

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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

January 5, 2014

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas

8:00 & 10:30 am

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\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

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PRELUDE

*"In the Bleak Mid-Winter"*

arr. Innes

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We praise you, God of new beginnings and surprising opportunities

Many: Because you never cease to make yourself available to us.

One: We thank you, God of unquenchable life and irrepressible grace

Many: Because you continue to offer us the resources of your Spirit.

One: We love you, God of unfailing compassion and constant companionship

Many: Come and walk beside us and transform us into agents of love.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

#188

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God, your true light has come into the world, blessing all upon whom it shines. Hope, peace, joy and love are ours through the Incarnate Word. And yet we do not live as if this is true. Forgive us, O Lord, when we seek to keep you to ourselves and shut others from your influence. Forgive us when we wallow in our own weakness and take advantage of the weakness of others. Forgive us when we deny your friendship and withhold your compassion from others. Heal us, restore and empower us, O God, we pray for the sake of your kingdom which has broken into our world. Amen.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In Christ, God's grace is unleashed upon a weary, broken world. Be at peace; in Christ you are made whole once more.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

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Gloria

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*8:00 am "We Three Kings" Solo by Lois Duvall*

*10:30 am "Our God is Greater" The Choir*

**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

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 2:1-12

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

**\* HYMN**

*"As With Gladness"*

#236

**SERMON**

*"A Change of Direction"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*His strength is perfect when our strength is gone;*

*He'll carry us when we can't carry on.*

*Raised in his power, the weak become strong;*

*His strength is perfect, his strength is perfect.*

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION †

See Insert

†(All are welcome to the table. In lieu of elements, a blessing will be given to children who are pre-confirmation age.)

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: The true light has come into the world to light our way home. Go forth from this place reflecting the brightness of Christ's presence in your hearts. Go forth from this place warmed by the promises of God's eternal care. Above all, go forth from this place joyous, sharing the glory and grace of our God who creates, redeems and sustains.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Go Tell It on the Mountain"*

#218

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

POSTLUDE

*"Postlude on We Three Kings"*

Young

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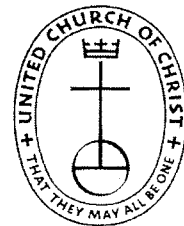
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January 12, 2014

First Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

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PRELUDE

*"Larghetto"*

Thalben-Ball

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come, let us ascribe to our God glory and strength!

Many: Let us worship God in holy splendor!

One: For the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

Many: And gives us strength and blesses us with peace.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"*

#243

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: It is true that God shows no partiality. In every nation, anyone who reverences God and does what is right is acceptable to God. Hear the Good News, everyone who believes in Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

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

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CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" Solo by Lois Duvall

10:30 am "Proclaim the Glory of the Lord" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 42:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

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

\* HYMN

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

#241

SERMON

"Birth and Rebirth"

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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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

"Meditation on *Borning Cry*"

Ylvisaker

\* 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: As we prepare to leave this place, may the refreshment of the baptism of the Holy Spirit remain with us, renewing us for the service and work that awaits us.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Two Thousand Years Since Bethlehem"*

#540

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"The Rejoicing"*

Calahan

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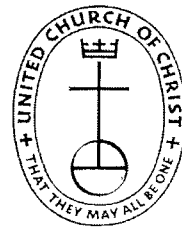
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January 19, 2014

Second Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

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PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Dominus Regit Me*"

Callahan

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let us praise the Lord who hears our cries,

Many: Who lifts us out of the pit and mire; and sets our feet on a firm place to stand.

One: Blessed are we when we make the Lord our trust; when we do not turn aside to false ways.

Many: Let us sing of God's many wonders, let us tell of all God has done for us.

\* OPENING HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#72

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God, you have singled us out. We acknowledge that you have chosen us to pierce the darkness. And yet we have hidden our lights and have not listened for your voice. Faithful God, we have broken promises, forgotten commitments, and failed relationships. We have set out with good intentions but have not followed through. Forgive us for falling short and turning away from you. Help us to accept our calling. Renew in us a spirit of faithfulness, and help us to trust in you for our forgiveness, so that we may learn to forgive others. In the name of Jesus, who remains faithful even when we do not, we pray. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: "If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ." Hear the Good News: we are forgiven. We are loved. We are made worthy 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.*

#733

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

8:00 am "Proclaim the Glory of the Lord" The Choir  
10:30 am "Hear Me When I Cry" Solo by Diane Borkman

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 49:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

John 1:29-42

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

**\* HYMN**

"You Are My All in All"

#427

**SERMON**

"Journeying to the Epiphany"

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLES' CREED**

First page of Hymnal

**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 Waited for the Lord"

Mendelssohn



\* 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: When fear is holding you back.

Many: We will step out in courage and follow Jesus.

One: When despair has brought you down.

Many: We will lift up our heads and follow Jesus.

One: When all seems lost and the world is too harsh.

Many: We will take his hand and follow Jesus.

One: Go from this time of worship to follow Jesus, knowing that Christ has come before us, Christ is with us, and Christ will come again.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

#560

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE

*"Allegro: Symphony in D"*

Widor

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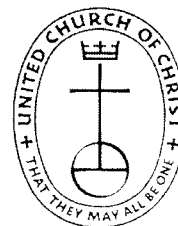
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January 26, 2014

Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

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PRELUDE

*"Adagio from Symphony No. 2"*

Widor

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

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

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

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

One: Come, let us sing and make melody to the Lord.

Many: For the Lord is gracious and hears and answers the cries of our hearts.

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Gracious God, in Christ you call us to unity of mind and purpose, but we confess that our hearts are often turned toward separation and division. We quarrel; we encourage rivalries; we tear down our brothers and sisters in faith. Help us to remember that all have been baptized as one body into Christ's death and resurrection. Teach us to hold fast to those promises which draw us together in the Spirit, so that we may proclaim the power of Christ's life and ministry with one voice. With your gentle, healing touch redeem the broken places of our lives, that we may receive liberation in your word, and be filled to overflowing to share your reconciling love throughout the earth. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

Many: Praise be to God for 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 beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.* #733

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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CHILDREN'S TIME (8:00 am)

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS (10:30 am)

See insert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

*8:00 am "In the Garden" Solo by Lois Duvall \* 10:30 am "The Call" The Choir*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 9:1-4

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 4:12-23

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

\* HYMN

*"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"*

#347

SERMON

*"Responding to the Call"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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APOSTLES' CREED (8:30 am)

First page of Hymnal

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:30 am)

See insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

*His strength is perfect when our strength is gone;*

*He'll carry us when we can't carry on.*

*Raised in his power, the weak become strong;*

*His strength is perfect, his strength is perfect.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

arr. Innes

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: Go now in peace,

Many: For Christ has called us to live in peace among our brothers and sisters in Christ.

One: Go now in courage,

Many: For Christ has called us from the places of our lives to be agents of redemption and partners in healing.

One: Go now in joy and thanksgiving,

Many: For Christ is our light!

One: Go now as one body,

Many: To love and serve God as we love and serve the world!

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"*

#345

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Fugue"*

Handel

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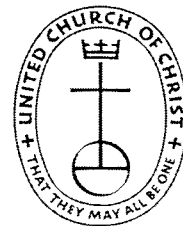
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# A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

William Adam Voelker

October 1, 1925 - January 24, 2014

January 28, 2014

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

\*PROCESSION AND OPENING SENTENCES

\*HYMN OF ADORATION      *"Abide with Me"*      #521

\*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      *"In the Garden"*      #300

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - LORD'S PRAYER

\*COMMENDATION

\*BENEDICTION

\*PARTING HYMN      *"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"*      #730

POSTLUDE

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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February 2, 2014

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

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PRELUDE

*"Trio"*

Rheinberger

## WORDS OF GATHERING

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One: Our Holy God invites us to come and worship.

Many: In God's Holy Presence, we discover unlimited love.

One: Our Holy God invites us to come and worship.

Many: In God's Holy Presence, we discover forgiveness.

One: Our Holy God invites us to come and worship.

Many: In God's Holy Presence, we discover empowerment, joy and peace. Come, let us worship our Holy God.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Come Away From Rush and Hurry"*

#655

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Gracious God, we are called to do justice, but we do not always respond. We are called to love kindness, but there are times when we manipulate those we say we love the most. We are called to walk humbly, but there are times when we contemplate what sets us above the people around us. Forgive us. Free us from our dependence on the wisdom and power that the world grants, and awaken us to our need of you in our lives. Move us with sorrow for the sorrow of the world. Give us the humility to admit our failures. Make us hungry for justice. Help us to see others through your eyes. Show us how to practice what we preach, and support us in standing firm for truth, even when it costs. In Christ we pray. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Blessed are you, for you are God's child, and God loves you. Know that you are forgiven, and go to live for others, loving and forgiving.

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

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "In the Garden" Solo by Lois Duvall  
10:30 am "What Does the Lord Require" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Micah 6:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

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

\* HYMN

"Blest Are They"

#666

SERMON

"It's a God Thing"

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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NICENE CREED

Last page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"You Are My All in All"*

Jernigan  
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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION †

See Insert

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GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

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

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"The Old Rugged Cross"*

#260

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Christ the Lamb of God"*

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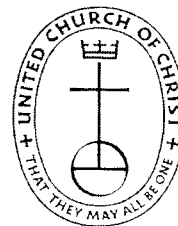
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February 9, 2014

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 am

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### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

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PRELUDE

"Lead Kindly Light"

Ashford

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Happy are they who revere the Lord, delighting in God's commandments.

Many: They shine like a light in the darkness; filled with grace, mercy, and faithfulness.

One: Nothing can ever shake those whose hearts are firm in the Lord, whose trust is in God.

Many: Their hearts are resolute and fearless; they hold up their heads with honor. They give generously to the needy; their faithful justice stands forever.

One: The wicked see it and are angry, gnashing their teeth in despair.

Many: The ambitions of the wicked come to nothing. But those who delight in the Lord stand forever.

\* OPENING HYMN

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

#342

\* 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.

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### WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Wonderful God, as we gather in your presence, your prophet Isaiah reminds us that our prayer, fasting and pious ritual must be lived out in compassion and justice. When we forget the fast you desire—to do justice, and stand up for the powerless: Lord, have mercy.

*(silent reflection)*

One: When we forget the prayer you love—

All: To show compassion, and care for those in need: Christ, have mercy.

*(silent reflection)*

One: When we forget the rituals you require—

All: To create relationships of righteousness and peace: Lord have mercy. By your grace heal our brokenness, and strengthen our hearts, that we might live as your children—sharing our bread with the hungry and tearing down the strongholds of oppression. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, the love of God revealed in Jesus forgives us, heals us and sets us free to rebuild, restore, and raise up foundations for new generations.

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

8:00 am "Hold Me While I Cry" Solo by Diane Borkman

10:30 am "Go Light of the World" The Choir

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 58:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 5:13-20

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

**\* HYMN**

*"You are the Salt of the Earth, O People"*

See insert

**SERMON**

*"Salt and Light"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*His strength is perfect when our strength is gone;  
He'll carry us when we can't carry on.*

*Raised in his power, the weak become strong;  
His strength is perfect, his strength is perfect.*

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"You are the Light of the World"*

Card  
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: To a society that lives in the shadows of doubt and fear,

Many: God calls us to be light.

One: To a world where every appetite is fed until there is no taste to life,

Many: God calls us to be salt.

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

Many: God calls us to be faithful.

One: Let us go and answer the call of God. And may the Mystery of God draw us in;  
may the Wisdom of God surprise us: and may the Glory of God shine through  
our work.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Song for the Nation"*

#563

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE

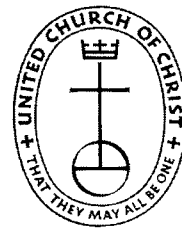
*"Fugue in C"*

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February 23, 2014

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

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PRELUDE

*"Prelude in E flat"*

Pierne

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Teach us, O God, the way of your statutes that we may draw near to them.

Many: Give us understand to observe your law with all our heart.

One: Lead us in the paths of your commandments,

Many: So that we may delight in the richness of life you offer us.

One: We come, O God, to worship you in honesty and forthrightness,

Many: Send your Spirit to perfect us for your realm!

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God, you long for us to hear that the heart of your commandment is truthful love. Even more than that, you long for us to embody this way of integrity in all facets of our lives. We confess the ways we have not listened to your commands. We confess that we have not always dealt justly with our neighbors, or offered a caring heart to strangers. Forgive us for our carelessness with the community you surround us with. Draw us close, that we may see you at all times, in all people. Transform us that our lives may be living testaments of your grace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Through Christ, God offers to each one of us the power of grace that recreates, renews and restores. Hear the Good News, we are loved; we are forgiven.

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

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CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "Hear Me While I Cry" Solo by Diane Borkman

10:30 am "Be Still" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 5:38-48

\* GOSPEL LESSON

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

\* HYMN

"Sanctuary"

#482

SERMON

"You have heard it said...But I tell you..."

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

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*He'll carry us when we can't carry on.*

*Raised in his power, the weak become strong;*

*His strength is perfect, his strength is perfect.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Adagio in D flat"

Liszt

\* 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

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go from here to love your enemies, to confront injustice, and to share bountifully with the poor. And may God bless us with a faithful spirit, a willing heart, and a kin-dom of grace.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Community of Christ"*

#615

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"*

arr. Innes

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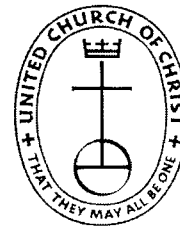
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March 2, 2014

Fourth Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

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PRELUDE

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

arr. Innes

## WORDS OF GATHERING

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

Many: We come with excitement, O God, trembling with anticipation, to your holy mountain!

One: Come! Receive instruction in holiness, righteousness, compassion, and peace.  
Come! Regain sight to see the least among you.

Many: Let the anointing oil of your Spirit open our ears to the sounds of weeping and the anguished cries for justice.

One: Come! says the Lord; receive wisdom and strength.

Many: Open our eyes and our ears and our hearts to receive your Word. Anoint us as your priests to those who live on the margins – the outcasts, the lonely, the ignored. Anoint us as your holy people.

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

Many: Come! Let us worship God!

\* OPENING HYMN

*"We Have Come at Christ's Own Biding"*

#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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of Mercy and Grace, your tender mercies are renewed every morning. You come to us in Jesus of Nazareth to break down the dividing walls of hostility between us: Yet we maintain walls that separate and isolate.

*Silent reflection*

One: You give us the ministry of reconciliation:

All: Yet we nurse our wounds and withhold mercy and forgiveness.

*Silent reflection*

One: You ask us to acknowledge and share our wealth:

All: Yet we refuse to recognize and relieve the poverty around us.

*Silent reflection*

One: You bless our lives with boundless love:

All: Yet we fail to witness to that love, and so keep others from knowing you.

*Silent reflection*

One: Forgive our selfishness, we pray.

All: Transform us by your Spirit and your Word into that which pleases you: the image of Christ. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Let us tell what we have seen and heard of God's glory! Jesus lives! He is raised!  
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 beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.* #733

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*8:00 am "Fairest Lord Jesus" Solo by Lois Duvall*

*10:30 am "Transfiguration" The Choir, with Maddie Rieger, Alyssa Jefferson on tonebells*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Exodus 24:12-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

2 Peter 1:16-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 17:1-9

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Holy Ground"*

#654



## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

*His strength is perfect when our strength is gone;  
 He'll carry us when we can't carry on.  
 Raised in his power, the weak become strong;  
 His strength is perfect, his strength is perfect.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Vision"*

Rheinberger

\* 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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION †

See Insert

†(All are welcome to the table. In lieu of elements,  
 a blessing will be given to children who are pre-confirmation age.)

## GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: The time has come to depart this holy place. Be not afraid. The Spirit of the Living God goes ahead of you, with you, guiding you. And may God bless you with the faith and courage of the prophets, the love of Jesus, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"*

#99

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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 pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE

*"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"*

Frescobaldi

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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March 5, 2014

Ash Wednesday

7:30 pm

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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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

*"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"*

#457

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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## 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: God's forgiveness is offered to all who turn from evil and despair to  
seek God's light. In Christ's name we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

##### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 58:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

##### SECOND READING:

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

#### \*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

*Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God*

#### \* HYMN

*"Refiner's Fire"*

#374

#### MESSAGE

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### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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#### 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

#633

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at  
noon. Healer of my soul.*

## SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Musical Reflection "O Divine Redeemer" Solo by Frank Hooper

### \* Doxology

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

Hamburg

### \* 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.

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

### \* PARTING BLESSING

### \* SENDING HYMN

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

#255

### CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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### POSTLUDE

"O Savior Blest"

Bach

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# A SERVICE OF MEMORIAL

Elizabeth Ann Youner

April 14, 1965 - February 5, 2014

March 6, 2014

7:30 p.m.

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## PRELUDE

## GREETING

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

## OPENING SENTENCE

\*OPENING HYMN                      *"Amazing Grace"*                      #422

## \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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

## WELCOME

## SILENT PRAYER

FIRST READING                                              Psalm 23

GOSPEL READING                                              John 14

MUSICAL OFFERING                      *"Be Not Afraid"*                      Dufford  
Diane Borkman

READING OF EMILY DICKINSON POETRY

MEDITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE            *"On Eagle's Wings"*            #438

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 Lisa in this life.

Gracious God, help us to recall the joy and warmth of our  
times together as we prepare to unbind Lisa and let her 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 Lisa 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 her, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace.

Amen.

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

Amen.

\*BENEDICTION

\*PARTING HYMN            *"When Peace Like a River"*            #428

CLOSING OF SERVICE†

† (Please be seated pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE



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March 9, 2014

First Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

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PRELUDE

*"Forty Days and Forty Nights"*

Gesangbuch

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: God is our hiding place and our refuge in the time of distress.

Many: We turn to you now, O God, seeking comfort from the wounds of the world and the power to face all our afflictions.

One: Be present in this hour, O God, and help us to rest in your eternal promises.

Many: That we might be fed both with the bread of the world and the nourishment of your word, strong to resist temptation and faithful in our worship of you.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"You Servants of God"*

#112

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Creative, passionate God, too often we give in to the temptation to take just a little more: more food, more money, more power. We buy into the diabolical saying of "What could it hurt?" Yet deep in our own souls we know it leads to more suffering, more hunger, more need, more fear, more anger. We come today to confess our sins and to accept your judgment against our "more." Merciful God, we cannot undo all our mistakes, and so we turn once more to the living presence of Jesus to find new ways to live and love each other and the earth. Help us to embrace the truth that we do not need "more" when we have everything in Christ. Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Beloved of God, know that God's love meets our lament, God's grace meets our guilt and God's life meets our longing. God holds nothing against us but rather offers us a fresh start for 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 beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.* #733

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

8:00 am "Hear Me When I Cry" Solo by Diane Borkman

10:30 am "Desert Song" The Choir

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 5:12-19

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 4:1-11

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"*

#252

**SERMON**

*"Sand Paper"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLE'S CREED (8:00 am)**

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**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (10:30 am)**

See insert

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#633

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"You Are My Hiding Place"*

Ledner  
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

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: Beloved of God, go now to be the people of God: Resist temptations that lead to destruction:

Many: We will create more beauty.

One: Resist temptations that lead to isolation:

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

One: Resist temptations based on false promises:

Many: We will rest in the hope of God.

One: And in all these things, may the Spirit of Christ fill and inspire all your deeds as you seek to be a faithful part of Christ's reconciling ministry.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

#458

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"O Savior Blest"*

Bach

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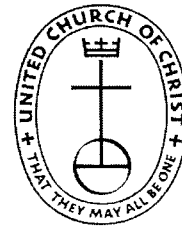
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March 12, 2014

Second Wednesday in Lent

7:30 pm

\* indicates to stand as able

### 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

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All: God of infinite power and tenderest mercy, open our hearts and minds to the awareness of your presence. Challenge our complacency, assure us of your forgiveness, and empower us to place before you the sin which diminishes us as you children. Amen

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 10

MESSAGE

*"Why Do Good Things Happen to Bad People?"*

\* HYMN

*"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"*

#446

LENTEN PRAYER STATION – 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

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Musical Reflection

\* Doxology

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

Hamburg

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* SENDING FORTH

\* PARTING HYMN

*"Be Still My Soul"*

#451

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**A SERVICE OF MEMORIAL**

*Scott Michael Jenkins*

*September 19, 1966 – February 21, 2014*

March 15, 2014

11:00 a.m.

\*Indicates to stand as able

PRELUDE

GREETING

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

And also with you.

OPENING SENTENCE

\*OPENING HYMN                      *"How Great Thou Art"*                      #51

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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

WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER

FIRST READING

Psalm 23

GOSPEL READING

John 11:1-7,17,20-27

MEDITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

## 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 Scott in this life.

Gracious God, help us to recall the joy and warmth of our times together as we prepare to unbind Scott 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 Scott 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.

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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

*"Be Still, My Soul"*

#451

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POSTLUDE



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March 16, 2014

Second Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

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PRELUDE

*"I Will Lift Up My Eyes"*

Schreiner

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We meet in the presence of God

Many: And we do not meet alone.

One: With the angels in the highest heaven

Many: We gather to worship the Lord.

One: With Abraham and Sarah

Many: We gather to worship the Lord.

One: With the saints of every age

Many: We gather to worship the Lord.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"The God of Abraham Praise"*

#16

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Generous God, as you did with Abraham and Sarah, you take and touch our lives and they become extraordinary. You have called us to follow and have made a dwelling place for us. You know that we love you, and we know what you ask us to do. Yet there are times when we have been too busy to respond to you; when we have been hard-hearted, when we have been reluctant and lukewarm. We are sorry and ask for your forgiving love to touch us yet again that we may deepen our resolve to follow where you lead. In Christ we pray. Amen.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: For God so loved the world

Many: That God gave us Jesus, the only Son



One: So that everyone who believes

Many: May not perish but have eternal life

One: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world

Many: But in order that the world might be saved through him.

One: For God so loved the world

Many: That God offers us new life in Christ.

All: 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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

8:00 am "God So Loved the World" The Choir  
10:30 am "Be Not Afraid" Solo by Diane Borkman

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Genesis 12:1-4a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 3:1-17

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

"There is a Redeemer"

#117

**SERMON**

"Crossroads"

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

First page of Hymnal

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#633

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"God So Loved the World"*

Stainer  
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

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GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

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\* SENDING FORTH

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

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

#501

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Toccata"*

Dubois

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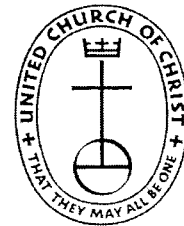
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March 19, 2014

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

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Many: And we know the weariness of forty days in the desert,

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Many: And the vain promises of the world,

One: We need you, God.

Many: We need you, God.

*Moment of silent reflection*

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One: We need you, God.

All: God of infinite power and tenderest mercy, open our hearts and minds to the awareness of your presence. Challenge our complacency, assure us of your forgiveness, and empower us to place before you the sin which diminishes us as you children. Amen

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 13

MESSAGE

*"How Long?"*

\* HYMN

*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

#419

LENTEN PRAYER STATION – 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

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Musical Reflection

\* 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.*

Hamburg

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* SENDING FORTH

\* PARTING HYMN

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

#264

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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March 23, 2014

Third Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

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PRELUDE

*"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"*

arr. Johnson

## WORDS OF GATHERING

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

Many: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise!

One: Our God is great, Ruler over all powers and principalities.

Many: The sea, the depths of the earth, the heights of the mountains, indeed all of creation were made by God and belong to God.

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

Many: Yes! God is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture: We are the sheep who belong to God!

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of grace and truth, we bring all of ourselves to you, all of the good, the bad, and the ugly. We entrust our hidden, fearful, and fragile selves to your transforming power and gentle, loving care. We confess to you the times we have attributed your miracles in our lives to our own doing; for when we promised to trust you and yet turned to our own way. For the times we have refused to forgive others, and each time we put our own understandings above your wisdom. For the times we resisted your command to be reconciled with those who believe differently from us. For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence, and our indifference to the suffering round us, forgive us, Loving One. Direct us in the way of peace and remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. For Christ's sake we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

8:00 am "God Will Take Care of You" Solo by Lois Duvall

10:30 am "Fill My Cup, Lord" The Choir

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Exodus 17:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 5:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

John 4:5-42

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Heal Me, Hands of Jesus"*

#636

**SERMON**

*"Anyone Thirsty?"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLE'S 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

#633

Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "All Who Are Thirsty"

Brown-Robertson  
Hamburg

\* Doxology

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That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Having been restored and refreshed by the living water – Jesus, the Rock of our salvation – go forth, in the power of the Holy Spirit, into the world as witnesses of God, ambassadors of reconciliation, and praising God's holy name.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

#261

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*"

Hegarty

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March 26, 2014

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

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\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 69

MESSAGE

*"Up to My Neck"*

\* HYMN

*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

#500

LENTEN PRAYER STATION – 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

Musical Reflection

\* Doxology

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Hamburg

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* SENDING FORTH

\* PARTING HYMN

*"Near the Cross"*

#479

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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March 30, 2014

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

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PRELUDE

*"Adagio from Symphony No. 5"*

Widor

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.

Many: It is you, Lord who makes me lie down in green pastures;

One: It is you who leads me beside the still waters.

Many: You restore my soul and guide me in paths of righteousness for your name's sake.

One: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.

Many: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

One: You anoint my head with oil;

Many: My cup runs over.

All: Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell  
in your house, O Lord, forever.

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God our Great Shepherd, it is easy for us to lose sight of your kingdom and your  
way for us. We want your love to conquer the hate within us, yet our lips are  
filled with bitter words. We want your light to shine on our shadows yet we listen  
to the shadowed corners of the world that beckon us. We confess that we fail to  
question our own blindness. Being so sure that we "see", we miss the truths you  
would teach us. Cure our blindness, O Lord. Open our eyes to our own  
misunderstandings, our own failures and our own faults. Make our "shadow side"  
known to us and help us to diminish it with the light of your grace. For it is only

when we see ourselves clearly that we can worship you truly. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: With the gentle, anointing touch of the Holy Spirit, God reaches out to forgive us and make us whole.

All: Thanks be to God.

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

8:00 am "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Solo by Lois Duvall

10:30 am "How Great is Our God" The Choir

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Ephesians 5:8-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

John 9:1-41

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

**\* HYMN**

"What the Lord Has Done in Me"

#360

**SERMON**

"Blindness"

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLE'S 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

#633

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Open Our Eyes"*

Cull

\* 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: May God's goodness and mercy follow you day after day. May Christ's light shine ahead of you to show you the way. And may the Spirit of God comfort and guide you now and always.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Amazing Grace"*

#422

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

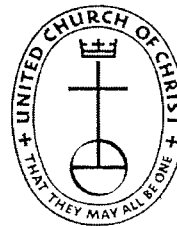
*"Trumpet Voluntary"*

Stanley

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## OUR MISSION

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Enriching all. Becoming living examples. Bonding all with the love of God

April 2, 2014

Fifth Wednesday in Lent

7:30 pm

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\* indicates to stand as able

### 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

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One: Because temptation is woven into the fabric of our lives,

Many: And we know the weariness of forty days in the desert,

One: And the beckoning power of forbidden fruit,

Many: And the vain promises of the world,

One: We need you, God.

Many: We need you, God.

*Moment of silent reflection*

One: Because we trust in what we can see,

Many: And we are blinded by our prejudices,

One: And we do not know what we do not know,

Many: And our need for correctness exceeds our need for truth,

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Many: We need you, God.

*Moment of silent reflection*

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One: And healed our pain and let us wound you,

Many: And loved us to the end,

One: And triumphed over all our hatred,

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One: We need you, God.

All: God of infinite power and tenderest mercy, open our hearts and minds to the awareness of your presence. Challenge our complacency, assure us of your forgiveness, and empower us to place before you the sin which diminishes us as you children. Amen

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 137

MESSAGE

*"Dreaming of Vengeance"*

\* HYMN

*"Cares Chorus"*

#493

LENTEN PRAYER STATION – 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

Musical Reflection

\* Doxology

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

Hamburg

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* SENDING FORTH

\* PARTING HYMN

*"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

#478

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April 6, 2014

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:30 am

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### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Out of the Depths I Cry to You"*

Boehm

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Many: Those who believe in Christ, though they die, will live.

One: Everyone who lives and believes in Christ will never die.

Many: Let us worship the living Christ, who is the resurrection and the life.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Come and Find the Quiet Center"*

#477

\* 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.

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### WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Resurrecting God, your power goes far beyond our own, and yet still we act as though the pains of this world have final claim upon us. We give in to the despair and hopelessness of death, not trusting in your ability to call forth new life from the tombs of our lives. Forgive us for doubting your power to raise up new life in the midst of all the deaths we experience. Forgive us for wanting to limit you to "the last day" or "the world beyond this one", not trusting you to move and act among us, within us, through us. Forgive us, and open our eyes to the wonder of new life sprouting into being in our very midst. In Christ we pray. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good News: Jesus is the resurrection and the life. In Christ we are forgiven; we are given new life, eternal life that begins now.

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

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CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "Hold Me When I Cry" Solo by Diane Borkman

10:30 am "Mighty to Save" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 8:6-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

\* GOSPEL LESSON

John 11:1-45

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

\* HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

#461

SERMON

"Do You Believe This?"

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

#633

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

arr. DeCou

\* Doxology

Hamburg

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,*

*That were a present far too small;*

*Love so amazing, so divine,*

*Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

\* Prayer of Dedication



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION †

See Insert

†(All are welcome to the table. In lieu of elements,  
a blessing will be given to children who are pre-confirmation age.)

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: Jesus calls us from the tombs of our existence into the brightness of a new day.

Many: Jesus unbinds us from the chains of our past.

One: Jesus sends us into a world filled with grace and possibility.

Many: We go into a world that needs our life, our breath, our spirit!

One: Into a world that needs the Spirit of God, carried on our lips and in our loving arms.

Many: We go into the world to live as God's resurrected people!

One: Go on the breath of God's holy wind!

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"I Am the Bread of Life"*

#703

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Fanfare"*

Lemmens

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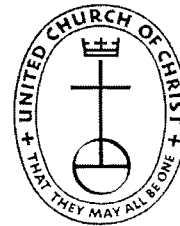
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April 9, 2014

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

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\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 22

MESSAGE

*"My God, My God Why?"*

\* HYMN

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

#264

LENTEN PRAYER STATION – 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

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Musical Reflection

\* 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.*

Hamburg

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* SENDING FORTH

\* PARTING HYMN

*"When Peace Like a River"*

#428

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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April 13, 2014

Palm Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

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PRELUDE

*"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*

Bach

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We gather in this place joyful with praise, filling this space with shouts of Hosanna.

Many: We come with great expectation to see Jesus, eager for a healing touch or a blessing received.

One: We gather in this place joyful with hope.

Many: Longing for a calm moment in the midst of pressing worry and hurry, longing for a message of welcome and acceptance on our journey.

One: We gather in this place anxious with anticipation.

Many: Questioning if we are able to walk with Jesus through the week ahead, through anguish, accusations, despair and darkness.

One: We gather together in this place.

Many: To worship the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"The Palms"*

see 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God in the highest heaven, you come to us in ways we never expect. Our King comes lowly in a manger, humbly on a donkey. Our Savior is born into poverty and then hung on a cross. While we welcome your Servant with joy on our lips, we confess that our eyes only see defeat in your ways. You know that the palms we wave with joy today will be thrown down tomorrow with doubt. We put on our parade face to mask our callous indifference and lukewarm faith. Forgive us and save us, O Loving God, from our small-mindedness and thin hopes. Send your

Spirit to guide us through this Holiest of Weeks, that we might have the faith to stand beside Jesus at the Cross. In his most Holy Name we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the good news: Despite our fickle nature, God is steadfast in loving us and constant in forgiving us.

All: 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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

8:00 am "The Holy City" Solo by Lois Duvall  
10:30 am "Blessed is He Who Comes" The Choir

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Phillippians 2:5-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 21:1-11

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

**\* HYMN**

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

#265

**SERMON**

"Confusion"

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLE'S CREED (8:00 am)**

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**ORDER OF CONFIRMATION (10:30 am)**

See insert

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

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**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

#633

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"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: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Many: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

One: As we go forth may this blessed word remain with us in the week ahead.

Many: May God grant us all to follow faithfully where Christ leads us.

One: And may we all know the courage and certainty that God's Three-in-One presence will lead us and be with us.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

#267

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Postlude on Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

arr. Innes

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April 16, 2014

Wednesday of Holy Week

7:30 pm

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PRELUDE

Prelude on *Rhosymedre*

Edwards

OPENING SENTENCE

\* GATHERING HYMN

*"Give Thanks"*

#359

\*PRAYER OF CLEANSING

All: Faithful God, as we stand near the edge of this Lenten season we look back and confess the places where we have fallen away from our promises to you. In moments of weakness we have broken our fasts and have neglected our prayers. We have not followed through on the commitments we have made. Our hearts are heavy with remorse over our lack of faithfulness, and we stand here in need of your forgiveness. Cleanse us, O Lord, from our sins. Unbind us from the burdens that weigh us down and keep us back from being all you have created us to be, that we might be free to help carry your cross all the way to Calvary. In your Loving name we pray. Amen.

RITUAL OF CLEANSING

\*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

#654

*We are standing on Holy Ground  
And I know that there are angels all around  
Let us praise Jesus now.  
We are standing in his presence on Holy Ground*

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 51

MESSAGE

TIME OF HEALING PRAYERS

\* SENDING FORTH

\* PARTING HYMN

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

#438

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April 17, 2014

Maundy Thursday

7:30 pm

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Ah, Dearest Jesus"*

arr. Middleton

WELCOME

### \* GATHERING WORDS

One: Tonight we remember the One who gave himself for us, Jesus, our Christ.

Many: Jesus, Lamb of God, we thank you as we remember what you have done for us.

One: Jesus poured out his life to show us the love of God.

Many: Let us love the Lord who restores freedom, and gives us hope and peace.

One: Let us worship our God who hears the cries of our suffering.

Many: And who delivers us from death.

### \* OPENING HYMN

*"My Song is Love Unknown"*

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### \* 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

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### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: O Giver of Life, you call us to yourself, and in ways too numerous to mention, we fail to respond. We close off our fellowship to those who are different from ourselves. We close off our ears to your call to accept the cost and joys of discipleship found in seeking justice and peace for all. Forgive us, Merciful One, and replace our callousness with the humility and caring service that Jesus modeled for us on this holiest of nights. For truly we are not greater than our Teacher and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God gives us grace upon grave. Be assured of this truth, that in Christ we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

**\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Wondrous Love

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

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

*What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss*

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

*To bear the heavy cross for my soul!*

**\* PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Above All Powers" the Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

Exodus 12:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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

**\* HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*"Lamb of God"*

#281

**MEDITATION**

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"O Sacred Head 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

\* SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Consecration and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(We will commune at the rail by method of Intinction. You will be given a piece of bread; dip the bread in the common cup and then partake. The cup with the lighter liquid is grape juice, the darker liquid is wine.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: We give you thanks, O God, for the new commandment we received in this meal: to love one another. In remembrance of the grace and mercy in which we have been bathed, we go forth to bring hope where despair resides; to be servants to those who are broken; to love as selflessly as we are loved by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, that all may know we are his disciples. Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go out into the night, contemplating what Jesus faced on that fateful Friday.

Many: Just as Jesus honored God by placing God's will above his own, may God be glorified through our lives.

One: Be of good courage! Trust in God in whom we have salvation and hope.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Go to Dark Gethsemane"*

#272

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"O Savior Blest"*

Bach

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April 18, 2014

Good Friday

7:30 pm

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Were You There?"*

arr. Innes

WELCOME

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Holy Jesus, we are here.

Many: We stand beside your cross like Mary your mother, and the faithful women,

One: And John whom you asked Mary to claim,

Many: And we wait for your word to us.

One: Claim us.

*(Silent reflection)*

One: Holy Jesus, you are here.

Many: Speak to us in your ever-speaking voice.

One: Speak again through your Holy Spirit.

Many: For us it is not yet finished. We are here.

One: You are here.

Many: Holy Jesus, speak.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"*

224  
#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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy Jesus, we confess that we have all, at times, betrayed you. We have all, at times, doubted you. We have all, at times, denied you. We have all, at times, chosen another savior to follow, to put our trust in—whether it is money, or a politician, or our own success—we have deserted you and your ways. Forgive us,

Compassionate Christ. Help us to turn back to you, the One who died for us all, that death may have no power over us and that eternity would reign in our hearts instead of the right-now. In your name, O Merciful Savior, we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Because he poured out himself to death and was numbered with the transgressors, he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. Receive the Good News of God's merciful love, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

Wondrous Love

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!*

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

"Agnus Dei" Solo by Frank Hooper

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**THE SEVEN WORDS FROM THE CROSS – A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE**

*At the end of the readings, all light in the sanctuary will be extinguished and a loud noise is heard symbolizing the closing of Jesus' tomb. The bells will toll 33 times, symbolic of each year of Jesus' life. Afterwards the lights will be raised to allow for safe exit from the sanctuary. Please wait for the return of lights before leaving in silence.*

**The first word of Forgiveness** Luke 23:32-38

Meditation  
*(silent reflection)*

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (#261)*

**The second word of Salvation** Luke 23:39-43

Meditation  
*(silent reflection)*

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus (#255)*

**The third word of Affection** John 19:25b-27

Meditation  
*(silent reflection)*

*My God, My God* (Solo by Frank Hooper)  
The fourth word of Anguish  
Meditation  
(*silent reflection*)

Matthew 27:45-46

*Alas and Did My Savior Bleed?* (#263)  
The fifth word of Suffering  
Meditation  
(*silent reflection*)

John 19:28-29

*Ah Holy Jesus* (#262)  
The sixth word of Victory  
Meditation  
(*silent reflection*)

John 19:30

*Were You There?* (#283)  
The seventh word of Contentment  
Meditation  
(*silent reflection*)

Luke 23:44-46

## EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHRIST LIGHT

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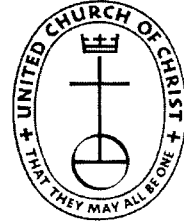
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## OUR MISSION

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April 20, 2014

Easter Sunday

6:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

"Chorale Prelude on *Llanfair*"

Robinson

## THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

The Christ Candle – Luke 24:1

The Linen Cloth – Luke 24:12

The Bread of Life – Luke 24:30-31a

The Wine of Forgiveness – Matthew 26:27-29

## WORDS OF GATHERING

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One: The stone is rolled away

Many: Christ is risen!

One: The shroud is removed

Many: Christ is risen!

One: The tomb is empty

Many: Christ is risen!

One: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed!

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of Good News, your angel appeared to the faithful women at Jesus' tomb, bringing them news more wonderful and awe-inspiring than they could imagine – Christ is Risen! Yet we confess to you that while we know well the story of your victory over the grave, it is not a story we always live. We are dragged down by

all manner of death. Fear of losing our dreams and hopes suffocates us. Sorrow walls us off like a grave, isolating us with anger, frustration, and grief. Surely your angels can interrupt our lives, too, breaking into our losses and sorrows and offering a message of tremendous joy to change our lives! Come this Easter morning, we pray, and fill us with "fear and great joy" so that, like those women who came to the tomb expecting death, our lives may also be renewed in hope and glory, and we may instead find the radiant new life that is ever before us in your Resurrection! In Christ we pray, Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty. Like Christ, we have new life. Know that we are forgiven.

Many: Alleluia, Christ is Risen indeed.

**\*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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*6:00 am Solo by Diane Borkman*

*10:30 am "Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed?" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Acts 10:34-43

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Colossians 3:1-4

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 28:1-10

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"*

#289

**SERMON**

*"All Heaven's Broke Loose"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

Back page of Hymnal



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.

#633

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

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\* 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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go to look for the risen One in all the places of your life. Go in the courage and strength of the angels who surround you to make all things new. Go and celebrate this wonderful Good News: Christ is Risen

Many: Christ is Risen Indeed!

All: Alleluia and Amen!

\* HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection"

#298

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

POSTLUDE

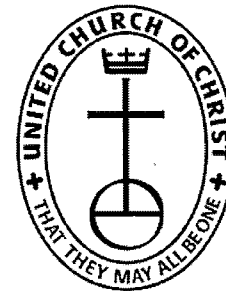
"Postlude on Easter Hymn"

Innes

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April 27, 2014

Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

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PRELUDE "Adagio from *Symphony No. 6 in G Major*" Widor

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: The tomb is empty!

Many: For Christ Is Risen!

One: The time of grieving has ended.

Many: For Christ Is Risen!

One: Violence, fear, and death have disappeared!

Many: For Christ Is Risen!

One: Come, let us go to the house of the Lord!

Many: And worship our Risen Savior.

\* OPENING HYMN "Thine is the Glory" #310

### \* 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

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

All: Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: From the shadows of life, God brings us into the Light of Christ where we walk in freedom and new life. Know that God loves you and forgives you.

All: 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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

8:00 am "He Lives" Solo by Lois Duvall  
10:30 am "Without Seeing You" The Choir

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Acts 2:14a-22-32

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Peter 1:3-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

John 20:19-31

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

**\* HYMN**

"Hallelujah! What a Savior"

#301

**SERMON**

"My Lord and My God"

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLE'S 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

#633

Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Meditation on *I Know My Redeemer Liveth*"

Young  
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: Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Blessed are those who have not seen the risen Lord, yet have believed in him. Now, may the God who shakes heaven and earth, whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the Gospel.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

#287

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Prelude in A Major"

Bach

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May 4, 2014

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

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PRELUDE

*"Carillon"*

Sowerby

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Sisters and Brothers let us praise God who hears our prayers,

Many: Who draws near to us, and brings new life out of death.

One: Sisters and Brothers, let us worship with the confidence of being God's beloved children,

Many: And with the security and joy of God's saving grace.

One: Sisters and Brothers, we are promised new life, forgiveness of sin, and the Spirit as gift!

Many: We lift our voices and our hearts in love, thanks, and praise! May we praise the Lord as long as we live!

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Author of Salvation, we yearn for your love and grace. We come seeking your wisdom and guidance for the old ways of the world have a hold on us. We cling to the blessings of relationship with you, and do not share your love with others. Forgive us, Loving God, and help us to be loosed from these chains that we might start afresh. Remind us that your love is to be carried throughout the world. Guide us into your ways of justice, forgiveness and reconciliation. Lead us to live a courageous life of faith in which we may help others to live in the knowledge of your love and grace. Press us to share the hope and joy of your love, so that someone who hungers for spiritual food may be filled by our witness to your grace. Shine the light of your Spirit through us, so that we may show your Way to

those who long for peace and help to revive those in whom hope has died. In the name of Christ, our Risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: This we know for certain - we are forgiven by our gracious God.

All: May this good news never cease to astound us!

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

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Alleluia to the Savior who has won the victory  
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Hyfrydol

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**CELEBRATION OF GENEROUS HEARTS**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

8:00 am "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Solo by Diane Borkman

10:30 am "Open the Eyes of My Heart" The Choir

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Acts 2:14a-36-41

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Peter 1:17-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

Luke 24:13-35

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Come, Share the Lord"*

#696

**SERMON**

*"Christ Incognito"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**NICENE CREED**

Last page of Hymnal

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

#633

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Open Our Eyes, Lord"*

Cull  
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

†(All are welcome to the table. In lieu of elements,  
a blessing will be given to children who are pre-confirmation age.)

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: The stone has been rolled away!

Many: We will go to share this good news!

One: Jesus walks with us on our journey.

Many: We will go with him wherever the road takes us.

One: Jesus has opened our eyes.

Many: We will go to serve everyone we see.

One: Go rejoicing in the victorious life of our Risen Savior and in the power of the Spirit! Go living in the love of Christ and serving in the name of the Lord!

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"He Lives"*

#302

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

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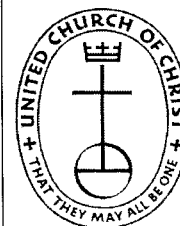
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May 11, 2014

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

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PRELUDE

*"Aria"*

Peeters

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: The Lord Jesus is our Shepherd. We shall not want.

Many: Our Good Shepherd makes us lie down in green pastures; leads us beside still waters; and restores our soul.

One: The Shepherd guides us in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Many: Even though we may walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we fear no evil, for his rod and staff comfort us.

One: The Lord prepares a table for us in the presence of our foes; he anoints us with the oil of salvation; our cup runs over!

Many: Surely, goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives. And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well"*

#73

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

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



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Christ, himself, bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness. Hear the Good News: By his wounds we have been healed.

All: 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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Hyfrydol

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*8:00 am "Because He Lives" Solo by Lois Duvall*

*10:30 am "The Miracle" The Choir with Alyssa Jefferson and Jillian Jenkins*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Acts 2:42-47

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Peter 2:19-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

John 10:1-10

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

#73

**SERMON**

*"The Mother Shepherd"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**APOSTLE'S 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

Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.

#633

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

arr. Innes

\* 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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me;" As we go be assured that God will lead us out.

Many: To those pools of peace where we can gather with our friends and strangers.

One: As we go listen for the Shepherd's voice:

Many: Who will call us to give ourselves in service, and anoint others with hope.

One: As we go, look for the Spirit to show us:

Many: The people we might be, the community we might become.

One: As living stones, may our lives be built up into a spiritual sanctuary where the justice and mercy and peace of the Risen Christ may dwell.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Faith of Our Fathers"

#530

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Rigaudon"

Campra

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May 18, 2014

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

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PRELUDE                      *"Adagio from Symphony No. 6 in G Major"*                      Widor

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Like living stones, we are called here by God to be built into a spiritual house.

Many: We gather this morning to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God.

One: Like the multi-hued pebbles gathered on a beach.

Many: We come from many places.

One: Like river stones, smooth from life's surges or chipped in the world's torrents

Many: We come worn and wounded.

One: Like precious stones, chosen and valued.

Many: We come cared about and loved by God.

One: Like the stones of a building,

Many: God brings us together.

One: Come, as living stones, into God's presence!

Many: We come to worship God.

\* OPENING HYMN                      *"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"*                      #11

### \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: Ever-gracious God, from generation to generation you call forth faithful women and men to be willing servants of truth. You fill us with strength and hope, and invite us to share in the cost and joys of discipleship. You call us to take up the mantle of justice and to follow wherever faith leads us. Yet we confess that we want both great faith and easy lives; we want to avoid the time of trial and the challenges that come with faithfulness. Forgive us, O God, for our limited vision

and our feeble trust. Help us to remain strong even in the times of deepest suffering, so that like Stephen, we may show others the way to you. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the Good News: Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy. Know that we are forgiven.

All: 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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Hyfrydol

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

8:00 am "Cornerstone" The Choir  
10:30 am "The Trumpet Will Sound" Solo by Frank Hooper

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Acts 7:55-60

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Peter 2:2-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

*Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!*  
John 14:1-14

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

**\* HYMN**

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

#468

**SERMON**

"Troubled Hearts"

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**APOSTLE'S 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**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

#633

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 am "Cornerstone" arr. Innes

10:30 am "I'll Walk With God" Solo by Frank Hooper

\* 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

**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Many: We will trust in God; trust in Jesus.

One: Christ has gone to prepare a place for us.

Many: And Christ will lead us to be with him.

One: Let us go together on the journey of faith.

Many: Let us go to follow Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

#544

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE

"Postlude on the tune *Aurelia*"

arr. Innes

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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May 25, 2014

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Adagio"*

Mendelssohn

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth!

Many: We will sing the glory of God's name; we will give to God glorious praise!

One: Let us say to the Lord, "How awesome are your deeds! All the earth worships you!"

Many: Let us sing praises to God as we worship together.

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Wise and All-knowing God, we sing great proclamations about who you are, and yet at times, we forget that you know us at our very depth. We become anxious and afraid that you are not with us, and that our lives have lacked meaning and purpose. You have called us to great things, but we focus instead on what we lack, rather than on Whose we are. Forgive us of our foolish ways and guide us by your wisdom and grace, so that our hearts might be filled with the joy that comes from knowing you in our lives. Through your Holy Spirit enable us to boldly live out the commandments of Christ beyond these walls, beyond this hour, and in so doing, become for the world the very presence of justice, hope and peace. In Christ we pray. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Despite everything we do, God loves us. Day by day, God is continuing to do a new thing in our lives. Know this: we are forgiven.

All: 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**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*8:00 am "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" Solo by Lois Duvall  
10:30 am "Ten Thousand Reasons" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Acts 17:22-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Peter 3:13-22

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

John 14:15-21

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

#358

**SERMON**

*"Help"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLE'S 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**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

#633

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Spirit of the Living God"*

arr. Johnson

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: Now go back into the world from which you have come and let love be true and freely given. Go, continuing to share in the cost and joys of discipleship through deeds of bold mercy and courageous justice. And may the ever present love of God be with you, the joy of Christ surround you, and the presence of the Advocate live in and through you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"America, the Beautiful"*

#727

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Postlude on the tune Materna"*

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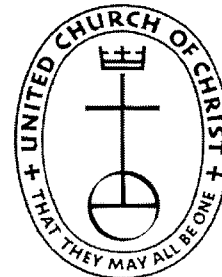
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June 1, 2014

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Trio"*

Rheinberger

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let us shout for joy to our God who rides upon the clouds!

Many: We sing praises to our awe-inspiring God, before whom the earth quakes, and whose abundant blessings provide for all in need!

One: God is Sovereign over all the earth, Defender of the defenseless, and Parent to orphans; God creates families for those who are alone.

Many: God leads captives to freedom and breaks the yoke of oppression; bringing forth restoration and justice.

One: O God, how awesome you are in your sanctuary! You give power and strength to your people.

Many: Let us sing praise to God, who dwells in holiness.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*

#317

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God Most High, we gather to honor and glorify you. You created human beings for your glory and pleasure, but we confess that we are self-absorbed. Forgive us for choosing to live solely for ourselves. Forgive us for ignoring the prompting of your Spirit, and your purpose for our lives as your witnesses who carry your loving compassion to a hurting world. Fill us again with holy awe and mystery so that all will know that we are yours and you are our God. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: No matter what we have done, God pursues us until we know God's love and grace. Know that you are loved; you are forgiven; you are restored.

All: 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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

8:00 am "Hold Me When I Cry" Solo by Diane Borkman

10:30 am "God is Good All the Time" The Choir

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Acts 1:6-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

John 17:1-11

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

**\* HYMN**

"We Come as Guests Invited"

#702

**SERMON**

"Now What?"

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**NICENE CREED**

Last page of Hymnal

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

#633

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

Kendrick

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION †

See Insert

†(All are welcome to the table. In lieu of elements,  
a blessing will be given to children who are pre-confirmation age.)

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go, and continue to be faithful, remain committed, and be witnesses for Christ.  
May the God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory through Jesus  
Christ, fulfill, restore, strengthen, and establish you through suffering and struggle.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"*

#323

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Postlude on the tune Diademata"*

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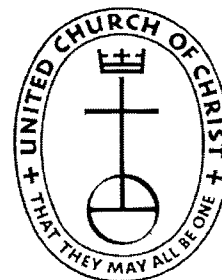
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June 8, 2014

Pentecost Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"*

arr. Johnson

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: On this first day, the Lord's Day we gather in this place with one another.

Many: Though we have different gifts, we are blessed by the same God.

One: On that great day of Pentecost, the disciples gathered together:

Many: Though uncertain, they trusted God's future, though many, they were one in Christ.

One: All elders and youth, all saints and sinners, all who think deep thoughts and all who have the simple faith of a child: come and worship!

Many: Let us all praise God with one voice, one body, one church, one mind, one spirit.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

#132

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of every tongue, tribe and nation, we thank you for the presence of the Holy Spirit amongst us and for the gifts the Spirit brings to our lives. We are sorry for the times that we have refused to share these gifts with others. We are sorry for the times we have ignored the Spirit's promptings, and for the times we have resisted the Spirit's transforming power. Forgive our short-sightedness. On this day of Pentecost, send the Holy Spirit upon us to breathe new life into us that we might share this new life in all we do and say. Help us to be creative, as you are creative; help us to inspire others, as you inspire us. Call us away from the competitive ways of the world and into the collaborative ways of the Spirit so we might build up rather than tear down. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God is always doing something new. God brings us new life, making us a new creation. Know that we are forgiven and are set back on right paths.

All: 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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**MUSICAL SELECTION** 10:30 am "A Gift to You" Solo by Bella Walton

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

8:00 am "Grace Alone" Pam Georgiadis and Rob Gundlach

10:30 am "Come Holy Spirit, I Need You" The Choir,

Autoharpists: Alyssa Jefferson and Jillian Jenkins

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Acts 2:1-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 20:19-23

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

**\* HYMN**

"Spirit of the Living God"

#492

**SERMON**

"The Manifestation of the Spirit"

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLE'S 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

#633

Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

Akers

\* 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 wind of the Spirit blow through our lives, unsettling us, stirring us up, propelling us forward.

Many: May the fire of the Spirit warm us, empower us, remake us.

One: May the power of the Spirit free us to speak of God, to pray for others, to work for justice.

Many: May we share God's gifts and grace to be witnesses to the good news of Jesus Christ.

One: May the One who is Counsellor, Helper and Breathe of God go with us.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Onward, Christian Soldiers"*

#509

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

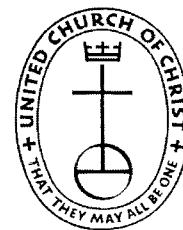
*"Come Holy Spirit, Creator Blest"*

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June 15, 2014

Trinity Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

"Meditation on *Nicaea*"

Post

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: For God so loved the world;

Many: The sparrows, the mountain lions, the fish and the people.

One: For God so loved the world;

Many: In success and failure, in sickness and health, in mediocrity and extraordinary.

One: For God so loved the world;

Many: Enough to become one of us, enough to suffer along with us, enough to offer new life for us.

One: For God so loved the world;

Many: Let us worship God!

\* OPENING HYMN

"*Holy, Holy, Holy*"

#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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy God, we were created in your image, an image of mutuality and respect for one another; an image of community with shared blessing and mission. You have given us dominion over the work of your hands. You have charged us to be fruitful and multiply, to make disciples of all nations. Forgive us, O God, when we have denied our purpose; when we have abused the earth's resources for our own selfish gain. Forgive us, O God, when we have defiled your image; when we have regarded some of your children as "other" and therefore beyond the reach of your love and care. Forgive us, O God, and fill us with resolve and purpose, to be your community, and to expand our hearts until all of creation is renewed and all people are welcomed and blessed. This we ask through the risen and ascended

Christ who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

All: 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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

8:00 am "Come Holy Spirit, I Need You" The Choir  
10:30 am "O Lord Most Holy" Solo by Frank Hooper

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 28:16-20

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

**\* HYMN**

"How Majestic is Your Name"

#42

**SERMON**

"Therefore"

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLE'S CREED**

First page of Hymnal

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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PRAYER RESPONSE

#633

Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 am "Come Thou Almighty King" arr. Courier  
10:30 am "The Lord's Prayer" Solo by Frank Hooper

\* 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: God has created us in love. Therefore, go from this place to live in peace with one another, and to engage the world with the good news of the community of God in words and actions. And may the God of love and peace be with you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"This is My Father's World"

#21

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Nicaea"

Post

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June 22, 2014

Second Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"His Eye is On the Sparrow"*

arr. Johnson

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: God listens to the hearts of troubled prophets and struggling families, whoever we are, God's ear is open.

Many: There is no one like you, God with a listening heart.

One: God's surprising hope comes to those who live in fear and those who look for signs, whatever our need, God cares.

Many: There is no one like you, God of steadfast love.

One: God challenges seekers of power, as well as those who serve the vulnerable, to use our gifts for others, whatever the situation, God's help is near.

Many: There is no one like you, God of all people.

One: God of our hearts, God of our hope, God of us all, meet us in our worship.

Many: Open our ears, calm our hearts, and increase our love for you.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

#148

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: In Jesus Christ you gave us new life, O God of grace, yet we confess that we continue to seek out our old ways which are so comfortable and seductive. You call us to walk with you, but we run down those paths paved with foolishness and fears. Forgive us, God of steadfast love. Just as you save us, so give us the strength to be willing to take up whatever task you give us, and the faith to be willing to lose our lives for others, so we might find life forever with you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: It is true that the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rejoice, for we have been forgiven and freed from our sin.

All: 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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*8:00 am "God Will Take Care of You" Solo by Lois Duvall*

*10:30 am "I Will Run To You" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Genesis 21:8-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 6:1b-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 10:24-39

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

**\* HYMN**

*"The Summons"*

#350

**SERMON**

*"Learning Hard Lessons"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLE'S 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**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.* #633

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"We Will Glorify"*

Paris  
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

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: Beloved in Christ, go, unafraid, trusting that you are more valuable than sparrows, and that every hair on your head is counted. And may the abundance of God, the faith of Christ, and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Forth in Your Name"*

#718

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Prelude in D Minor"*

Bach

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**A SERVICE OF MEMORIAL  
FOR**

*Eileen Marie Smith*  
*"Smilly"*

*Nov 11/10  
Nov 17/10  
RHW LAYW.*

*May 29, 1943 - November 17, 2013*

June 21, 2014

11:30 a.m.

\*Indicates to stand as able

PRELUDE

GREETING

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

OPENING SENTENCE

\*OPENING HYMN                      *"Amazing Grace"*                      #422

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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

WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER

FIRST READING

Psalm 23

GOSPEL READING

John 14

MUSICAL OFFERING    *"He Stopped Loving Her Today"*    Jones

MEDITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE    *"On Eagle's Wings"*    #438

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 Eileen in this life.

Gracious God, help us to recall the joy and warmth of our  
times together as we prepare to unbind Eileen and let her 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 Eileen 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 her, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace.

Amen.

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

Amen.

\*BENEDICTION

\*PARTING HYMN                    *"When Peace Like a River"*                    #428

CLOSING OF SERVICE†

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POSTLUDE



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## OUR MISSION

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June 29, 2014

Third Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Ellers*"

Callahan

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Welcome to all who are weary, tired, or burned-out.

Many: We come to be refreshed and renewed in God's presence.

One: Welcome all who are anxious, worried, or burdened.

Many: We come to be calmed and comforted by the Spirit.

One: Welcome to all who feel complacent, comfortable, or detached.

Many: We come to be stirred by Christ's message for us.

One: All are welcome here. Come as you are.

Many: We come in hope to find rest, peace and inspiration as we worship Christ our Lord.

\* OPENING HYMN

"The God of Abraham Praise"

#16

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Author of Life, you have written your covenant into our hearts. You have called us to welcome the stranger, to show compassion to those who are in need, to care for those who mourn. We come before you, confessing that we have not welcomed others as we should. We have turned away those that beg, we have ignored the cries of the poor and the hungry, and we have not met the needs of those who have come before us. We have put our own desires above the needs of our neighbors. Forgive us, O God. Call us back to your ways of mercy, compassion and love. Help us to see our neighbor as ourselves, and to love our neighbor. Help us to mold our lives to be more in tune with your call to welcome others as you have welcomed us. In the name of the One who loves us, we pray. Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear this Good News: In Christ we are a new people, forgiven and made whole.

All: 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**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME** 10:30 am "My Little Heart" The Church School

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

8:00 am "Hear Me When I Cry" Solo by Diane Borkman

10:30 am "Grace Alone" The Choir,

Tone Bells: Alyssa Jefferson, Jillian Jenkins, Maddie Rieger

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Genesis 22:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 6:12-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 10:40-42

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

**\* HYMN**

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?"

#391

**SERMON**

"Hospitality"

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLE'S 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**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

#633

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Adagio in D flat"*

Liszt

\* 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 you leave this place, remember that you may be the only grace someone will meet this week.

Many: We go, to share God's graciousness with all.

One: Remember you may be the only love someone will encounter this week.

Many: We go, to be the love of Jesus for all.

One: Remember you may be the only peace someone will find this week.

Many: We go, to share the Spirit of hope and reconciliation with all.

One: And may God's grace, Christ's love and the Spirit's hope carry you through this week.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Help Us Accept Each Other"*

#596

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"The Rejoicing"*

Callahan

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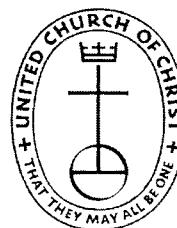
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July 6, 2014

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Elegy"*

Thalben-Ball

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come, kneel beside God's well.

Many: We come, ready to experience the waters of encounter.

One: Come, friends! Feel God's cleansing waters.

Many: We are ready to feel the flowing transformation of living water.

One: Come, kneel beside God's well – a sacred place of love.

Many: We are here to worship and celebrate the love of God.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"*

#728

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy One you breathed in us the breath of life, and yet we confess we do not always acknowledge your presence. Too often we forget about your constant love and we put our trust and life in all the wrong things. We get caught up in the ways of the world and are concerned only for ourselves. We put our wants above the needs of others. We put our ways above your ways. Forgive us, O God, when we have turned away from you, or from a brother or sister in need. Call us back to the path of right-living, so that we might walk in your ways. Let us be filled with your love that we might be guided down your path and we may be stirred to go out and transform your world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends in Christ, there is Good News for us all to hear – God sees it all, and God loves us anyway. God knows it all, and God forgives us anyway. Through Christ, our sins are forgiven.

All: 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.* #7331

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Jesus, Shepherd, Be Thou Near Me" Solo by Frank Hooper*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Psalm 145:8-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 7:15-25a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

**\* HYMN**

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

#473

**SERMON**

*"Weary Neighbors"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**NICENE CREED**

Last page of Hymnal

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

#633

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"The Call" Solo by Frank Hooper*

\* 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

†(All are welcome to the table. In lieu of elements,  
a blessing will be given to children who are pre-confirmation age.)

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Just as God has brought us here, God now takes us home. So go in peace knowing that God is with you. And, may the blessing of God almighty: Abba, Word, and Spirit, be with you now and always.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"America, the Beautiful"*

#727

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Postlude on Materna"*

Smith

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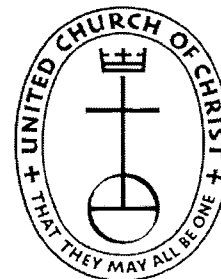
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July 13, 2014

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Air for G String"*

Bach

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Today, let us worship with our hands as well as our hearts and voices.

Many: With our bodies, let us celebrate God's word given to us.

One: In literal words and God's Word to us made flesh in Christ Jesus, let us rejoice.

Many: Let us shout and sing together for joy for the blessings of God around us, upon us  
and within us.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"O God in Whom All Life Begins"*

#388

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

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

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

All: 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

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING "Thanks Be to Thee" Solo by Frank Hooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Genesis 25:19-34

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Romans 8:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

\* GOSPEL LESSON

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

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

\* HYMN

"Thy Word"

#664

SERMON

"It's a Parable"

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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APOSTLE'S 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

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.* #633

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "O Rest in the Lord" Solo by Frank Hooper

\* 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 to tend the word of God within you. And go from here in the joy of God,  
secure in God's presence around you and within you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"*

#504

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Trumpet Voluntary"*

Stanley

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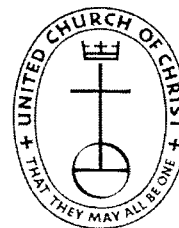
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July 20, 2014

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Laity Sunday

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

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PRELUDE

*"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"*

arr. Innes

HYMN SING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Surely God is in this place!

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

One: Surely God is in this place!

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

One: Surely God is in this place!

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

One: Surely God is in this place!

Many: We come to see God in this community of seekers.

One: Surely God is in this place!

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

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Search Me, O God"*

#385

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Gracious God, in the fields of our lives, we strive to be fruitful, but we fall short. We get so comfortable that we sleep when we need to be vigilant about the injustices around us and the errors in our own lives. We are so casual about wrongdoing that it creeps into our lives and threatens to overwhelm the good we do. Forgive us. Keep us awake so that we can produce the lives you call us to live. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In the words of the apostle Paul, "You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption." As God's children, in God's embrace, we are forgiven and free.

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

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Morning Has Broken"* Solo – Frank Hooper

**SEARCH ME AND KNOW ME, O GOD**

First Reading:	Genesis 25:19-34
Reflection:	Angelic Messages – Max Lucado
Hymn:	<i>Holy Ground</i> (#654)
Second Reading:	Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Reflection:	Being the Beloved – Henri Nouwen
Hymn:	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i> (#437)
Third Reading:	Romans 8:12-25
Reflection:	The Way of Trust – Brennan Manning
Hymn:	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i> (#473)

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**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**

*Healer of my soul; Heal me at evening.*

*Heal me at morning; Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Lord God of Abraham" Solo – Frank Hooper

\* Doxology

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*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: Who can flee from the presence of God?

Many: God's spirit is always with us.

One: If we ascend to heaven,

Many: God is there.

One: If we settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

Many: God is there.

One: In all places, God holds us fast. So go into this week knowing the deep presence of God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, holding you, guiding you, liberating you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"We All Are One in Mission"

#552

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Rondo in G"

Bull

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July 27, 2014

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Prayer"*

Boellman

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come, you that are sick, come find healing!

Many: We come to enter the reign of God.

One: Come, you that are oppressed, come and find freedom!

Many: We come to participate in the reign of God.

One: Come, you that are outcast, come and find welcome!

Many: We come to build the reign of God.

One: Come, you that are full of sin, come and seek forgiveness!

Many: We come to be forgiven; to be restored; to worship our Loving God.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"I Love Thy 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Covenanting God, you made promises long ago. You offered your chosen ones blessings. You did wonderful things. We remember those old stories of promise. But, we often doubt your works now amid the poverty, the violence and the racism of our time. We confess that we have not always lived up to our side of the covenant to be an authentic community together, to honor our words and promises, and to always honor you. We are broken peoples, and we have broken promises. Forgive us, dear God, for the ways in which we have failed one another, and the ways in which we have failed you. Covenanting God, we seek you in this time. Help us, and call us back into your intention to love others and to love you, to be good stewards of all you have given us and to participate in your reign. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the good news: God forgives us again and again. Even though we sometimes fail God, God never fails us; God always keeps God's promises to be faithful.

All: 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**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**      *"For the Mountains Shall Depart" Solo by Frank Hooper*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Genesis 25:15-28

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 8:26-39

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Seek Ye First"*

#349

**SERMON**

*"Nothing Can Ever Separate Us from the Love of God...."*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLE'S 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**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.* #633

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" Solo by Frank Hooper

\* 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

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GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: You are a child of the covenant, so go forth as God's people; as followers of Jesus, filled with the gifts of the Spirit; knowing that God's promises for you will never fail.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"I am Thine, O Lord"

#408

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Fugue"

Handel

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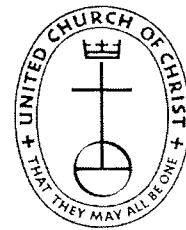
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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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August 3, 2014

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

arr. Johnson

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: O God, you see us.

Many: You see our struggles, you see our difficulties.

One: You see our possibilities, you see our promise.

Many: Call to us in our wandering that we may hear you say our names.

One: In this hour, satisfy our longings as with loaves and fish and manna from heaven.

Many: For you are a good God, a God present in the scramble.

One: Let us turn to God in worship

Many: Let us turn to our God, who never turns from us.

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Loving God, we confess that we have not followed your ways and we have forgotten your commandments. We have left the poor hungry and sick. We have left the ill without medicine and care. We have left our brothers and sisters from other nations without justice and declared them illegal and treated them as less than human. Forgive us for our lack of love and compassion. Forgive us for not seeing our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, most of all, for not seeing you in the faces of those in need all around us. In the name of Christ, who shows us compassion and mercy, we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The God who gives, gives all. The God who loves, loves all. The God who forgives, forgives all. Through Christ, our sins, every one of them: all are forgiven.

All: 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.* #7331

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" Solo by Lois Duvall*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Genesis 32:22-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 9:1-5

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 14:13-21

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

**\* HYMN**

*"Break Now the Bread of Life"*

#665

**SERMON**

*"Five Loaves and Two Fish"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**NICENE CREED**

Last page of Hymnal

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.* #633

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Eucharistic Hymn"*

arr. Russel



\* 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

†(All are welcome to the table. In lieu of elements,  
a blessing will be given to children who are pre-confirmation age.)

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: As you go from this place, may God's peace: carry, keep and hold you. May  
God's love: nourish, bless and enfold you. And may God's spirit: inspire, lift and  
mold you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Take My Life and Let it Be"*

#466

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Trumpet Tune in C"*

Johnson

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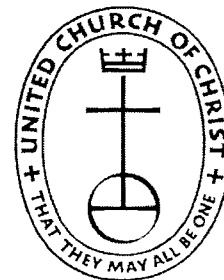
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August 10, 2014

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come; let us worship the Holy One who meets us where we are.

Many: Come; let us open ourselves to the God who lifts us up.

One: God is here, Christ is present, and the Holy Spirit surrounds us.

Many: We are here. Here to worship; here to surrender to God.

### \* OPENING HYMN

*"Praise to the Lord 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

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

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

### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

All: Thanks be to God

*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

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

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

\* HYMN

*"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*

#74

SERMON

*"Do Not Be Afraid"*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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APOSTLE'S 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

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

#633

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

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: You have been raised with Christ. So go to do the work of Christ in the world: of extending a hand to those in need, of speaking up for those others would cast aside, of building bridges of reconciliation, and of strengthening bonds of community. And may the God who created you, the Christ who redeems you and the Spirit who empowers you be with you this day and ever more.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

#496

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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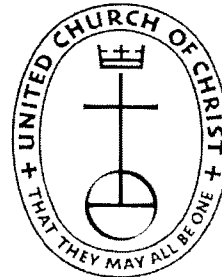
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August 17, 2014

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We come together, people searching for healing and hope.

Many: We gather as the family of God.

One: And God meets us here.

Many: Let us worship the Maker of Our Days, the Restorer of Our Souls and the Breath of Our Lives.

### \* OPENING HYMN

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

#72

### \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: Almighty God, we come to you knowing we have failed to welcome the stranger, to feed the hungry, to support the oppressed. We have kept up appearances of righteousness but failed in our actions to help others. We have said hurtful words, we have gossiped, and we have excluded our brothers and sisters. Forgive us. Call us away from our selfish actions and turn us back to your way, to seeing our neighbor's needs as your needs, to loving our neighbor as you have loved us. In the name of Christ, who became last of all and servant of all so that we might learn to love one another, we pray. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's grace, God's gifts and God's calling are never rescinded. God's love will never let us go. Hear the good news, in Christ Jesus we are forgiven.

All: 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**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Genesis 45:1-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

Matthew 15:10-28

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

**\* HYMN**

*"O Christ the Healer, We Have Come"*

#638

**SERMON**

*"Breaking with Tradition"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLE'S 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**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

#633

**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

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: We have been reconciled with Christ. So let us go to do the work of Christ in the world: to extend a hand to those in need, to speak up for those cast aside, to build bridges of reconciliation, to strengthen bonds of community, knowing that the Maker of Our Days, the Restorer of Our Souls and the Breath of Our Lives will be with us this day and ever more.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

#419

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

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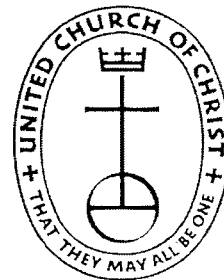
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August 24, 2014

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We, who are many,

Many: Are one in Christ.

One: We, of varying gifts,

Many: Are one in Christ.

One: We, of different cultures and world views,

Many: Are one in Christ.

One: We, who offer praise in different ways,

Many: Are one in Christ.

One: Let us offer praise to our one God.

Many: And rejoice in God's love for us all.

### \* OPENING HYMN

*"Guide Me, O Great Jehovah"*

#501

### \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: If it had not been for you, O God, we would not be here. And yet we confess that sometimes we ignore your presence in our lives and forget to be grateful for all you have done for us. Sometimes we have failed to say "No" to those who demand of us things that are contrary to your will. Sometimes we have failed to say "Yes" to risks that faith requires. Sometimes we have failed to wait for you to create a seemingly impossible opportunity for hope, believing instead that all hope was lost. Forgive us, O God, and give us the courageous faith necessary to follow your Son, Jesus. Help us to discern what is your will, and follow you with our whole selves. In Christ we pray. Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Though we may falter, God's steadfast love is always ready to hold and support us.  
Know that by God's grace; we are forgiven

All: 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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Exodus 1:8-2:10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 12:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 16:13-20

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

#466

**SERMON**

*"The Art of Letter Writing"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**APOSTLE'S 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**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.* #633

**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

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: Now go, to serve as God's people.

Many: We will work to remove all that divides us from others.

One: Now go, to share the grace of Jesus.

Many: We will love others just as we are loved.

One: Now go, to be the Spirit's community.

Many: We will invite everyone to join us in this life of faith and service.

One: Go, enfolded with the peace of Christ.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Christ for the World! We Sing"*

#561

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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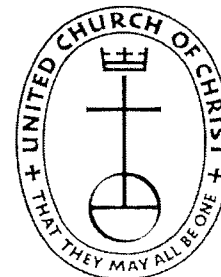
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August 31, 2014

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We who dwell in the shelter of the Most High

Many: Seek God here.

One: We who come to be inspired and changed

Many: Seek God's Spirit here.

One: We who know how little we know

Many: Seek God's Word here.

One: We who love God

Many: Worship God here.

\* 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

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

All: O God of mercy and forgiveness, we hear the words that the apostle Paul speaks to us, yet we confess that our love isn't always genuine, we see evil and wring our hands instead of resisting it, we forget to consider more ways to serve you and we turn our back on strangers who could benefit from our hospitality, we do not pray enough for our enemies, we associate with our own kind, fearing the "other", and we relish in fantasies of revenge. For all this, and for all that burdens our heart today, O God, we seek your forgiveness. Draw us in to you and help us to be as you would have us be. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, here and everywhere, now and always. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the Good News. God's mercy extends beyond the bounds of our understanding. God's love seeps through any wall we could ever put up. God's goodness holds more power than the sum of all sin. Know that we are forgiven.  
All: 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**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

One: The Word of the Lord

Exodus 3:1-15

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

One: The Word of the Lord

Romans 12:9-21

Many: Thanks be to God

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

Matthew 16:21-28

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

**\* HYMN**

"Holy Ground"

#654

**SERMON**

"Excuses"

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLE'S CREED**

First page of Hymnal

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

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**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.* #633

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

\* 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

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go out as God's people,

Many: We go willing to do God's work in the world.

One: Go out as Christ's disciples,

Many: We go ready to serve wherever we have the chance.

One: Go out as the Spirit's hopes,

Many: We go eager to proclaim peace to all.

One: And may the blessing of Almighty God: Source, Word and Spirit, be with us now and always.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

#344

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

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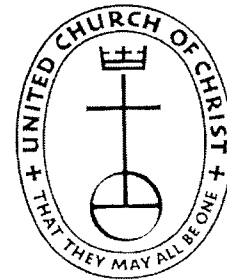
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September 7, 2014

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Adagio in D flat"*

Liszt

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Praise God! Sing a new song to God this day!

Many: Let us express our great happiness with our God!

One: God does wonderful things for God's humble people.

Many: God's love heals us and makes us whole!

One: Let us celebrate and rejoice in this Good News!!

Many: Let us sing God's praise as we gather to worship!

\* OPENING HYMN

*"God is Here!"*

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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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy One, we worship you in the comfort of a caring community with wise teachers and leaders, who help to soak us in your Word. But we humbly confess that many of your children are not as lucky as we. All around us there are men, women and children who struggle to survive without adequate education, without guidance or resources enough to learn, let alone learning of your Word. Forgive us when we take the gifts of literacy and education for granted. Help us to hear your call to reach out to those in our communities who, because of poverty, inadequate public schooling or unmet special needs, have been unable to come to experience the Hope of your Word. Help us to heal the tear in the fabric of our society between the haves and have-nots, between the educated and uneducated, between the hopeful and the hopeless. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel: By the grace of God we are forgiven and have the power to respond lovingly to the needs of others.

All: 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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Trust and Obey" Solo by Lois Duvall*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Exodus 2:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 13:8-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

Matthew 18:15-20

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Come Share the Lord"*

#696

**SERMON**

"2 or 3"

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**NICENE CREED**

Last page of Hymnal

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

#633

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Trio"*

Rheinberger

\* 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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a blessing will be given to children who are pre-confirmation age.)

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: May the Word of God live in our hearts and minds, empowering us to inspire compassion and justice for all God's children. And may God's grace and love support, enfold and carry us.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*

#581

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Prelude in D minor"*

Bach

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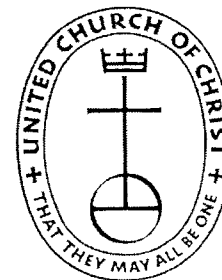
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September 14, 2014

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Dedication"*

Dressler

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let us worship God who caused the sea to look and flee.

Many: God is our strength; we will praise God!

One: Let us worship God in whose presence the mountains and hills skipped.

Many: God is our strength; we will praise God!

One: Tremble, O people of the earth, at the presence of the Almighty, who turns rock into pools of water and flint into springs.

Many: God is our strength; we will praise God!

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Great is the Lord"*

#50

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God Almighty, we confess that we put up walls and barriers. We cannot find within us the capacity to forgive others though others have forgiven us. We refuse to help though we have been helped. We ignore voices that don't agree with us. We want things our way, and cannot see outside of the box that there may be other ways. We rejoice in the ruin of enemies. We are stubborn. Forgive our shortcomings, our short-sightedness and when we become stumbling blocks for others. Restore us. Give us the courage to choose mercy. Call us into your way, to love others as we love ourselves, as you have loved us. In the name of Christ, who calls us to repent, to turn back to you, and seek forgiveness, we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God, who makes a way where there seems to be no way, leads us out when we are hopelessly lost. God welcomes us back when we have walked away, time and again. Believe the Good News, we are forgiven, we are loved, we are restored to Christ.

All: 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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"To You Alone" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Exodus 14:9-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 14:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 18:21-35

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"*

#382

**SERMON**

*"Thrown Under the Bus"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLE'S 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**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.* #633

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Priere"

Jungen

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

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go to be God's patience, go to believe in every hope, and go to use your hearts and hands to bless the world. And may God bless us all with renewed hope and great love.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"I Then Shall Live"

#372

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Concerto"

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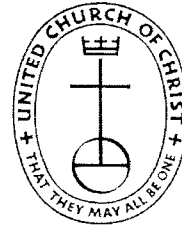
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September 21, 2014

Youth Sunday

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### PRELUDE

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

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One: In a Light that is brighter than all lights,

Many: I believe.

One: A light that shone at the beginning, and called into existence creatures of light,

Another: A light that guided Abraham and Sarah to a new land and mighty destiny,

One: A light that illuminated David's poems and flooded Isaiah's proclamations,

Many: I believe.

One: A light that shone in Bethlehem and brought shepherds running with joy,

Another: A light that drew Galilean crowds to hear about a father's prodigal love,

One: A light that enveloped the meek, the poor, the lame and the diseased,

Many: I believe.

One: A light that was a dazzling radiance on the mount of revelation,

Another: A light that blazed with unspeakable glory on the hill of crucifixion,

One: A light that burst free from the stone tomb on the first Easter morning,

Many: I believe.

One: In a Light brighter than all lights,

All: I believe.

\* **OPENING HYMN**

✧ *"Rise and Shine"*

See 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.

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## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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One: O God, we open our eyes and we see Jesus, the months of ministry transfigured to

a beam of light, the light of the world, your light.

Many: Let your light shine upon us.

One: We open our eyes and we see Moses and Elijah, your word restoring us, showing us the way, telling a story, your story, his story, our story.

Many: Let your word speak to us.

One: We open our eyes and we see mist, the cloud of your presence which assures us of all we do not know and that we do not need to fear that.

Many: Teach us to trust.

One: We open our eyes and we see Peter's constructions, his best plans, our best plans, our missing the point, our missing the way.

Many: Forgive our foolishness and sin

One: We open our eyes and we see Jesus, not casting us off, but leading us down, leading us out - to ministry, to people.

Many: Your love endures forever and we give you thanks. Amen

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

*We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around. Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.* #654


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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW...with some help from his friends Matt. 17:1-13

\* HYMN  "10,000 Reasons" Insert

**An interpretation of scripture:**

From Brandon

From Zach

From Tennessee

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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

*"What a Friend We Have In Jesus"*

#473

\* Doxology

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy one,  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.  
And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Wonderfully happy are those who hear the word of Christ and do it.

Many: Amen! Let love be in the work of our hands, the words of our mouths, and in the heart of all our prayers.

One: Let us go in peace to serve the Lord.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"The Summons"*

#350

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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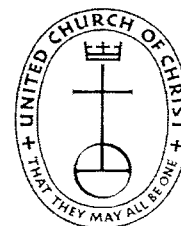
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September 28, 2014

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"At the Name of Jesus"*

Berry

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Watch and listen for the wonders of God.

Many: For God is among us.

One: Watch and listen for the goodness of God.

Many: For God moves among us.

One: Watch and listen, for God is here.

Many: Let us worship God who dwells among us.

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God, the encourager, God, the compassionate, God, the merciful, holy, and blessed: you call us to follow Christ's way of humility but we confess that we are not very good at it. When we seek to exalt ourselves – to be lifted above others, when our sense of success depends on someone else's failure, when our love of you does not entirely guide our relationships, when we twist service into convenience and leisure, ignoring the idea that to serve is to be a servant; forgive us. Disturb the habits of our sin, O God. Rouse us from the sleep that cradles sin's embrace. Show us your ways. Highlight what we can change and change what we cannot or will not. Move us, mold us for the better; so that we will never be the same. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Good friends: God is at work in you! God is alive in us! God lives – but sin is dead. And our sins are forgiven, through Christ, our Savior.

All: 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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Every Knee shall Bow" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Exodus 17:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 2:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 21:23-32

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Be Not Afraid"*

#430

**SERMON**

*"Is The Lord Among Us or Not?"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**RECOGNITION OF 140 YEARS**

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**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.* #633

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

Call for the Offering



Musical Reflection

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

Solo by Lois Duvall

\* 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

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GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: Like water from a rock, God has watered our desert souls.

Many: God has answered as we cried out in our longings.

One: God drew near to us bringing comfort and peace.

Many: We leave now with the assurance of God's presence always with us, in and around us, the sturdy rock upon which we stand.

One: May the sweetness of God bless us, may the greatness of God guide us, and may the humility of God go with us.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"O Christ the Same"

#433

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune in D Major"

Johnson

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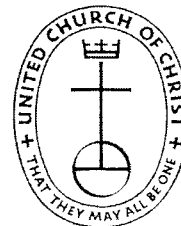
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October 5, 2014

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Ave Verum*"

Mozart

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God

Many: May our worship reflect God's glory.

One: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

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

One: On this World Communion Sunday we commune with Christians around the world, with Christians throughout time.

Many: With Christians across geography and across time,

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

Many: Let us worship the God of all!

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Gracious God, we confess the ways we have turned from you to follow the desires of the world. We have sought worldly gain over the needs of our brothers and sisters. We have given in to anger, hate and fear rather than compassion and mercy. We have jumped to conclusions rather than waiting patiently to learn. We too often focus on the differences among us, rather than celebrating what we share in common. Forgive us, and turn us back to follow you. Help us to remember we are siblings to all of humanity, each and all of us created in your image. When we choose conflict, redirect our thoughts and actions to your love and your call to love each other. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. between the hopeful and the hopeless. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

All: 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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"How Beautiful" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 3:4b-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 21:33-46

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

**\* HYMN**

*"One Bread, One Body"*

#689

**SERMON**

*"Producing the Fruits of the Kingdom"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**NICENE CREED**

Last page of Hymnal

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.* #633

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"I Come, O Savior to Thy Table"*

Kretchmar

\* Doxology

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

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

#58†  
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CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Christ, the Lamb of God"*

Bach

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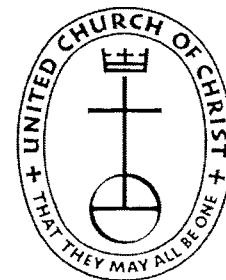
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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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

October 12, 2014

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Three Short Preludes: Prelude 1"*

Bairstow

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say rejoice!

Many: Let us give thanks to the Lord who is good, and whose steadfast love endures forever!

One: Here in the place, God's presence is all around us

Many: Here in this sacred space, let us celebrate God.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"*

#113

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Living God, you call us friends, but we confess that at times we have failed to be true friends. We have gossiped and spread rumors; we have lied and failed to keep promises; we have betrayed and denied our responsibilities to others. We have failed to care for our loved ones in need and at times have turned selfishly inward to our own interests and desires. Forgive us for failing to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for failing to be the friends and family you call us to be to each other. Forgive us for not following your ways of love and trust. In the name of Christ, our Savior, Redeemer and Friend, we pray. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

All: Praise God whose steadfast love endures forever!

\*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

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CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING "You're Worthy of My Praise" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Exodus 32:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:1-14

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

\* HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#473

SERMON

"Team Jesus"

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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APOSTLE'S 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

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

#633

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Jesus Calls Us"

Hughes

\* 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

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: Finally, beloved, go forth rejoicing in God, strengthened to do the work of Christ, to stand in the gap and to extend an invitation to the eternal banquet. Let your gentleness be known to everyone and don't worry about anything. And may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"So Send I You"*

#578

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Concerto on a Vivaldi Theme"*

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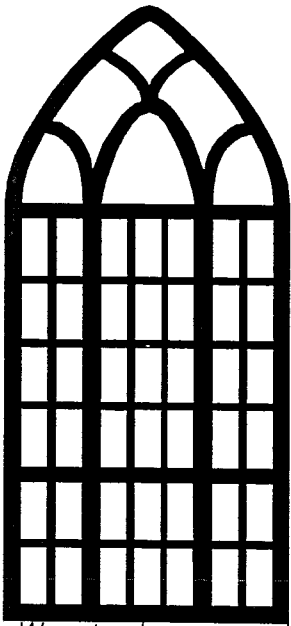
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# *St. Matthew*

## United Church Of Christ

*"Loving God....*

*Changing Lives"*

October 19, 2014

10:30AM

*We extend a warm welcome to all guests and visitors who are with us today.  
No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

\*Those that are able are invited to stand.

*"Youth Ministry Sunday!"*

*We Center Ourselves on God*

Prelude

"Jesus Loves Me"

Call To Worship

In a Light that is brighter than all lights.

**I believe.**

A light that shone at the beginning, and called into existence  
creatures of light.

**A light that guided Abraham and Sarah to a new land and  
mighty destiny.**

A light that illuminated David's poems and flooded Isaiah's  
proclamations.

**I believe.**

A light that shone in Bethlehem and brought shepherds running with  
joy.

**A light that drew Galilean crowds to hear about a father's  
prodigal love.**

A light that enveloped the meek, the poor, the lame and the  
diseased.

**I believe.**

A light that was a dazzling radiance on the mount of revelation.

**A light that blazed with unspeakable glory on the hill of  
crucifixion.**

A light that burst free from the stone tomb on the first Easter  
morning.

**I believe.**

In a Light brighter than all lights.

**I believe.**



\*Gathering Prayer

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O God, we open our eyes and we see Jesus, the months of ministry transfigured to a beam of light, the light of the world, your light.

**Let your light shine upon us.**

We open our eyes and we see Moses and Elijah, your word restoring us, showing us the way, telling a story, your story, his story, our story.

**Let your word speak to us.**

We open our eyes and we see mist, the cloud of your presence which assures us of all we do not know and that we do not need to fear that.

**Teach us to trust.**

We open our eyes and we see Peter's constructions, his best plans, our best plans, our missing the point, our missing the way.

**Forgive our foolishness and sin.**

We open our eyes and we see Jesus, not casting us off, but leading us down, leading us out - to ministry, to people.

**Your love endures forever and we give you thanks. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

"We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the soprano voice, with some accompaniment in the lower voices. The lyrics are: "We are stand - ing on Ho - ly Ground, and I know that there are an - gels all a - round; Let us praise Je - sus now. We are stand - ing in His pres - ence on Ho - ly Ground."

St. Matthew Matters

*Words of information and inspiration about our church family.*

\*Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## ***We Hear God's Word***

**"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."**

### **Reading of the Holy Scriptures**

Listen to the good news of Jesus Christ in the New Testament

**Matthew 17:1-13**

**\*Hymn**

"10,000 Reasons"

(see insert)

### **Reflection of the Word**

**Through the eyes of Brandon  
Through the eyes of Zach  
Through the eyes of the camera**

### **Morning Prayer**

#### **\*Prayer of Our Savior**

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### **\*Offering**

***\*\*Please come forward and place your offering, and light a candle. You are invited to place your offering on the Communion Table. You can also take this time to contribute your change or dollars to our "Child Sponsorship". We sponsor Karthick, from India, Christopher, from Africa, and Teno from Jamaica, through Global Ministries, UCC and Hearts for Haiti missions.***

#### **Musical Reflection**

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

#### **\*Doxology**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy one,

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Sons

And now let the weak say "I am strong", let the poor say "I am rich",

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks.

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

\*Hymn

"The Summons"

Kelvingrove



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? \_\_\_ Will you go where you don't know and  
 your name? \_\_\_ Will you care for cruel and kind and  
 your name? \_\_\_ Will you set the pris - oners free and  
 your name? \_\_\_ Will you quell' the fear in - side and  
 my name. \_\_\_ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? \_\_\_ Will you let my love be  
 nev - er be the same? \_\_\_ Will you risk the hos - tile  
 nev - er be the same? \_\_\_ Will you kiss the lep - er  
 nev - er be the same? \_\_\_ Will you use the faith you've  
 nev - er be the same. \_\_\_ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, \_ will you let my name be known, \_ will you  
 stare \_\_\_ should your life at - tract or scare? \_\_\_ Will you  
 clean, \_ and do such as this un - seen, \_\_\_ and ad -  
 found \_\_\_ to re - shape the world a - round, \_ through my  
 go \_\_\_ where your love and foot - steps show. \_\_\_ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? \_\_\_  
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? \_\_\_  
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? \_\_\_  
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? \_\_\_  
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. \_\_\_

\*Benediction

Postlude

- Please turn off all cell phones before the service begins. You are invited to join in the parts of the service that are printed in **bold type**.
- A uni-sex, handicap rest room is located in the main hallway. Other restrooms are located in the basement of the building.

## **SERVING US IN WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY**

The Youth from United Evangelical & St. Matthew  
Tower Bell Ringer: Sharon Abraham  
Fellowship Host: Richard Jones

## **SERVING US IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**

Liturgist: Abe Price  
Acolyte: Jewel Howard  
Cross Bearer: Grant Abraham  
Ushers: Farrah Howard & Dante Howard  
Greeter: Will Doyle  
Tower Bell Ringer: Grant Abraham  
Fellowship Host: Sharon Abraham

### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

3 – Iris Cieurca                      22 - Joan Fincham  
19 – Grant Abraham                22 – Paulette Austrich  
28 – Chris Walz

### **OCTOBER ANNIVERSERIES**

10 – Robert & Sandy Wancowicz  
10 – Don & Charleen Hecker

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME!** We welcome Rev. Cathy Oatman and all the youth this morning from United Evangelical Church that participated in the Mission Trip in Tennessee, along with their families. Both the youth from United Evangelical and St. Matthew, will be doing a presentation for us about their trip.

**Welcome Visitors:** Please sign our Visitors' Book ☺ Please let us know your prayer concerns, and how we can serve you.

**HOMELESS ITEMS!** Used or new hats, coats, sweaters, and gloves are being collected for the "Street Feeding" next Sunday, October 26! We will be passing out these items along with the sandwiches that we make. There will be a drop off box in church for your convenience. See Dante Howard for details.

**Neighbors In Need:** \$392 was generously donated to Neighbors In Need. Many thanks to all.

**FELLOWSHIP HELP!!** Kudo's to all, October has been filled ☺ Both November and December are in need of **HELP!** Please check the schedule posted in the rear of the church. It's easy—"a couple dozen donuts = Fellowship☺"

**Child Sponsorship:** The total "this year" to date to help "change a child with your change" is \$1127.46

Last Week's Offering - \$519.18 This Week Last Year - \$984.32

### **Prayer Concerns and Celebrations**

Isaac Anderson  
Audrey Bengston  
Adrienne, Kelly, &  
Darius Brown  
Jason Cooper


Carol H.  
Annette Isaac  
Wanda, Doris, & Linda  
Isaac  
Josephine Lyons/Family

Rebecca Shafer  
Sharalyn  
Jayden Taylor  
Chris Walz  
Latasha Williams Family  
Margaret Woods Family

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>TODAY!</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• United Evangelical Church, is here!!</li> </ul>
<b>October 19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Ministry Sunday</li> </ul>
October 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible Study, 10:30AM</li> </ul>
October 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, 7PM</li> </ul>
October 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Digital Media for Churches", workshop at St. John's, Catonsville. See Pastor Gene for details.</li> </ul>
<b>October 26</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Service, 10:30AM</li> <li>• "Street Feeding", making sandwiches after Worship service!</li> <li>• <b>TEMPLE TONES DEADLINE!</b></li> </ul>
October 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible Study, 10:30AM</li> </ul>
October 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, 7PM</li> </ul>
<b>November 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship and Communion Service, 10:30AM</li> </ul>
November 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible Study, 10:30AM</li> </ul>
November 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, 7PM</li> </ul>
<b>November 9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Service 10:30AM</li> </ul>
November 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible Study, 10:30AM</li> </ul>
November 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, 7PM</li> </ul>
<b>November 16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Service, 10:30AM</li> </ul>
November 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible Study, 10:30AM</li> </ul>
November 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, 7PM</li> </ul>
<b>November 23</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Service, 10:30AM</li> </ul>
November 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible Study, 10:30AM</li> </ul>
November 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7PM</li> </ul>
<b>November 30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Service, 10:30AM</li> </ul>

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October 19, 2014

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10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Doubting Thomas"*

Nickel Creek

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Creator Spirit, breathe on us.

Many: Creator God, mold us into being.

One: Creator Spirit, move in us.

Many: Creator God, show us The Way.

One: Creator Spirit, lead us to the path.

Many: Creator God, gather us to you in this time of worship.

\* OPENING HYMN *"O God of Light, May Our Light Shine"*

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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

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## \* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy God, we confess that we have fallen short of your way. We have become too busy with the world to be concerned about your reign. We have turned inward in our lives rather than outward to those in need. We confess our dependence upon things of this world: the stock market, the employment rate, convenience and speedy satisfaction of our desires have overtaken our dependence upon you for all things. Forgive us, O God, for turning away from you; from hiding ourselves away from your sight to focus on our wants and desires. Forgive us, O God, for turning away from your ways and living out of greed and self-satisfaction. Turn us back to your ways, guide us back to your path. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who walks the path with us, we pray. Amen.

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: There is no place where we can go from God's spirit. There is no place where we

can hide. God is seeking us in order to restore us. Know that we are forgiven, set free, and given new life.

All: 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**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Move On" Mike Sharp*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Exodus 33:12-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 22:15-22

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

**\* HYMN**

*"If You Will Trust in God to Guide You"*

#429

**SERMON**

*"To Whom Do You Belong?"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLE'S 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**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

#633

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

Call for the Offering

\* Doxology

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Here we have known God's presence.  
Many: Here have basked in God's love.  
One: Here we have seen God's glory.  
Many: Reveal your glory in us, O God.  
One: Go, from here carrying God's glory to all of God's children.  
All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

#405

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*Selection by Mike Sharp*

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

"Meditation on *A Mighty Fortress*"

Kittle

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: You, O God, know our hearts.

Many: Guide our hearts, O God.

One: You, O God, see our ways.

Many: Shape our ways, O God.

One: You, O God, call our spirits.

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

\* OPENING HYMN

"*O God Our Help in Ages Past*"

#84

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God of Wisdom, we know that we are happy when we turn away from the counsel of the wicked. Yet we confess that we are seduced by wickedness – it draws us in, holds us fast, distracts our priorities, and obstructs our capacity to love. For whatever ways we don't reject such counsel, for whichever ways we sin, we repent. Before you, O God, we seek wholeness. Relieve us of our burdens and bind our hearts to you so that, in all ways, we may live in the joy of your salvation and the delight of your loving embrace. In Christ we pray. Amen.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved, we are God's own. Rejoice for we are forgiven and made whole, through Jesus Christ.

All: 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**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Isn't He" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 22:34-46

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Shall We Gather at the River"*

**#522**

**SERMON**

*"A Prayer for Wisdom"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLE'S CREED**

First page of Hymnal

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

**#633**

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Lead Kindly Light"*

Dykes

\* 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

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: May Almighty God bless and keep us. May the God of Mercy's face shine upon us. May the Blessed and Holy Trinity be with us now and forever.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*

#507

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Postlude on Ein' Feste Burg"*

arr. Hustad

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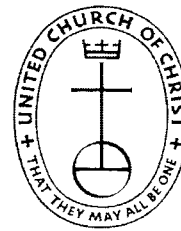
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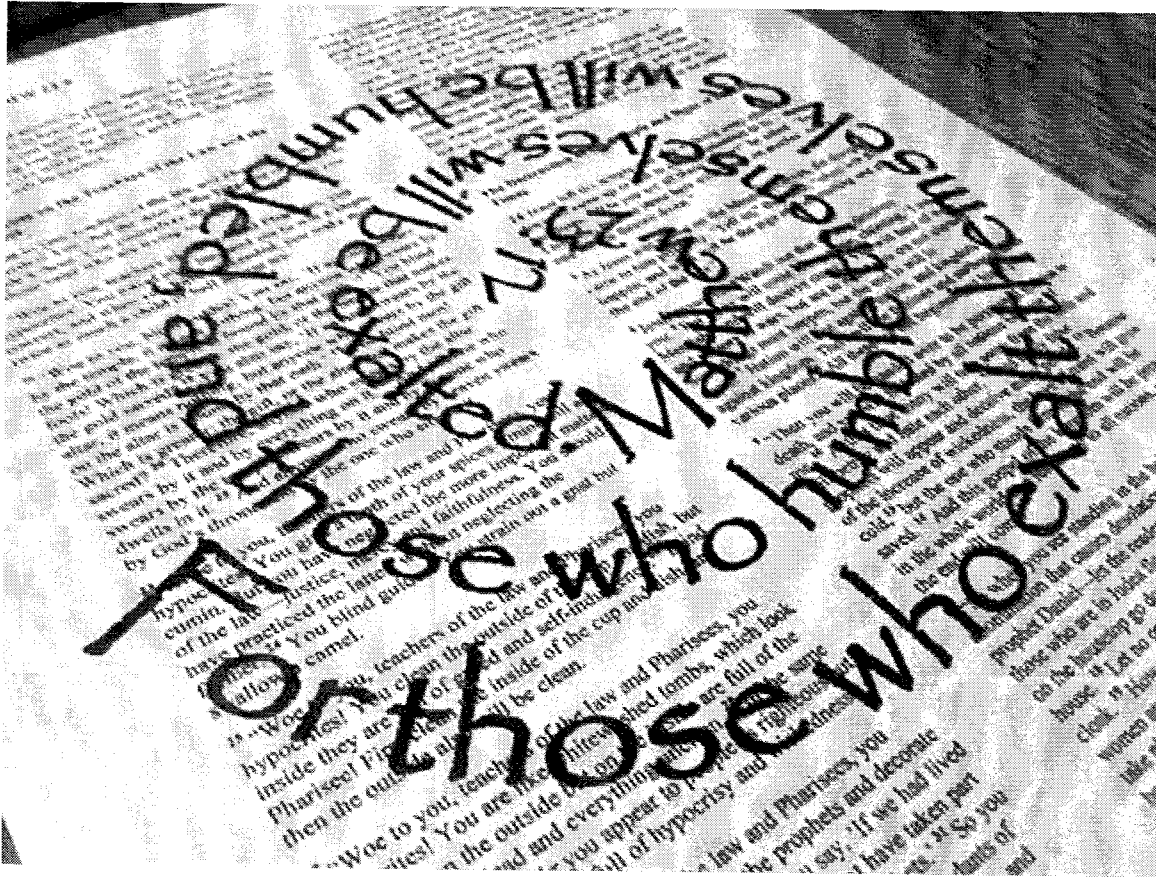


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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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Becoming living examples. Bonding all with the love of God

November 2, 2014

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"He Leadeth Me"*

arr. DeCou

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

Many: The Lord's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim how the Lord has rescued them from trouble.

Many: Let us give thanks for the Lord's steadfast love. Let us worship the One who satisfies the thirsty, and who fills the hungry with good things.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"We Have Come to Join in Worship"*

#647

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: When we approach your holiness, O God, we see the many ways we have not lived as your children. We have hoarded your love, turning our backs on the lonely and despairing. We lose faith quickly and sink away in fear when you call us to serve our neighbors. We let our anger and worries spill over on to those we say we love instead of turning to you with our needs. Salvation belongs to you, O God. Forgive us our sin. Renew us, refresh us and help us rebuild our lives so that they are reflections of your love for all people. We pray in the name of the Lamb that was slain. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins. Know that we are forgiven.

All: 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

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CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Power of the Cross" The Choir*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Joshua 3:7-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 23:1-12

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

\* HYMN

*"With the Body That Was Broken"*

#691

SERMON

*"Re-Formation"*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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NICENE CREED

Last page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

#633

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

arr. Bish

\* 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

†(All are welcome to the table. In lieu of elements,  
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 as a flowing stream in the midst of a parched desert,  
pouring the love of God upon the hearts and lives of all you meet so that hope  
might take root and blossom. As you go, know that the God who created you,  
the Christ who redeems you and the Spirit who empowers you is with you today  
and ever more.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"*

#575

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE

*"Postlude on Cwm Rhondda"*

arr. Smith

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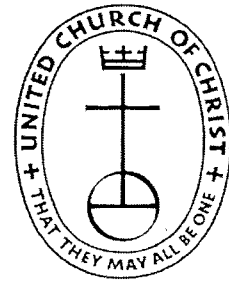




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November 9, 2014

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE "Wake, Awake for Night is Flying" Bach

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come; turn away from the distractions of the world!

Many: We come to open our hearts to Jesus Christ.

One: Slow-down from the busy-ness of the world around us!

Many: We come to tune-in to the savoring pace of God, whose time is eternal.

One: Be still, and know that God is with us, right now.

Many: Let us we open our hearts and minds to worship our God who is with us in this moment.

\* OPENING HYMN "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" #11

## \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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## \* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of Resurrection and New Life, forgive us when we focus too much on the things of this world instead of on the lives in this world. Forgive us when we put all of our hope in life after death and ignore our opportunity to be living hope in the world now. Forgive us when we water down our faith to a belief in afterlife, rather than a call for justice and reconciliation in our lives now. Forgive us, most of all, for mistaking your promise of eternity with just a place we go after we die. Help us to remember that eternal life, new life, begins now, and that by participating in your death and resurrection, we are called to live in your ways of justice, peace, and love. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the Good News: God's grace flows through our lives, refreshing and making all things new. Know that you are loved and forgiven.

All: 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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" The Choir

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 25:1-13

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

**\* HYMN**

"The Family Prayer Song"

#605

**SERMON**

"Preparing"

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLE'S 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**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.* #633

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Blessed Assurance" Solo by Lois Duvall

\* 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 to keep your lamps filled and your hearts open, ready for the call of God.  
May the grace of Jesus Christ nourish you, the love of God sustain you, and the  
sweet communion of the Holy Spirit guide you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Renew Your Church"

#462

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

Swan

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with it**

**is your gift  
back to God**

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November 16, 2014

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Priere"*

Jongen

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Now, in this time, as we struggle to control our lives,

Many: May we empty ourselves of our pride and fears, to be filled with your hope, O God.

One: Now, in these moments, as we struggle to let go of our worries and doubts,

Many: May we, once again, open our hands to hold your faith.

One: Now, on this day which is only and always your gift to us,

Many: May we, once again, live into your kingdom.

One: Now, as we lift our hearts in worship of you

Many: May we know your love enfolding us.

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Spirit of Life, you have called us away from the way of the world into the ways of your righteousness. You call us to seek right-living so that others may simply live. You call us to justice so that the marginalized and the oppressed are lifted up. You call us to mercy so that all may know your love. We confess that we have often turned a deaf ear to your calling. We act in greedy ways, ways that are fearful, ways that show no compassion for others. Forgive our hard-heartedness. Give us ears to hear you guiding us into the ways of peace so that all might thrive, so that one will not overpower another, but that love will prevail. May we turn our lives back to you and your ways. In the name of Christ, our companion, our friend, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In the richness of God's presence is a flowing river of love. God invites us to wade in and find grace and forgiveness. Know that you are loved and set free from all sin.

All: 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**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "Still" The Choir

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:** Judges 4:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 25:14-30

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

**\* HYMN** "Lord, Be Glorified" #465

**SERMON** "Honoring God"

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLE'S 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**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.* #633

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

Dykes

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

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Trust and Obey"*

#443

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Prelude in Bb Major"*

Bach

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When the Son of Man comes in his glory...all the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats... (Matthew 25:31-32)

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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November 23, 2014

Reign of Christ Sunday

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

arr. Smith

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We are God's people.

Many: Let us worship God with gladness.

One: Let us come into God's presence with singing.

Many: And enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

One: For God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

Many: Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord and worship God with thanks and joy!

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Loving God, too often, we overlook the needs of people around us while we proclaim our devotion to you. We could do so much more to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, to welcome the stranger, and heal the sick. We fail to see how our prison system diminishes the humanity of all of us, how our medical system denies healing to the poor, how poverty leaves children without coats, how legal obstacles keep the strangers at a distance. Open our eyes to see your presence in every person, and to respond to their needs so that we may be rightly called by your name. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Though we wander, God searches us out like a shepherd seeks out their flock to rescue them from all the places to which they have scattered. God reaches out to us, to bring us ever closer. Hear this good news: you are forgiven and free.

All: 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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "Forever (We Shall Sing Hallelujah)" The Choir

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Ephesians 1:15-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 25:31-46

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

**\* HYMN**

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

#317

**SERMON**

"Heart Trouble"

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**TOTENFEST LITANY PRAYER**

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**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.* #633

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"He is Exalted"*

Paris  
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: May God give you wisdom and revelation. May the eyes of your heart be enlightened. May you know the hope to which God has called you. And may the blessings of the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer go with you this day and always.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"For All the Saints"*

#529

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Praludium"*

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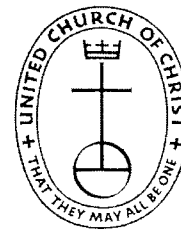
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# HOPE

The world is waiting  
in a solemn stillness—  
but Heaven is as distant  
as ancient promises.

All of that is about to change...

*And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together*

ISAIAH 40:5

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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November 30, 2014

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Wake, Awake for Night is Flying"*

Bach

### \* LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

One: The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world.

Many: In Advent we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ.

One: Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of hope, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and for the well-being of all creation.

Many: Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

*(the candle of hope is lit)*

### \* OPENING HYMN

*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

#154

### \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: Even though this is a season of hope, O God, we enter it clutching tight to the ways of yesterday, the moments of despair that we allow to hold us in bondage. Free us from such despondency, Holy One, and forgive us for the times when we have chosen to live lives mired in anguish rather than the optimistic expectation that the coming Christ instills. May we find ways to embody the jubilation of this season and may you empower us to share it with all people. We offer this prayer, and we seek your pardon, in the name of the One who was, and is, and whose return we await: Christ Jesus. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: A light of hope glows in our midst—an eternal invitation to begin again. Know that you are forgiven and loved.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. O Israel!*

#154

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**            *"Come, Now is the Time to Worship" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 64:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 1:5-25

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"All Earth is Hopeful"*

#163

**SERMON**

*"Waiting in Hope"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLE'S 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**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

#633

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"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: Go now to step into the busyness of the season. Let yourself be surprised by wonder, set aside time to offer quiet thanks, welcome Christ into your hearts and trust in God's wisdom. And may you know the hope of new life that is held in the promise of the Light.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"

#176

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Saviour of the Nations Come"

Bach

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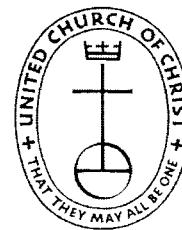
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# PEACE

What kind of love is this...  
so deep it casts out fear,  
so great it dispels all darkness,  
so beautiful all we can say is...

Thank You, Jesus!

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given...  
and his name shall be called... The Prince of Peace.*

ISAIAH 9:6



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT



# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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

December 7, 2014

Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

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\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE "Comfort Ye My People" Handel

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

One: Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace.

Many: We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent.

One: Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new.

Many: And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

*(candles of hope and peace are lit)*

One: Let us pray.

All: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

\* OPENING HYMN "Of the Father's Love Begotten" #181

### \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: All too often we fail in our efforts to live as you would have us live, O God. We push away, turning cold shoulders to you and each other. We express anger and resentment instead of compassion and grace. We seek revenge instead of

reconciliation. In these moments we ask you to forgive us and set us upon the right path.

*(silent prayer)*

One: O God, you call to us from the inner chambers of our hearts.

All: We come in answer to your call. We come to learn of your love for all creation. Reveal your glory that we may see it together. Inform and inspire us to seek your kingdom on earth in our time. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: When we turn to God with faithful hearts, God hears and responds. Walk in confidence knowing that our failings and shortcomings are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God

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

Veni Emmanuel

*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

*"Wandering Pilgrim" The Choir*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 40:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

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

\* HYMN

*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

#232

SERMON

*"Preparing for Peace"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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PRAYER RESPONSE

#633

Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"There's a Voice in the Wilderness Calling"

Bancroft

\* 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. In lieu of elements, a blessing will be given to children who are pre-confirmation age.)

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go from this place in the spirit of God's peace.

Many: Through deserts or valleys, we take God's message of peace to the world.

One: Go from this place in the spirit of God's love.

Many: Over high mountains or level plains, we spread the compassionate love of God.

One: Go into the world, trusting that God's love goes with us! God's peace will guide us!

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

#158

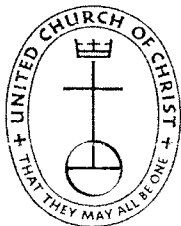
CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

POSTLUDE

"Now Come Savior of the Nations"

Bach



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# JOY

Shepherds in the fields at night;

Sing gloria...

All the sky ablaze with light,

with glorious light...

as the angels tell the story

of the Savior sent from glory!

*I bring you good tidings of great joy...*

*For unto you is born... a Savior.*

LUKE 2:10-11



THE THIRD SUNDAY

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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December 14, 2014

Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"An Advent Prelude"*

Callahan

### \*LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

One: We have lit the first two candles, one for hope and one for peace. Today we light the third candle, the candle of joy.

Many: Joy is all around us—in the children, the lights, the music, the gathering together. Yet often we let our preparations—or our memories—push joy to the side.

One: Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us, but joy is also a choice, an attitude. Like a muscle, it needs to be exercised.

Many: Today we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us.

*(the candles of hope, peace, and joy are lit)*

One: Let us pray.

Many: Loving God, we open ourselves to you, trusting that you created us to have joy-filled hearts and lives. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

#153

### \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: Holy God of Advent, the world in which we live is as terrifying as it is wonderful. Many sow in tears, and go out weeping. The earth lays in waste from war and overharvesting. And we confess that we are part of the cause of this pain in our

world. We admit that at times we are turned inward and act selfishly instead of turning outward and sharing your Good News. Forgive us our transgressions for we long to return to your favor. Free us from the sins that hold us captive, that we may be bearers of your love to our world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God gives a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning.  
Rejoice! You are forgiven! God loves you and blesses you with new beginnings and new life.

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**

*"Gesu Bambino"* The Choir  
Tone bells: Jillian Jenkins & Jonathan Limon

**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**

*His strength is perfect when our strength is gone;  
He'll carry us when we can't carry on.  
Raised in his power, the weak become strong;  
His strength is perfect, his strength is perfect.*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 1:39-56

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

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Pastoral Air"

Murschhauser

Greensleeves

\* Doxology

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him; The King of kings salvation brings. Let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go from this place to spread God's peace.

Many: We go planting seeds of peace in the world.

One: Go from this place to share God's joy.

Many: We go laughing and shouting Good News.

One: Go from this place to live God's spirit.

Many: We proclaim God's liberty; God's spirit set free in the world!

All: Amen!

\* HYMN

"Joy to the World"

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

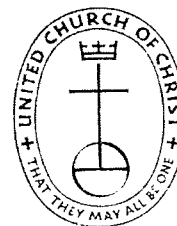
"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

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# LOVE

God...reaches to us—  
not only when we are at our best,  
but when we are at our worst...  
not because we deserve Him,  
but because He desires us.

In the loving initiative  
of God's plan...  
His love still reaches all the way  
to where we are.

*For God so loved the world...he gave his only...Son.*  
JOHN 3:16



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT



# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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

December 21, 2014

Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Behold a Branch is Growing*"

Brahms

### \* LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

One: We have lit three candles—for hope, for peace, and for joy. Today we light the fourth candle—the candle of love.

Many: With this flame we signify the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times, but that we recognize in a special way in the Christmas story.

One: There is no greater power than love. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death.

Many: We love, because God loves us.

*(Candles of hope, peace, joy and love are lit.)*

One: Let us pray.

Many: Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season. As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Magnify your love within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

\* OPENING HYMN

"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

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

All: Holy God, too often we pride ourselves on our singular importance, our individual worth. We credit ourselves with our successes and blame our shortcomings on others. We complain and argue, we are bitter and resentful, and we do not share the Good News of your love. Forgive us our selfish ways, and put contrite hearts

within us. Help us to break open and share your love with others by caring for the poor and oppressed. Guide us in witnessing to your grace in word and deed. In the name of Jesus the Messiah we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God knows our weakness and loves us as we are, knowing we are yet works in progress. Receive the anointing of God's grace: we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

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

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. O Israel!*

#154

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"In the Bleak Midwinter" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 16:25-27

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 1:57-80

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

**\* HYMN**

*"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

#191

**SERMON**

*"Time to Give Birth"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**APOSTLE'S 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**

*Healer of my soul. Heal me at evening. Heal me at morning. Heal me at noon. Healer of my soul.*

#633

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Unto Us a Child is Born"

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: Anointed by the Holy Spirit, go from this place in peace to serve by God's grace. Bathed in the light of Christ, go from this place in love to proclaim God's joy!

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

#156

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

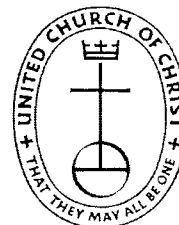
"My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord"

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# CHRIST

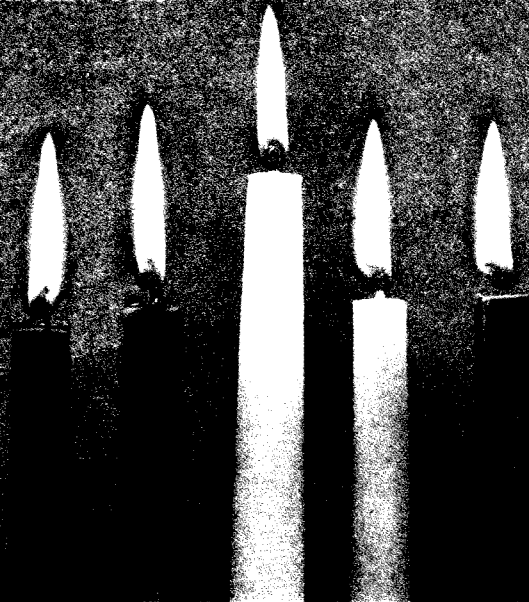
TONIGHT—God will show His love  
in the most miraculous way—  
through the gift of His Son.

TONIGHT will be the birth  
of Jesus, the Christ.

TONIGHT—Heaven Touches Earth!

*A virgin shall be with child, and shall  
bring forth a son, and they shall call his name  
Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*

MATTHEW 1:23



# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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December 24, 2014

Christmas Eve

7:30 pm

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

adapt. Schmidt

*Katie Chambers, Cello*

\*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*The 4 Advent candles are lit*

One: Hope, peace, joy, and love. Four candles, four promises continually offered to us by God, and all of them manifest in the one we light tonight: the Christ candle.

Many: In Christ we find light and life, and the courage to be like him, answering his call and following in his footsteps.

One: We rejoice in God's unique presence in the life of Jesus of Nazareth—born of Mary, growing through childhood into an adult ministry, in all his life manifesting the peace, love, and justice of God.

Many: His voice undimmed by the centuries his call and his promise as clear to us as it was to his disciples so long ago.

One: Let us pray.

All: Come to us, Lord Jesus, be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, our lives. May the light of your life be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth, of God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen.

*Christ candle is lit. 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: O God of the Baby of Bethlehem, we come into your presence with praise and thanksgiving. We hear the glad tidings of the angel voices, and we come to experience this good news of great joy for all the people. As the shepherds traveled to Bethlehem, we have traveled here – excited, expectant, hopeful; and perhaps a bit skeptical. Let the words of sacred scripture seep into our hearts, to be treasured and pondered anew. We are here; we are ready, O God! Let the light of your love break forth! Amen.

\* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: O sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord all the earth! For the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light! Those who lived in a world of deep darkness, on them has the light shined! So let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice let the plains exult and the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord who comes to us.

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

\* CHRISTMAS GREETING OF PEACE

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Adore Him"* The Choir

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

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

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TIME

HYMN

*"Away in a Manger"*

#203

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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

*"Silent Night"*

*Katie Chambers, Cello*

arr. Schmidt

\* 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

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*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

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### 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: We thank you, O God of the heavenly host, for refreshing our spirits by this holy meal. Your compassionate heart has filled our flesh with joy with the gift of life, eternal and abundant, found in your Son, Jesus Christ. May we go from here to become a river of love, carrying your justice to the poor and your righteousness to all who suffer. In Christ we pray. Amen

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

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\* CELEBRATION OF THE LIGHT

A prayer in the darkness

The coming of the Light into the world

**Silent Night**

*Silent night! holy night! All is calm, all is bright;  
Round yon virgin mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild;  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night! holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia,  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!*

*Silent night! holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

\* BENEDICTION

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN

**Joy to the World**

Antioch

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room.  
And heaven and nature sing;  
And heaven and nature sing;  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth! The Savior Reigns;  
Let all their songs employ;*

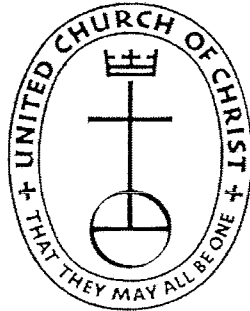
*While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains;  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy;  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.*

POSTLUDE

*"Fanfare on Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*

arr. Johnson



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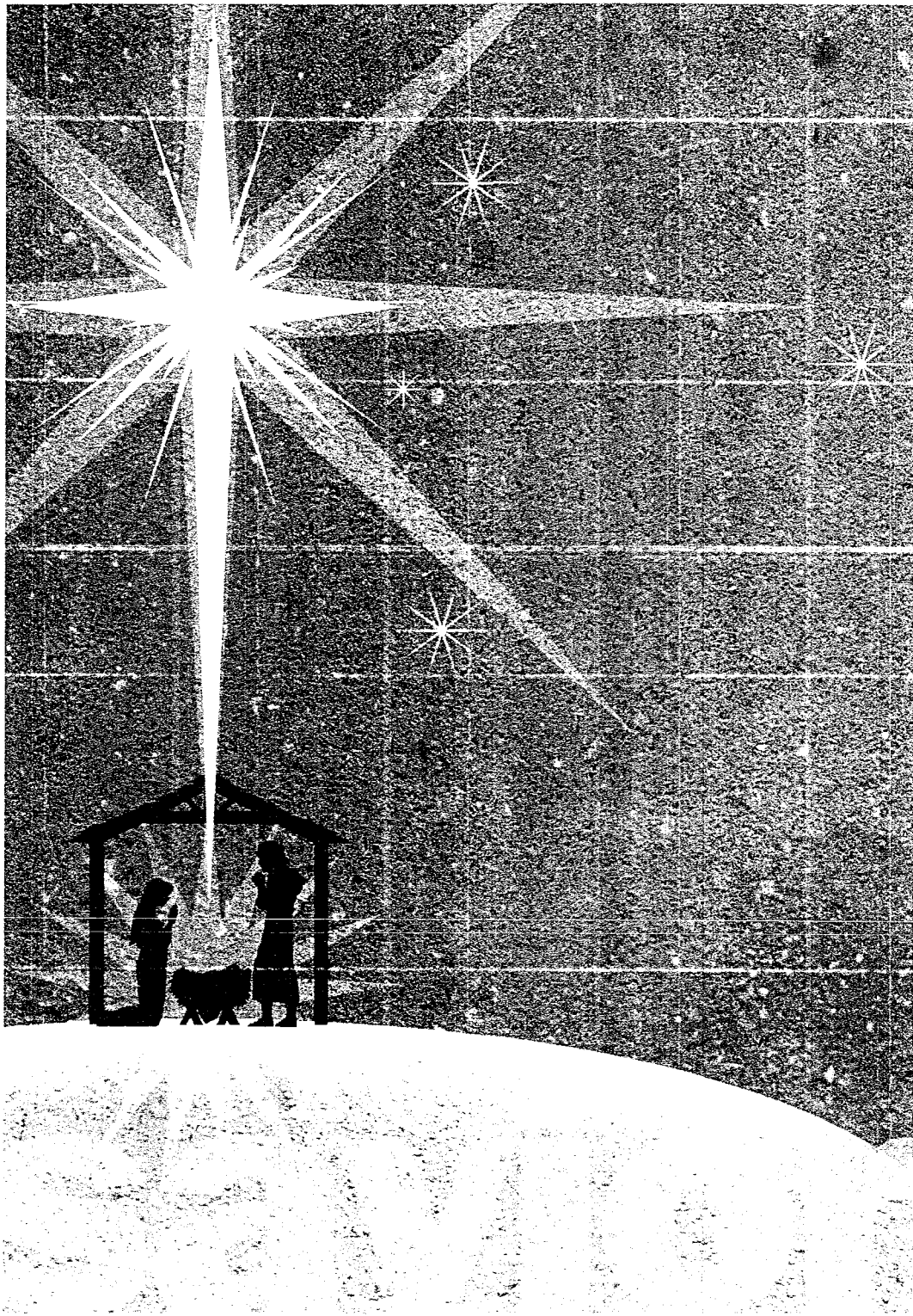
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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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

December 28, 2014

First Sunday after Christmas

10:00 am

\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

*"Prelude on Silent Night"*

Arr. Innes

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LAMENT AND LONGING (Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19)

One: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might.

Many: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

One: O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

Many: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

One: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

Many: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

#154

## GOD PROMISES THE SAVIOR KING

As spoken through the prophets Samuel, Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Micah

HYMN

*"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

#153

## THE BIRTH OF THE ANOINTED ONE

As recorded by the Evangelist Luke

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Softly the Stars Were Shining" The Choir*

### JESUS CAME TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE

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As recorded by the Evangelists Luke and Matthew

#### \*ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GOD'S GRACE (Malachi 3:2-4)

One: But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver.

Many: Then the Lord will have people who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

#### \* RECOGNITION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (Ps. 72:1-4)

One: Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness. He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.

Many: The mountains will bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness. He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE                      *"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"*                      #198

### HIS PEOPLE REJECTED THEIR KING

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All the scriptures give solemn witness

We join in the solemn witness with intercessional prayer for the world's rejection

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.

HYMN                                      *"What Child is This?"*                                      #184

### GOD'S SALVATION IS FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

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All the scriptures give joyful witness

We join in the joyful witness in offering our gifts

The gift of music                      *"Coventry Carol"*                      Arr. Innes

\*HYMN                                      *"Angels We Have Heard On High"*                                      #188

### OUR SPIRITUAL BATTLE AND THE VICTORY OF CHRIST

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The ongoing call to bring Christ's light into the darkness.

\*HYMN                                      *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*                                      #185

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH (Ps. 98)

One: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Many: The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations

One: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Many: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music.

One: Make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn – shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

Many: Let the seas resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

One: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Joy to the World"*

#179

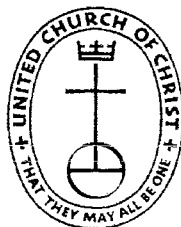
CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

POSTLUDE

*"Noel"*

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