconciling us to God

through the cross. Know that we are forgiven, loved and restored.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

#733

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 & 10:30 am "People Need the Lord" Solo by Diane Borkman

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

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

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

#477

**SERMON** 

"Settling In"

#### 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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Musical Reflection

8:00 am & 10:30 am

"In Quietness and Confidence"

Bach

Hamburg

\* 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 into the world together, united in Christ's love for each of us to welcome the stranger, to pursue ministries of healing and hope, and to proclaim God's glory through your work. And may the peace of God which is beyond all our human understanding, be upon you, the peace of Christ which breaks down barriers, be within you, and the peace of the Holy Spirit which creates true fellowship, be among you.

All:

Amen!

\* HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

#544

CLOSING OF WORSHIP +

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Toccata in C"

Bach

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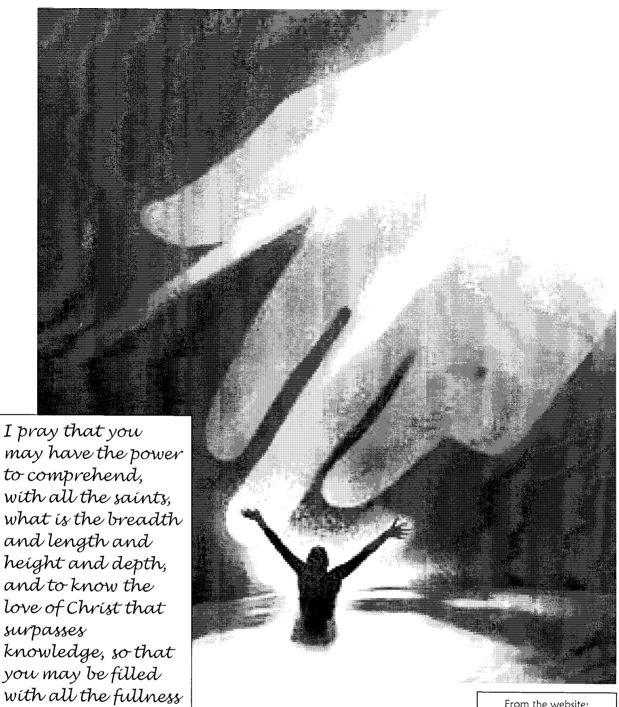
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--Ephesians 3:18-19

of God.

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July 29, 2012

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"O Bread of Life from Heaven"

Brahms

WORDS OF GATHERING

One:

Afraid? Are any afraid? Jesus says: "It is I. Don't be afraid."

Many: Christ is our sure peace and the joy of our salvation.

One:

Let all people of faith rejoice, and the whole church be glad.

Many: With Christ in our hearts, we are rooted and grounded in love and filled with all

the fullness of God.

One:

To God be all the glory, in the church and in Christ Jesus, throughout all

generations, forever and ever.

Many: Let us worship Christ together on this journey of faith.

\* OPENING HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

#14

\* 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 of Life, we confess that we have not always trusted you. We are focused on earthly successes, on moving up, on gaining the next promotion instead of focusing on you. Often our actions have not shown that we believe in you. We neglect those around us and have forgotten the need in our world. We have not always acted wisely, at times making mistakes, and instead of owning up to our mistakes, we cover them up. We lie or withhold information, to make ourselves look good instead of doing the right thing. Forgive us, O God, for our foolish and selfish ways. Call us back to loving our neighbor as ourselves, sharing out of what we have, thinking of others and how we can be your love and light in the world.

In the name of Jesus, who always forgives us and calls us back, we pray. Amen.

Christ is at work within us, and is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all

we can ask or imagine. We are forgiven. We are a new creation in Christ.

Many: Thanks be to God!

\*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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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 & 10:30 am "Panis Angelicus" Solo by Frank Hooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 11:1-15

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One:

The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

One:

The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:1-21

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus"

#398

SERMON

"The Breadth and Length and Height

and Depth"

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Musical Reflection

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\* Doxology

Hamburg

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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:

Go from this place, enriched by the abundant love of God, nourished by the

selfless care of Jesus Christ and strengthened by the indwelling power of the Holy

Spirit.

All:

Amen!

\* HYMN

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

#655

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Rondo in G"

Bull

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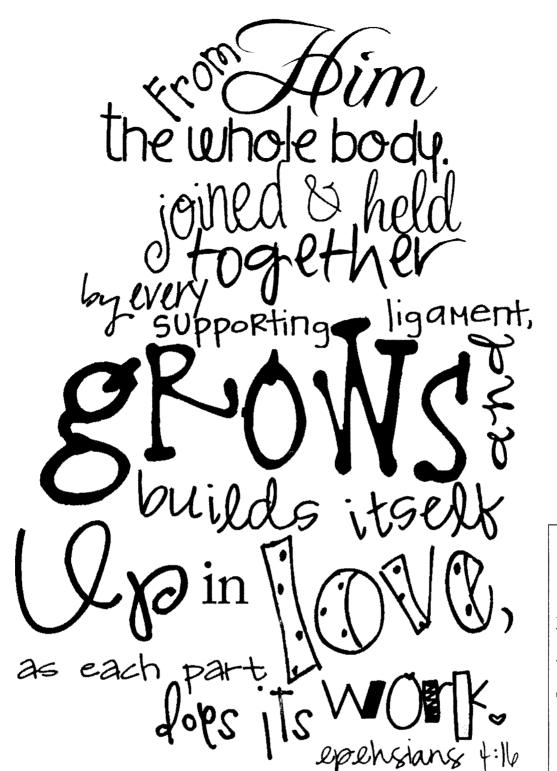
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August 5, 2012

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

#### **PRELUDE**

#### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Called to lead a life that is worthy, we gather as God's people.

Many: Whatever roads we walk, whatever waters we have passed through, we share one baptism.

One: Called to model lives of service, we share in the building up of Christ's Body.

Many: Our backgrounds are different, our habits vary, but we share a common faith in Christ.

One: Called to be people of peace and gentleness, we offer these gifts to all we meet.

Many: Though each of us is unique and precious to God, our hearts beat as one with hope.

One: One faith, one hope, one baptism.

Many: We gather as God's family at the Table prepared for us, to be fed by the Bread of life.

\* 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: God of justice, we know the mistakes we have made, the harsh words we have spoken, the hurt we have inflicted on those around us. Like immature children we continue to do all those things which break your heart, not wanting to look in the mirror and see our true selves. Forgive us, Compassionate Father. Craft us new hearts, which beat with one another, and as one with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whom we pray. Amen.

One: Seeing our brokenness, God puts us back together; hearing our prayers, God

chooses to forgive us. Hear the Good News: we are forgiven, made whole and

restored to the one body.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

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#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

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

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-16

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:24-35

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"I Am the Bread of Life"

#703

SERMON

"An Inside Job"

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

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#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### PRAYER RESPONSE

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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

#### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION †

(see insert)

<sup>†</sup>(All are welcome to the table. A blessing will be given to children who are pre-confirmation age.)

### GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

#### \* SENDING FORTH

One:

Being justified by faith in the God of absolute grace, mercy and peace, go out into the world as people of freedom. Give liberally, receive gratefully, serve humbly, and be served graciously, forgive generously, and receive forgiveness

humbly.

Many: We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

One: Now may the grace of the Redeemer, the love of the Creator, the friendship of

the Counselor be with you this week and always.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Guide Me. O Thou Great Jehovah"

#501

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

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## A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Bonnie Ann Fogler November 7, 1945 – August 1, 2012

August 6, 2012

11:00 a.m.

\*Indicates to stand as able

**PRELUDE** 

\*PROCESSION AND OPENING SENTENCES

\*HYMN OF ADORATION

"In the Garden"

#300

\*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 "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" #446

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - LORD'S PRAYER

Our Vather, 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"

(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.

#260



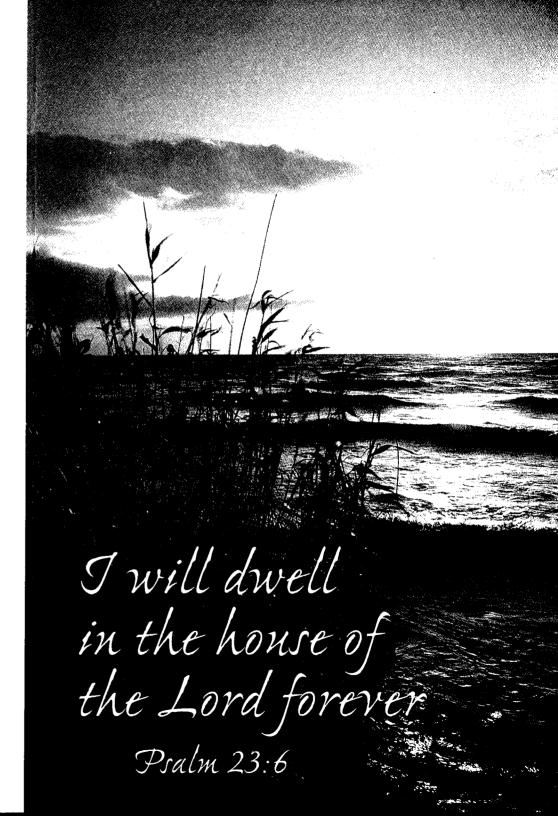
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lam the bread of life
--John 6:48

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Becoming living examples. Bonding all with the love of God

August 12, 2012

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

#### **PRELUDE**

#### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: It is time to stop rushing, and to rest in the love of God.

Many: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits and in God's word do I trust.

One: It is time to let go; of frustration or fear, of doubt or despondency.

Many: My soul waits for the Lord, more than those who watch and wait for the

morning.

One: Let all people put their hope in the Lord!

Many: For with the Lord there is faithful love, with God there is plentiful redemption.

\* OPENING HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#358

\* 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 Abundant Life, we confess that our living does not always reflect our gratitude for all you give so freely. We are guilty of breaking the ties that bind us together as member of your body. We have turned our anger into revenge. We have neglected your call to build up the Body of Christ. Forgive us God of Healing and Transformation. We hunger and thirst for the joy and hope found in the Bread of Life. Feed us with this Bread that we may be one with you and each other. In Christ we pray. Amen.

One: The Lord makes all things new; God's mercy is new every morning. Know that in

Christ we are made whole; our brokenness is gone, and we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

#733

beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

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

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

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:35, 41-51

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"One Bread, One Body"

#689

**SERMON** 

"Fatal Attraction"

#### 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

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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 beloved children, be imitators of God and live in love. And may the Bread of

Life feed you with all compassion and hope needed for your journey.

All: Amen!

\* HYMN

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

#589

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

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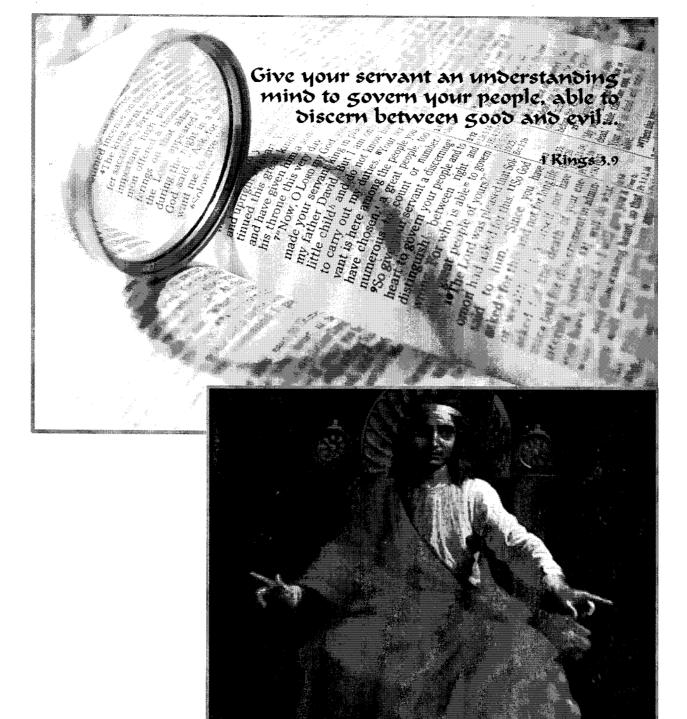
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#### **OUR MISSION**

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August 19, 2012

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

#### **PRELUDE**

#### WORDS OF GATHERING

Come into this household of God and listen for God's Word; discern the wisdom

that God offers.

Many: Reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom. When we live according to

God's will and plan, God will give us a wise and discerning heart.

One:

Learn of God's compassion and mercy; and praise the Lord with all our hearts!

Many: Let us lift up our praise and music of our hearts for all God's wonderful ways.

\* 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:

All Wise God, we thank you for giving us this time to look into our words, thoughts and deeds. We confess that we fool ourselves into believing that we possess all the knowledge that we need. As we go from place to place, we try to block you out. Even though we say we want to hear your Word and speak with you, we fail to see that we are always in your presence. We stray seeking other gods, whose ways may be easy but who cannot show us the ways of love and truth. Forgive us, O God, and fill us with the Holy Spirit that we might live each day according to your will and plan for us and for your world. Help us to discern your wisdom that we might live eternally with you and Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.

One: In God's wisdom and compassion, we receive grace that we might live anew.

Many: We give thanks to God who lifts us up with the gift of forgiveness.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

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beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

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

One:

The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

One:

The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:51-58

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"Step by Step"

#494

SERMON

"Seek First the Kingdom of God and..."

#### 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

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

## SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

\* Doxology Hamburg

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 into the world to share compassion with all whom you encounter, live wisely in God's name, and glorify God in all you do. And may the grace, mercy and wisdom of God be your support, guidance and strength from this day

forward and for ever more. Amen.

All:

Amen!

\* HYMN

"Trust and Obey"

#443

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

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August 26, 2012

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Choral No. 1 in E Major"

Frank

WORDS OF GATHERING

In this house you will find bread for your life's journey.

Many: In Jesus we find life anew.

One:

Come. Stay awhile and eat this bread so you will never hunger.

Many: In Jesus we find life anew.

One:

Come. Be strengthened in God to withstand the present night and the spiritual

forces of evil.

Many: In Jesus we find life anew.

\* OPENING HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

#111

\* 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, we have no life apart from you. We come here to be nourished by you and your love. Yet we confess that we do not always serve you with sincerity and faithfulness. Our "other gods" are not the ones of our ancestors—the ones beyond the River, or in Egypt, or of the Amorites. Rather we struggle with "other gods" here and now who seek to fulfill us by consumerism and with self-importance. We hear gods who instill in us such fear and distrust. Help us, O God, to find fulfillment in you. Forgive us that we are skeptical of love's transforming power. We repent of our sins and turn our hearts again to you. Amen.

One:

No other god is like our God. Our God cares for us. Our God loves. Our God

forgives us.

Many: Thanks be to God!

\*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

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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 and 10:30 am "O Rest in the Lord" Solo by Frank Hooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

One:

The Word of the Lord Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

One:

The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:56-69

Acts 11:19-30

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"Wonderful Words of Life"

#668

**SERMON** 

"Barnabas - the Encourager"

## 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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Musical Reflection

8:00 and 10:30 am "The Heavens are Telling" Solo by Frank Hooper

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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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:

Go forth from here filled with the bread of life to share that bread with those you meet. And may God's blessing be upon you; may Jesus' love attend to you;

may the Holy Spirit sustain you until we meet again.

All:

Amen!

\* HYMN

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

#513

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Fanfare"

Cook

#### United Evangelical Church

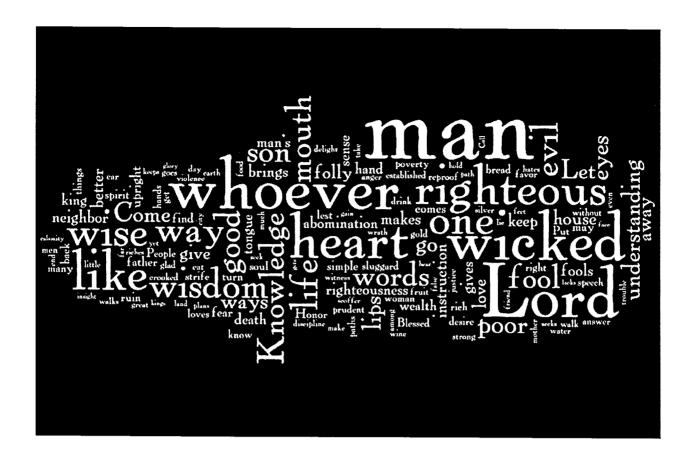
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But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

-- James 1:22

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Becoming living examples. Bonding all with the love of God

September 2, 2012

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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**PRELUDE** 

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Listen! God, our beloved Creator, whispers to us:

Many: We can hear echoes of grace resounding in our hearts, hope resonating in our

souls.

One: Listen! Christ, our Beloved friend, calls to us:

Many: The voice of our Beloved sounds through all creation, welcoming all into the

household of God.

One: Listen, the Holy Spirit, our beloved Peace, beckons us:

Many: Let us arise and greet our Beloved.

\* OPENING HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

#40

\* 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: Beloved God, you have loved us passionately into being and you call us to be doers of the Word, not hearers only. You call us to love the world with your passion, and to let that love be expressed in justice, forgiveness, peace. Forgive us when our hearts are constricted with fear and we do not let your transforming grace open us to the world you cherish. Forgive us when we honor you only with our lips and not with our actions. We come today seeking your presence and to know we are your beloved! Enter our sanctuary and enter our hearts. Open us, body, mind and spirit to your truth. Fill us with your grace so we can fall in love with your world and offer--and experience--forgiveness, reconciliation and hope. In Christ we pray. Amen.

One

Friends, know this, God is the Great Listener. God hears our prayers and listens to

our cries, and gives forgiveness freely and lavishly. Our sins are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

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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 am "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Solo by Lois Duvall 10:30 am "I Believe in a Hill Called Calvary" Solo by Florence Gundlach

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

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

SECOND READING

James 1:17-27

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

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

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"When the Church of Jesus"

#555

SERMON

"Consider It All Joy"

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Back page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

## SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Where Clarity and Love Prevail"

Traditional

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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)

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#### GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

#### \* SENDING FORTH

One: Go back into the world assured of God's love for you and for us all.

Many: We will go back into the world with joy and energy to create God's Beloved

Community wherever we are.

One: May you be blessed by God's generous love, Christ's perfect peace and the

Spirit's holy power.

All:

Amen.

"America the Beautiful"

#727

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

\* HYMN

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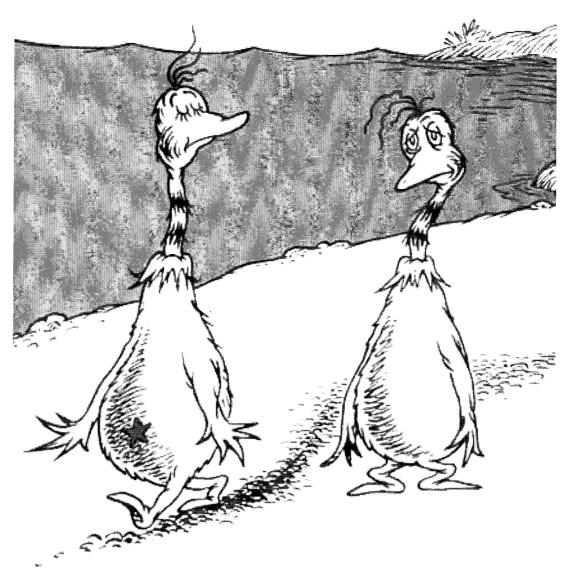
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Now the Star-Belly Sneetches had bellies with stars.
The Plain-Belly Sneetches had none upon thars.
Those stars weren't so big.
They were really so small.
You might think such a thing wouldn't matter at all.
--Dr. Suess

#### **OUR MISSION**

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September 9, 2012

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

#### **PRELUDE**

WORDS OF GATHERING © Katherine Hawker, 1997.

One: Come to hear the Word.

Many: Come to do the Word.

One: Come to experience Comfort.

Many: Come to experience Challenge.

One: Come to find Cost. Many: Come to find Joy.

One: Come to find Humanity.

Many: Come to find Community.

One: Come to find Church.

Many: Come to find God.

\* OPENING HYMN

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

#480

\* 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: Vulnerable Christ, You who lived in generous love, we confess that we have closed ourselves off, that we have seen so much suffering that we stop looking rather than see and respond to those in need. You call us to speak and act according to your mercy and grace. Yet too often, we play favorites and make judgments – instead of being impartial with the gifts of love and forgiveness. Merciful God forgive our neglect and redirect our actions that we may care for one another and follow in the example you set for us. Help our faith come alive once more. In your name we pray. Amen

Brothers and sisters, know that we are forgiven always and freed to begin anew

through God's everlasting mercy and love.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

#733

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22023

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

James 2:1-17

One:

The Word of the Lord Many: Thanks be to God

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:24-37

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

#591

SERMON

"Cliques"

#### 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

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

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Musical Reflection

#### \* Doxology

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Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

\* Prayer of Dedication

#### GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

#### \* SENDING FORTH

One: Go and hear the Word. Many: Go and do the Word.

One: Go and experience Comfort.

Many: Go and experience Challenge.

One: Go and find Cost. Many: Go and find Joy.

One: Go and find Humanity.

Many: Go and find Community.

One: Go and find Church.

Many: Go and find God.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

#712

#### CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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### **POSTLUDE**

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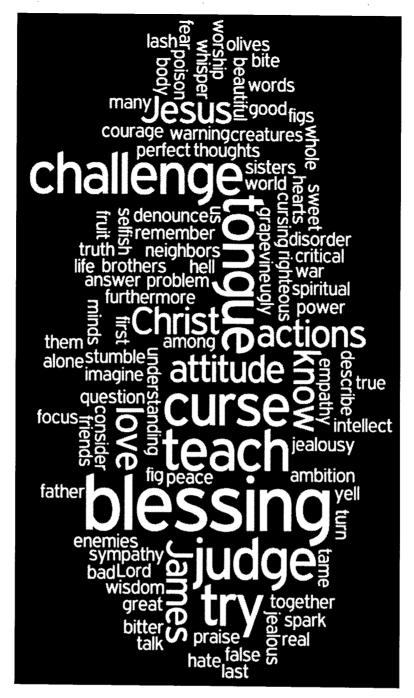
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Hamburg



...but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.

-- James 3:8-10

#### 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

September 16, 2012

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

arr. Innes

WORDS OF GATHERING.

One:

The heavens tell of the glory of God and proclaim the wonder of God's

handiwork.

Many: The skies communicate beauty day after day. Knowledge pales in comparison

with the brilliance of the star-studded night sky.

One:

The laws of God revive the soul, give wisdom and joy, and enlighten our whole

being with truth and righteousness;

Many: Calling us forever to treat all that God holds dear with awe and respect.

One:

These laws are more desirable than the most precious gold or the sweetest

Many: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to

you, O Lord, our rock, and our redeemer.

\* OPENING HYMN

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

#31

\* 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: Christ on the Cross, we pray for our broken world and our own brokenness. We seek forgiveness for where we have failed one another, for where we have turned our backs and focused on ourselves. We seek forgiveness for the times we have been quick to criticize and condemn instead of listening and speaking with compassion. We seek forgiveness for the times we have intentionally and unintentionally hurt others for our own gain. Call us away from the voice of the world to hear your Wisdom, to seek your insight, and to remember your commandments to love our neighbor as ourselves. Help us to journey to the Cross

with you, to die to the ways of the world and to live for you. In your name we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's words and actions are never careless; in sending Jesus Christ to the world,

God offers us a model, a companion, and a source of ever-flowing love, acceptance and wisdom. In Christ we are forgiven all our failings, and given

strength to start again.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

#733

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 "To God Be the Glory" Solo by Lois Duvall 10:30 am "As the Deer" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Proverbs 1:20-33

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

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:27-38

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"I Come to the Cross"

#251

**SERMON** 

"Biting Our Tongue"

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"I'll Tell the World"

arr. Innes

\* Doxology

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Hamburg

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 Holy Wisdom shine through us and lead us to recognize and serve our Risen

Savior in all our encounters.

All:

Amen.

\* HYMN

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

#504

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Postlude in C"

Cappellan

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I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

--John 10:10

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September 23, 2012

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Fanfare"

Franck

#### WORDS OF GATHERING

Blessed are those who delight in God's word, who take time to ponder its

meaning.

Many: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its

season, and whose leaves do not wither.

One:

But those who reject God's way are like parched and dried out earth in which nothing good grows.

Many: So let us worship and praise God as we seek to live abundantly and be shaped by God's goodness.

\* OPENING HYMN

"Come. We That Love the Lord"

#67

\* 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: Dear God of wisdom, it is true that we do not trust in your care for us. We believe that all things are dependent upon us and thus in fear we turn inward, and harden our hearts to the cares of our world. We confess how much we are like those first disciples of Jesus who thought only of themselves. Our cravings for more and more toss us about like leaves in the fall winds. We boast of our great wisdom, yet do not understand your ways of peace and gentleness. Gracious God, forgive us. Show us how to truly become disciples of Jesus Christ. Teach us peace, gentleness, the willingness to put the other first, the wisdom to serve instead of seize, so we might bring forth a harvest of righteousness, justice, and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Give thanks and rejoice that in Christ we are forgiven and given strength to grow

in discipleship.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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

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beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Consider the Lilies" The Choir

FIRST READING:

Proverbs 31:10-31

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

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:1-10

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"Find Us Faithful"

#497

SERMON

"Living the Abundant Life"

#### 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

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

## SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

arr. DeCou Hamburg

\* 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: As we have praised God's name in this house of worship,

Many: So we will exalt God's name in the world of work.

One: As we have honored God with the words of our mouths,

Many: We will honor God with the deeds of our hands.

One: May the peace of Christ, guide your going.

All: Am

Amen.

\* HYMN

"All Things Are Yours"

#687

CLOSING OF WORSHIP t

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Fanfare"

Cook

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September 30, 2012

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Adagio"

Mendelssohn

WORDS OF GATHERING.

One: We gather in this space to praise God!

Many: We give thanks for all God is doing in our lives and in our world.

One: We gather in this space to pray to God.

Many: We join in solidarity with those in other places of worship, remembering we are

all God's children.

One: We gather in this space to live in peace with God.

Many: We learn the teachings of peace from God through the scriptures and the life of

Jesus, so that we might live in peace with one another.

One: Come, let us join together in worship.

Many: Come, let us live into God's ways of love, justice and peace. Come!

\* 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 of Wholeness, we confess to you that we have been divisive. We have sought our own way; we have shamed others; we have brought stumbling blocks in front of others. We have cursed instead of blessed. We have condemned instead of encouraged. We have thought our way was best because it suited us best. Forgive us, O God, when we have judged others instead of judging ourselves. Forgive us, O God, for not seeking your ways and for not listening to learn from others. Call us back to your path, and call us into the spirit of listening, blessing and welcoming others first. In the name of Jesus, who continues to teach us, we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One:

Beloved in Christ, know that you are God's own and that through divine love you

are forgiven and freed to begin anew.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

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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 "How Great is Our God" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

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

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

SECOND READING

James 5:13-20

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:38-50

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"Make Me a Servant"

#576

**SERMON** 

"Holy Coincidence"

#### 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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#### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Consolation"

Mendelssohn

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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 Spirit of courage and compassion be with us in our dreams and

decisions:

Many: In our tears and tenderness;

One: In our work and weariness

Many: In our love and laughter;

One: In our seeking and singing;

Many: And through every juncture of our journey.

One: May you know that each of you is God's gift to this community and to the

world.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

#588

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Postlude"

Couperin

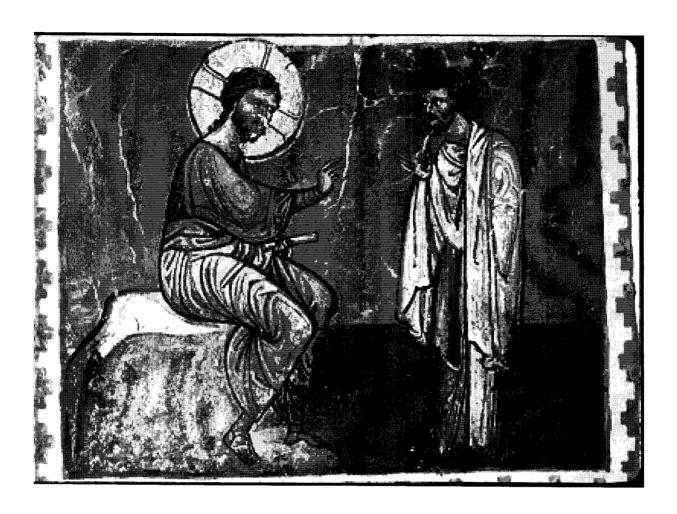
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# Christ and the Rich Young Ruler

(Armenian, 11<sup>th</sup> century)

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#### OUR MISSION

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October 14, 2012

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Out of the Depths I Call"

Canning

WORDS OF GATHERING.

One:

The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears

Many: Call us into Your way of life, O God

One:

The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision

Many: Lead us into Your vision of life, O God

One:

The cries of the poor, the oppressed and the outcast pierce our hearts

Many: Guide us in Your example of living for others, O God

Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with Your love, O God,

Many: That we might worship you with all of our being.

\* OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#68

\* 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 and Holy God, we cannot begin to count all our possessions. We have things in our closets, our attics, and our basements. We have things tucked away in boxes we haven't opened in years, and still we acquire more. We have so much stuff and yet, there are those in our communities who can fit all their worldly possessions in a shopping cart. We need your forgiveness, O God, for we are more attached to our things than we are to your claim upon our lives. Help us to hear the calls of the oppressed and the poor. Guide us to live in ways that do not put our wants above the needs of others. Call us to heed the challenge of the prophets, to step out in faith and put our neighbors' needs as important as our

own. In the name of Christ, who loves us even when we try to walk away, even when we think the sacrifice is too great, and who gives us renewed hope, we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One

Hear the good news! Because God loves us, we lack for nothing. Because God forgives us, we have everything we need. Trust in the One who redeems us, and live as God's faithful and family

live as God's faithful and forgiven people.

Many: By God's love we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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

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

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#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "As the Deer" The Choir \* 10:30 am "Do Lord" Church School

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Job 23:109, 16-17

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:17-31 Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"I Surrender All"

#474

**SERMON** 

"Transitions"

#### 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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#### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Lord. I Want to Be a Christian"

Binckes

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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 count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Many: May God satisfy us this morning with steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be

glad all our days.

One: Depart in peace and let God's favor be upon us to prosper the work of our

hands.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

#466

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Toccata"

Martin

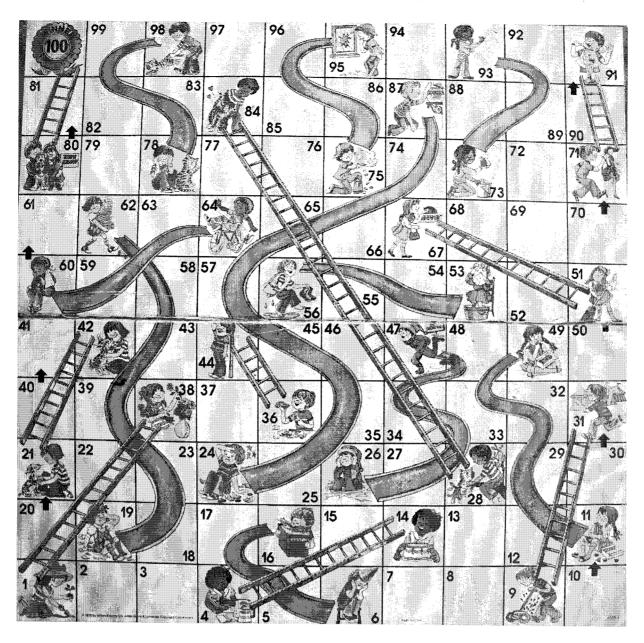
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"...whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant"

--Mark 10:43

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October 21, 2012

**PRELUDE** 

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

"How Great Thou Art"

arr. Linker

WORDS OF GATHERING.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Many: O Lord my God, I stand in awe at your greatness.

One: Your being is clothed with honor and majesty and robed in light

Many: You stretch out the heavens like a tent, making the winds your messengers,

One: And fire and flame your servants.

Many: How great are your works, O God!

One: In your wisdom you created the earth and all that is within it.

Many: In thanksgiving, let us worship and praise the Lord our 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: Divine Shepherd, like sheep we go our own ways. With our heads to the ground and our attention turned elsewhere, we often fail to heed the gentle nudge of your staff and your calls for home. With so many things to distract us—work, school, and the general busyness of life—we lie unresponsive to your calls to kin-dom service.

(Moment of silence reflection)

One: Meet us here today, and fill us with the willingness to risk sharing Jesus' cup and his baptism;

All:

So the world may become the place of love and justice you desire for all. Teach us how we may best serve ourselves and one another on this daring adventure. In Christ we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One:

In Christ we are forgiven, and called once again to serve, and create a world of

justice and peace for all.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

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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 "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" Solo by Lois Duvall 10:30 am "Overcome" The Choir

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-10

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:35-45

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

#575

SERMON

"Chutes and Ladders"

#### 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

"Are Ye Able, Said the Master"

Mason

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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:

None of us are immune to the struggles and suffering of life. The full life of Christ is found not by rising above them, but to struggle together and help one another along the way, knowing that God is with us in every moment. As you go now to serve and lift one another up, may Christ's glory surround you.

All:

Amen!

\* HYMN

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

#391

CLOSING OF WORSHIP #

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Karg-Elert

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## Ethiopian Icon: Jesus heals the blind man

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October 28, 2012

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Pass Me Not. O Gentle Savior"

arr. Ashford

WORDS OF GATHERING.

One: People of God, sing aloud with gladness.

Many: From the farthest parts of the earth we come to worship.

One: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

Many: Those who are weeping, God will console; One: Those who get lost find a clear path home.

Many: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

\* 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:

Loving God, we come to say sorry to you. We are sorry for our participation in the evils of the world around us. For our blind acceptance of things that advantage us yet harm others, for our tolerance of evil in the disguise of progress, and for our veiled alliance with prejudice and discrimination. Forgive us, O God, for not seeing the bigger picture. Forgive us for not recognizing our part in systems of injustice. Help us to hear your call into your ways of righteousness and justice; of speaking on behalf of the poor and oppressed, of building up hope and restoration. In the name of Jesus, who brings healing and forgiveness, we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's steadfast love endures forever. God's mercies are renewed every morning. There is nothing we can do that will separate us from the love of God in Christ

Jesus our Lord. We are loved, forgiven, and restored.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

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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 "Blessed Assurance" Solo by Lois Duvall 10:30 am "I Stand Amazed" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Job 42:1-6

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 7:23-28

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:46-52

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

#480

**SERMON** 

"Cloak of Invisibility"

#### 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

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Cull

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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 from this place with eyes wide open, ready to welcome God's people

and respond to Christ's call.

Many: We go, to follow the way of Jesus and to serve a world in need.

All:

Amen!

\* HYMN

"Rise Up, O Saints of God"

#590

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Arr. Hustard

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Ruth and Naomi

By Dr. He Qí

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November 4, 2012

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Meditation"

Massenet

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Why

Why are we here?

Many: We are here to love God with all that we have and all that we are.

One: Why are we here?

Many: We are here to love ourselves as deeply as God loves us.

One: Why are we here?

Many: We are here to be sent forth to love others as deeply as we love God and

ourselves.

One: Welcome to this place, where God meets us in love.

Many: Where God loves us as children.

One: Where God serves us at the Table of love and grace.

Many: Let us worship our loving God.

\* OPENING HYMN

"Sing Praise to the Father"

#142

\* 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 One, we confess that we have been caught up in the ways of the world. Instead of looking to commandments and rules as a way to guide our life, we use them to punish and restrict others. Forgive us for our judgments and misconceptions. Forgive us for not working on ourselves, on our own lives. Call us back to your way of life, a way of love, commitment, respect, and forgiveness. Call us back to a way of life that honors you and creation, and guides us to better love our neighbors as ourselves. In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God has written the new covenant in our hearts. God will remember our sins no

longer, for we are a forgiven and renewed people.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

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#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "Song of Ruth" Solo by Diane Borkman 10:30 am "Down to the River to Pray" The Choir and Guests

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Ruth 1:1-8

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:11-14

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"Come, Share the Lord"

#696

SERMON

"Unwavering Love"

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Offertory"

Boely

\* Doxology Hamburg

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)

<sup>†(</sup>All are welcome to the table. A blessing will be given to children who are pre-confirmation age.)

#### GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

#### \* SENDING FORTH

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Go now to be God's people and to share your love with others. And may God guide your going; may Christ be with you in your serving; and may the Spirit be

your strength.

All:

Amen.

\* HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

#273

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Trumpet Tune"

Purcell

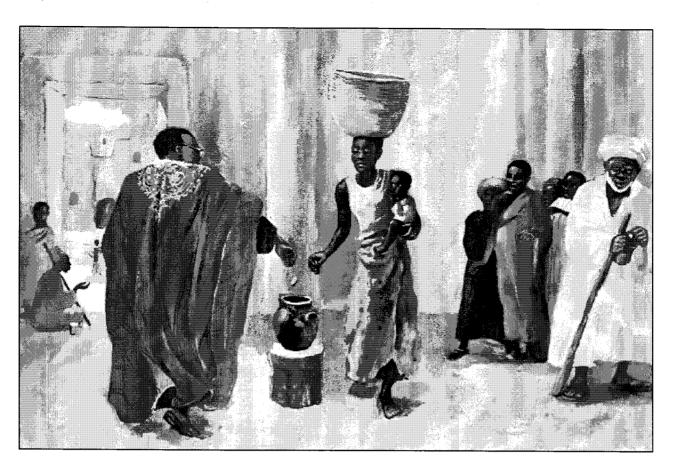
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# The Widow's Mite

By JESUS MAFA, 1973

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November 11, 2012

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"O Rest in the Lord"

Mendelssohn

#### WORDS OF GATHERING

One:

Unless our GOD builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

Many: We have come into this house, built by God, to worship.

One:

Unless our GOD watches over the city, those who watch stand guard in vain.

Many:

We have come to listen to the stories of people who throughout the generations have shown us the way by their trust in the promises of God, who is always

watching over us.

One:

The story of the widow who gives her last coin and of Naomi and Ruth remind us of the risks we are free to take with confidence that God will take care of us through times of plenty and times of want, all along our journey through life.

Many: Let us celebrate God's faithfulness and give thanks. \* OPENING HYMN

"We Praise You, O God"

#726

\* 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, we confess that we know that we are already rich, but refuse to see those in our midst who live on meager resources. We are experts with prayers that speak of our belief that you will provide for all that we need--resources and partners on life's journey. Yet, we still don't give ourselves over to your promises. Ever living God, forgive us. Even with our wealth, perhaps because of our wealth. we need help to live faithfully. Instill in us the trust and self-giving that your Word imparts to us. Teach us again during this time together that you are always with us. Remind us that all that we have is a gift from you and is meant to be shared. In Christ we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One

God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. God will lift us up when we fall. God will renew our strength like the wings of eagles. God is calling us to be living hope. Go and live out God's hope, knowing you are forgiven and have the gift of

new life in Christ.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "His Hand in Mind" The Choir

10:30 am "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" The Church School

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Ruth 3-5, 4:13-17

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:38-44

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

#688

SERMON

"Giving It Your All"

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Apostles Creed** 

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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.

#### PRAYER RESPONSE

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior, I surrender all.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Adagio"

Mozart

\* Doxology

Old 100th

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 into the world to share the gifts of God with the people of God.

Be gentle and bold, courageous and trusting. And God will be with you, this day

and always.

All: \* HYMN Amen.

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

#731

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Praise God, Ye Christians, All Together"

Buxtehude

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Hannah prays to the Lord for a son who will be Samuel
By Marc Chagall, completed 1956

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November 18, 2012

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"My Lord, What a Morning"

arr. Austin

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come into this time of worship with joyful expectation.

Many: We gather in full confidence of the gospel's promise.

One: Let us praise God together and open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit

Many: That we may encourage and support each other to love our neighbors as

ourselves and to be God's instruments of grace.

\* 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: Despite our best efforts, O God, we have not always lived as we should. Our own short-sightedness and impatience have led us to make choices based upon our immediate needs over your desires. Frightened by the challenges we face, we have let fear overwhelm our faith and trust in you. We acknowledge that our reticence to embrace the stranger comes from our own prejudices. O God, we see injustices all around, yet we often cannot bring ourselves to speak out or take action against them. Forgive us for our selfish ways; forgive our lack of faith in you; forgive us for our biases; and forgive us for our silence. Renew in us the strength, faith, and courage we need to persevere so that the promised day will come when your will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven. In Christ we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: A cord of love binds us to God. God will not let us enter Sheol for we are forgiven

and saved by God's love for us.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the

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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 "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" Solo by Lois Duvall 10:30 am "His Hand in Mine" The Choir

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

1 Samuel 1:4-20

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:11-25

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13:1-8

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"Refiner's Fire"

#374

SERMON

"Finding Peace"

#### 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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#### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Steal Away to Jesus"

Spiritual
Old 100th

\* 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:

What endures is not the edifices we build, but the work of God that we accomplish through our ministries in the name of Christ Jesus. Let us go forth from here empowered by the Holy Spirit to be God's instruments of justice rooted in love to further the work of Jesus and to move us closer to God's reign of peace.

All:

Amen.

\* HYMN

"When Peace Like a River"

#428

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"How Firm a Foundation"

arr. Bish

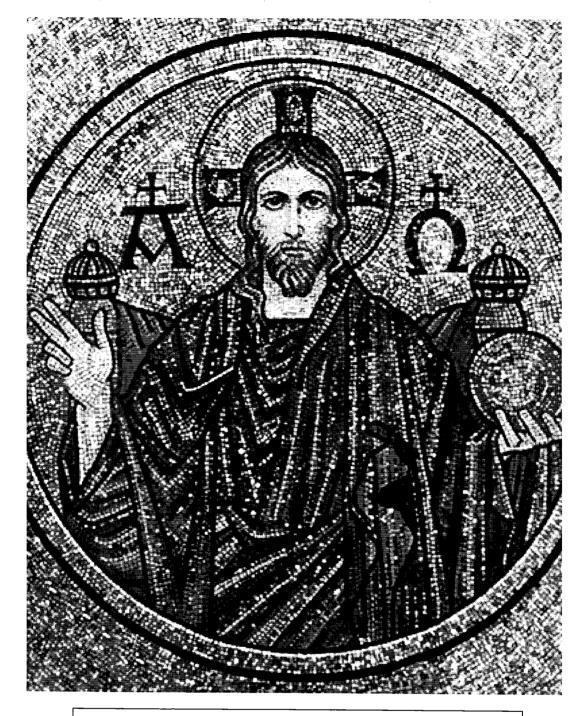
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November 25, 2012

Reign of Christ Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"On Eagle's Wings"

arr. Smith

#### WORDS OF GATHERING

One:

Grace to you and peace from the Holy One who always has been, is today, and always will be.

Many:

Grace and peace from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born from the dead and is now supreme above all the kings of the earth.

One:

To Him who loves us, and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has given us a new kingdom where we are all priests to his God and Father,

Many: To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen!

\* 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:

Almighty God, we know that the choices we make reveal who we are. Forgive us when we have chosen the lies of the world, and denied your Word. Forgive us when we have chosen independent and isolated lives, and have not reflected your Spirit in our actions towards others. Forgive us when we have chosen to exalt the powerful of our day, and have been unable to follow the One whose weakness gives us life. Forgive us, God and help us to face ourselves honestly. Free us from our captivity, so we may faithfully follow Jesus Christ, our King, our Lord, our Savior. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Grace and peace are the gifts of our loving God. The God who was and is and is to come loves us, forgives us, and renews us.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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### 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 "Because of Who You Are" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 23:1-7

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

SECOND READING

Revelations 1:4b-8

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

John 18:33-37

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

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SERMON

"Alpha and Omega"

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

### TOTENFEST REMEMBRANCE

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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.

### PRAYER RESPONSE

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"He is Exalted"

Paris

\* Doxology Old 100th

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: From the beginning of time to the end of eternity,

Many: The Almighty God was and is and is to come.

One: May the power of God enflame us with peace;

Many: May God's peace touch us with grace;

One: May God's grace fill us with hope;

Many: May God's hope lead us into God's Kingdom.

All: Amen.

\* **HYMN** "For All the Saints"

#529

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Fanfare on Sine Nomine"

White

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December 2, 2011

First Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"A Lovely Rose Breaks into Bloom"

Brahms

#### \*LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

These are days of struggle for people at home and around our world: Employment is uncertain and money tight; Health challenges abound, but health care is expensive; Wars have gone on a long, long time; Even our earth home suffers from long abuse.

Many: Anxiety is a constant companion; Hope feels like a stranger.

One: We call out in our anxiety:

Many: Show us how you work, GOD; School us in your ways. Take us by the

hand; Lead us down the path of well-being. You are our Savior, aren't

you? Mark the milestones of your mercy and love, GOD....

(Psalm 25: 5-7a adapted from The Message © 2002 Eugene H. Peterson; reproduced with permission)

We remind ourselves of God's ancient promises: Justice is coming! Love is One:

on the way! Lift up your heads and watch for the signs!

(Luke 21: 28, paraphrase)

Let us light this first candle of Advent, a candle of Hope. In its light, let us

think about what signs we are seeing of God at work in our lives and in

our world right now.

Candle of Hope is lit

All:

Let this candle of Advent Hope shine in our hearts all week. And remind us to lift up our heads and open our eyes to watch all around us for signs of the Holy One.

\* OPENING HYMN

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

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\* 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:

Ancient and Holy One, we confess that we come to you impatient and demanding. We want more and more, we want safety and security, we want comfort and ease. Forgive us for wanting things instead of desiring your way. Forgive us for putting our own comforts above the needs of others. Forgive us for being short-sighted and focusing only on the temporary, instead of looking to the eternal. Call us away from the ways of the world, and call us to seek your ways of love, justice and peace. Call us to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to watch and wait for your coming in a new way into our world and into our lives. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One:

"For surely I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." With God there is hope. There is newness of live. There is forgiveness and mercy and healing. Watch and wait for God, who is doing something new.

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

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### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "Will We Know Him" Duet by Diane Borkman and Robert Gundlach 10:30 am "Will We Know Him" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

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### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 and 10:30 am "Pastorole"

Spong

\* 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)

†(All are welcome to the table. A blessing will be given to children who are pre-confirmation age.)

#### GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

### \* SENDING FORTH

One:

May you see the grace that surrounds you. May you know the love that holds you. May you find the peace for which you yearn. And may you live in God's way of hope.

All:

Amen.

\* HYMN

"Lift Up Your Head, O Mighty Gates"

#176

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

**POSTLUDE** 

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Bach

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# "In the Garden"

## Verse 1

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear
The Son of Man discloses

# Refrain

And He walks with me, and he talks with me And He tells me I am His own And the joy we share, as we tarry there None other has ever known

## Verse 2

He speaks, and the sound of his voice Is so sweet the birds hush there singing And the melody that he gave to me Within my heart is ringing.

# Refrain

# Verse 3

I'd stay in the garden with him
Though the night around me be falling
But he bids me go; though the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling

# Refrain

# "On Eagle's Wings"

# Verse 1

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord Who abide in his shadow for life. Say to the Lord "My refuge, my Rock in whom I Trust".

# Refrain

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.

# Verse 2

The snare of the fowler will never capture you And famine will bring you no fear.
Under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

## Refrain

# Verse 3

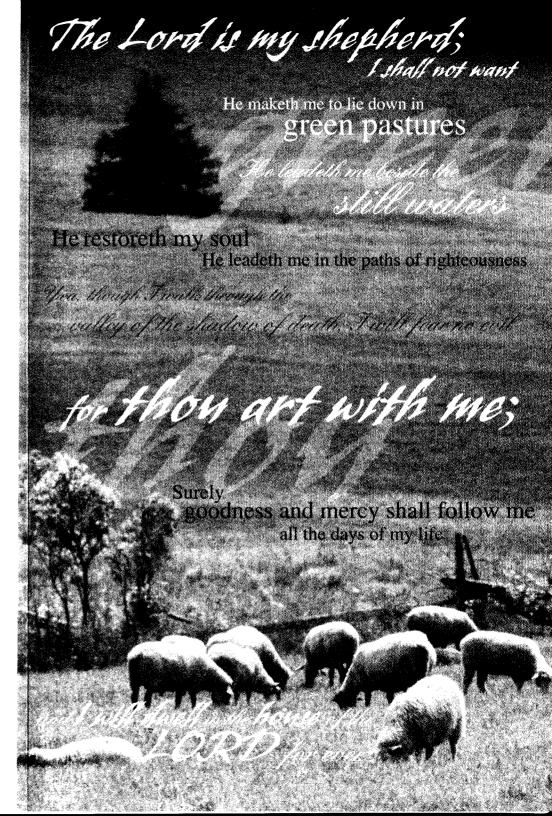
You need not fear the terror of the night Nor the arrow that flies by day Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come

# Refrain

# Christina Margaret Sinsky July 8, 1931 - December 5, 2012

Loving Mother Faithful Sister Good Friend

"Her children shall rise up and call her blessed." Proverbs 31:28



**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 9, 2012

Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"What Is This Fragrance?"

Lovelace

\*LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Candle of Hope is relit

One:

Our homes and our world are under siege with information:

Television and telemarketing; blogs and texting: So much information often bearing too little wisdom. Angry voices compelling hate; Quiet voices counseling complacency; Mechanical voices offering "deals." Too

much information! Too little wisdom!

Many: Confusion surrounds us; Truth gets lost.

One:

We call out in our confusion:

Many: Where is your Wisdom.

: Where is your Wisdom, O God? Where is the word that leads to life?

One:

We remind ourselves of our ancient story: John, Zachariah's son, out in the desert at the time, received a message from God. He went all through the country around the Jordan River preaching a baptism of life-change leading to forgiveness of sins, as described in the words of Isaiah the prophet: "...prepare God's arrival! Make [God's] road smooth and

straight!"

Luke 3: 2-4: adapted from The Message © 2002 Eugene H. Peterson; reproduced with permission

Many:

Let us light this second candle of Advent, a candle of Peace. In its light, let us think, quietly and peacefully, about what voices of true life-change and forgiveness are speaking in our world right now.

Candle of Peace is lit

All:

Let this candle of Advent Peace shine in our hearts all week and remind us to enter times of quiet and peace in order to listen, through the noise of our lives, for the call to prepare for the Holy One.

\* 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:

God of Prophecy, you call us to speak your words in this world through our voices and through our actions. You call us into your ways of justice and peace; standing against oppression and injustice, and speaking out for the poor and marginalized. You call us to risk our very selves for you rather than to live comfortably with inequality. You call us into your ways of peace; to speak the truth in love, to resist evil without violence, and to show mercy and forgiveness for those who may be our enemies. Most of all, you call us to bless those who persecute us and to love our enemies. This is difficult for us to do, loving God, and confess we have fallen short. We ask for your forgiveness and your guidance to live out our teachings. In the name of Jesus our Savior we pray. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One

By the tender mercy of our God, we are forgiven. We are given New Life.

Let us live into this New Life in love, mercy, and peace.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

#154

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Prepare Ye the Way" The Choir

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

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Malachi 3:1-4

Philippians 1:3-11

One:

The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING One:

The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:1-6

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

#221

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

"Christmas Love"

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Refiner's Fire"

Doerkson

\* 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:

May God guide our hearts in the way of love.

Manv:

May God guide our minds in the way of wisdom.

One:

May God guide our spirits in the way of joy.

Many:

May God guide our feet in the way of peace.

All:

Amen.

\* HYMN

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"

#198

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

**POSTLUDE** 

"Now Comes the Savior of the Nations"

Bach



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December 16, 2012

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Innes

### \*LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Candles of Hope and Peace are relit

One:

We move from one task to another, from one responsibility to another. The holidays can wear us out with worries about preparations, about family relationships, about money, about presents!

Many: We are scattered and busy about too many things.

One:

We call out in our fatigue:

Many: Where is your joy, O God? Where is your gift of presence in our lives?

One:

We remind ourselves of Paul's ancient advice:

Celebrate God all day....revel in God! Help everyone see that the Master is about to arrive! Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It is wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.

> Philippians 4: 4-7 adapted from The Message © 2002 Eugene H. Peterson; reproduced with permission

Let us light this third candle of Advent, a candle of Joy.

In its light, let us turn our worries into prayers

for God to be present to us right now, as we prepare for the coming of Christ.

In a few words, let's share those prayers with each other.

Candle of Joy is lit

All:

Let this candle of Advent Joy shine in our hearts all week to remind us to pray and praise and place Christ at the center this season.

\* OPENING HYMN

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

#190

### \* 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 Advent, you call us to prepare a new way: a way of generosity; a way of justice; a way of compassion. We confess that we often ignore your call and instead choose to be selfish, unfair, and indifferent. Forgive us, Loving God. Open our hearts to your call that we might be more loving. and give ourselves away to others that we may share the joy of Christ with

everyone we meet. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One:

Hear the good news: God's love is without limitations. God's grace is given

freely and we are forgiven!

Many: Thanks be to God for this wonderful gift!

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

#154

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "Watchers Tell Us of the Night" 10:30 am "Mary, Did You Know"

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Zephaniah 3:14-20

The Word of the Lord One:

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

One:

The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb! Luke 3:7-18

Glory to God, Glory to God!

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

First page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 and 10:30 am: "Andante Pastorale"

Spong

\* 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

This day, rejoice in God. This day, make gentleness known. This day, place all worries in God's hands. And may God's extraordinary peace watch over you not only this day, but always.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Long Ago, Prophets Knew"

#167

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Savior of the Nations Come"

Bach



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December 23, 2012

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:30 am

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### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### \*LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Candles of Hope and Peace and Joy are relit

One: Who listens to the voices of the poor? Who shares strength with the

powerless? Who surprises with forgiveness, and makes all things new?

Many: Our Hope is fragile as an infant.

One: We call out in our longing.

Many: Where is your Power, O God? Where is the Love that transforms our

world?

One: We remind ourselves of Mary's ancient song:

Sing out my soul, sing of the holiness of God, who has delighted in a woman, lifted up the poor, satisfied the hungry, given voice to the silent. Grounded the oppressor, blessed the full-bellied with emptiness, and with the gift of tears those who have never wept, who has

desired the darkness of the womb and inhabited our flesh. Sing of the

longing of God. sing out, my soul!

From Luke 1: 39-55, paraphrased by Janet Morley in All Desires Known © 1994

Many: Let us light this forth candle of Advent, a candle of Love. In its light,

let us think about our world, about wherever our God is longing to

be born in peace, in joy, in freedom and in wholeness.

The Candle of Love is lit

All: Let this candle of Advent Love shine in our hearts all week and

remind us to be midwives to Christ's birth in our work for justice, our

practice of peace, our offering of forgiveness.

\* HYMN SING See insert

### WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of Advent, we confess that in the midst of the bustle, we can lose

sight of the quiet star that calls to us.

Silent reflection

One:

God of Peace

All:

Forgive us and help us see the promise of this season.

All:

We confess that in the midst of the tasks, we can lose our way to the

simple town called Bethlehem, and the story of the season.

Silent reflection

One:

God of Hope

All:

Forgive us and help us journey to the source of this season.

All:

We confess that in the midst of the rush, we can lose our compassion for

those who ask if there is any room in our hearts.

Silent reflection

One:

God of love

All:

Forgive us and help us share the love of this season. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's mercy is from generation to generation, always loving, always forgiving, always calling us to new life. Hear the Good News, we are

forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

#154

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Isreal!

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 & 10:30 am "Mary's Boy Child"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Micah 5:2-5a

The Word of the Lord One:

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:39-55

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#180

SERMON

"What's Love Got To Do With It?"

### 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

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 and 10:30 am: "My Soul Gives Glory to My God"

Wyeth

\* 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:

Held by the compassion of God, let us leave this place ready to live in

gratitude, ready to reach out in kindness, ready to walk together in peace.

All:

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** 

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

Instrumental



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December 24, 2012

Christmas Eve

7:30 pm

\* indicates to stand as able

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** 

"Prelude on Sussex Carol"

Wood

### \*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We are a people of hope. Our hearts are full of anticipation for the coming of our Beloved Savior. For God is to be among us and we will see a great light in the midst of our night. Let us light the Candle of Hope. The first purple candle is lit.

We are a people who seek peace. We know that God has told us to turn our weapons of war into instruments that benefit all humanity. In the name of that Child who was born long ago to become the Prince of Peace, we now light the Candle of Peace.

The second purple candle is lit.

One:

Joy to the world! Our God is now coming to bring us "good news." May we sing songs of praise and gladness. We know that our Savior reigns. Let us light the Candle of Jov.

The third pink candle is lit.

Many: We are a people who seek to be brought together by the love of Christ. Our faith teaches us that God gives us unconditional love and forgiveness. Acknowledging God's free gift of grace, we light the Candle of Love.

The fourth purple candle is lit.

One:

Tonight is the night for which we have all been waiting. Our Advent wreath will now be completed by the lighting of our Christ candle. "For unto us a child is given, unto us a Savior is born and the order of the world will be upon his shoulders."

With the birth of Jesus, our lives are forever changed. We will be transformed by his model and message. We light this candle to represent that Christ is truly the center of our lives.

The Christ candle is lit.

The Christ child is placed in the crèche.

\* 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:

God of Light, we thank you for giving us the gift of Jesus Christ. We come before you with wonder and delight that you come to us in the child born in a manger. Be with us on this eve of birth and rebirth. Come, honor us with the presence of your gracious, joyful Spirit. Fill our weary hearts with renewed hope and joy. Rekindle in our souls the Light of Christ that we might reflect this light in our daily lives and in our world so desperate for the love, peace, hope and joy which he brings. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### \* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One:

Glory to God in the highest! And on earth peace to those whom God favors. Emmanuel, God with us, has come to show us the way to live, and to become for us the righteousness of God.

All:

Glory to you in the highest, O God.

### \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria

Gloria in Excelsis Deo Gloria in Excelsis Deo

## \* CHRISTMAS GREETING OF PEACE

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Prepare a Place"

### 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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God!

# 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

"Carol of the Manger"

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.

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 God, we give you thanks that in this meal we have been replenished and strengthened, by the Light of your love rekindled within us. May we be bold to carry this Light into the world, that our lives may show Christ's love. In the name of the Christ Child we pray. Amen.

### GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

### \* CELBRATION 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 you 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 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"

Widor



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### **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 30, 2012

First Sunday after Christmas

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

**PRELUDE** 

"Thee We Adore"

**Titcomb** 

WORDS OF GATHERING

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

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

One: The symbols of hope, peace, joy, and love 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 Child is born and will call us to new lives of love, joy, and faith

in action. Amen.

\* OPENING HYMN

"Angels, from the Realm of Glory"

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\* 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 know that you have been present to us throughout all of history, and even throughout our own histories. We know you will be with us in our future. Yet often we don't live as if we know that. You ask no more of us than what we can provide. As Jesus' parents were asked to give within their means at the temple, you ask us to give of our means. We often fail to do this. As Simeon recognized in Jesus the salvation of his people, we recognize in Jesus our own wholeness and health, yet we often fail to follow his way. As Anna recognized in Jesus the redemption of her people, we recognize in Jesus God's saving grace for us, yet we often fail to rejoice and to share this good news. Forgive us, make us wise and joyful and strong so that we live in the understanding of your never ending love. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The scriptures promise that God will make all things new. As God makes the year

new, we also are made new by God's love and forgiveness in Jesus.

Many: Thanks be to God.

\*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

Gloria in Excelsis Deo Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "Do You Hear What I Hear" Duet by Diane Borkman & Toni Saunders 10:30 am "Jesus, What a Wonderful Child" The Choir

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

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

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-17

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

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:22-40

Glory to God, Glory to God!

\* HYMN

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

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**SERMON** 

"The Song of Simeon"

### 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

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to You my Blessed Savior. I surrender all.

### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 am "Coventry Carol" 10:30 am "Away in a Manger" solo by Alyssa Jefferson arr. Ines

\* 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: As we go forth: may we, like the shepherds, journey in the name of love.

Many: May we, like the stable owners, make room for hope.

One: May we, like the angels, sing out our joy.

Many; May we, like Mary, cradle peace in our hearts.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

**POSTLUDE** 

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**Dubois** 

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