

My times are in your hands

Psalms 31:15



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January 4, 2015

2nd Sunday after Christmas

10:00 am

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

PRELUDE

"The Old Year Has Passed Away"

Bach

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: On this day, we remember the gift of God's Word,

Many: Who gathers us together from the farthest parts of the world to worship in joy and hope.

One: On this day, we celebrate the simple graces of the bread and the cup,

Many: Those plain gifts shaped by God's love into nourishing hope.

One: On this day, we stand at the brink of a new year, a future filled with the promises of God.

Many: Calling us to trust in God, who holds all our days.

One: Let us worship God.

Many: Who was, and is, and is to come.

* OPENING HYMN

"We Three Kings"

#233

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of Christmas, the signs of the new life you offer are all around us in our new toys that we are still playing with, in the manger figures that have not been put away; in the stacks of Christmas cards. Yet our lives are frozen by the same old sins. We set limits on who we will love, we make promises we cannot keep, we fail to see the pain and hurt we cause. God of the angels and shepherds, forgive us. Reshape our lives by your Word and show us the way home by your light. Have mercy and make us new people. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Like the Baby of Bethlehem, we are born anew. God's forgiveness cradles us; God's love is poured out on us. Filled with hope and new life, let us sing God's praises forever.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Shine On Us" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 31:7-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

John 1:1-18

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

*** HYMN**

"Silent Night"

#186

SERMON

"Plans"

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

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Matthews

* 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: As you go, remember the gift of God's Word.
Many: We will tell of the good news to the world.
One: As you go, remember the simple graces of the bread and cup.
Many: We will seek to feed those who hunger and thirst for life.
One: As you go, remember the gift of time.
Many: We will live faithful in all the days to come.
All: Amen.

* HYMN

"What Child Is This?"

#184

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE

"Concerto in F"

Walther

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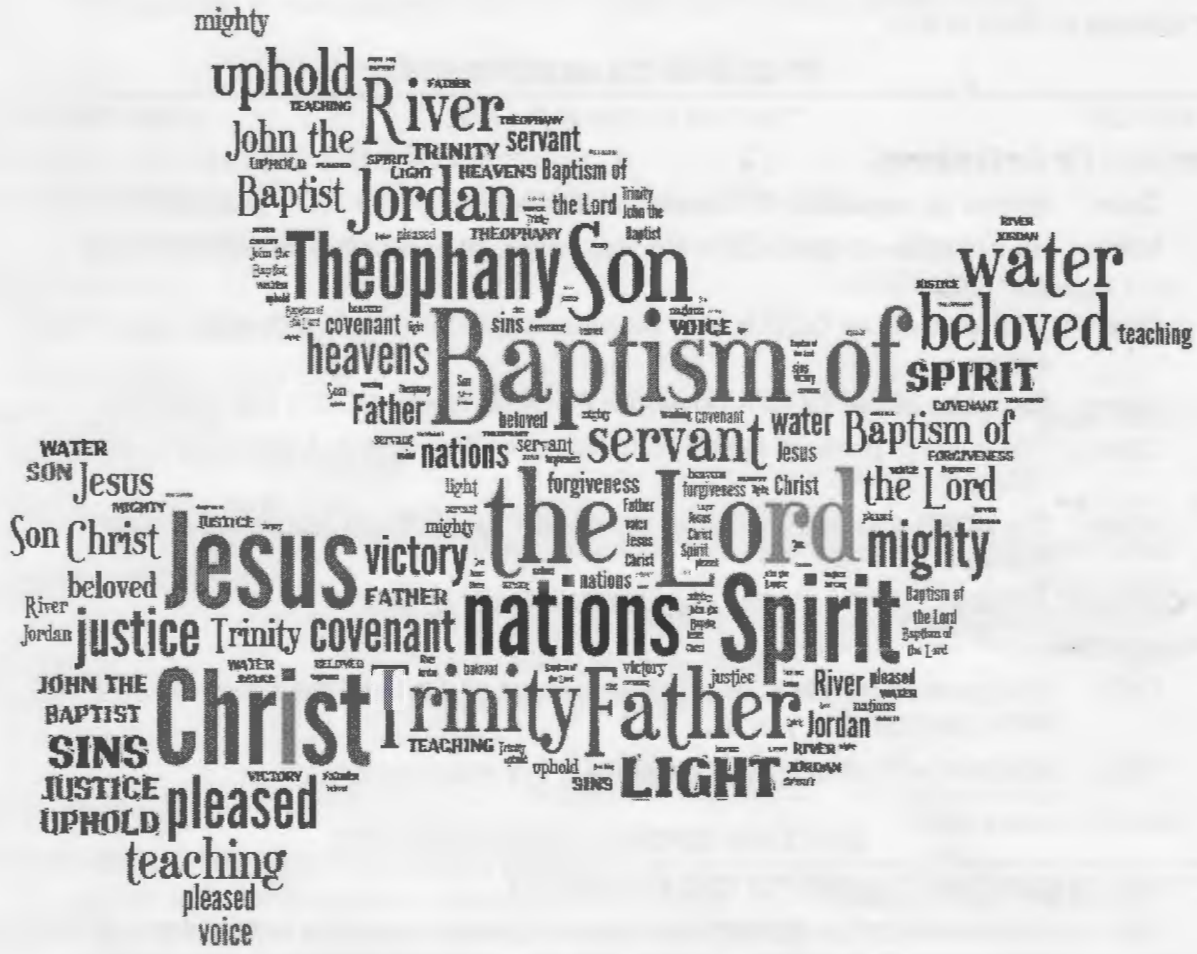


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January 11, 2015

First Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Shall We Gather at the River"

arr. Johnson

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Ascribe to our GOD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to our GOD glory and strength.

Many: Let us ascribe to our GOD a glorious name; let us worship our GOD in holy splendor.

One: The voice of our GOD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

Many: The voice of our GOD is powerful; the voice of our GOD is full of majesty.

One: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. And in God's temple all say, "Glory!"

Many: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; Our GOD sits enthroned as ruler forever.

* OPENING HYMN

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

#31

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God, we confess that we hear your voice and we see the way of Jesus set before us, yet we fall short time and again to live up to our baptismal vows, and to maintain our resolve to be your people in the world. In repentance we ask you to forgive us. Encourage us and strengthen our resolve to be a faithful and peace-loving people. Set us once again on a holy path that leads to you. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Sisters and Brothers, God hears our prayers and gives us enough grace and mercy to follow the way of Jesus.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING "Holy Spirit Rain Down" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Genesis 1:1-5

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Acts 19:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 1:4-11

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

*** HYMN**

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

#241

SERMON

"Baptism: New Beginnings"

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

"Borning Cry"

Ylvisaker

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: In place of reluctance, doubt, and fears, God offers us courage and commission.
So go forth with God's calling and direction, and God's blessing.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Spirit Song"

#352

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE

"To Jordan Came Our Lord, the Christ"

Bach

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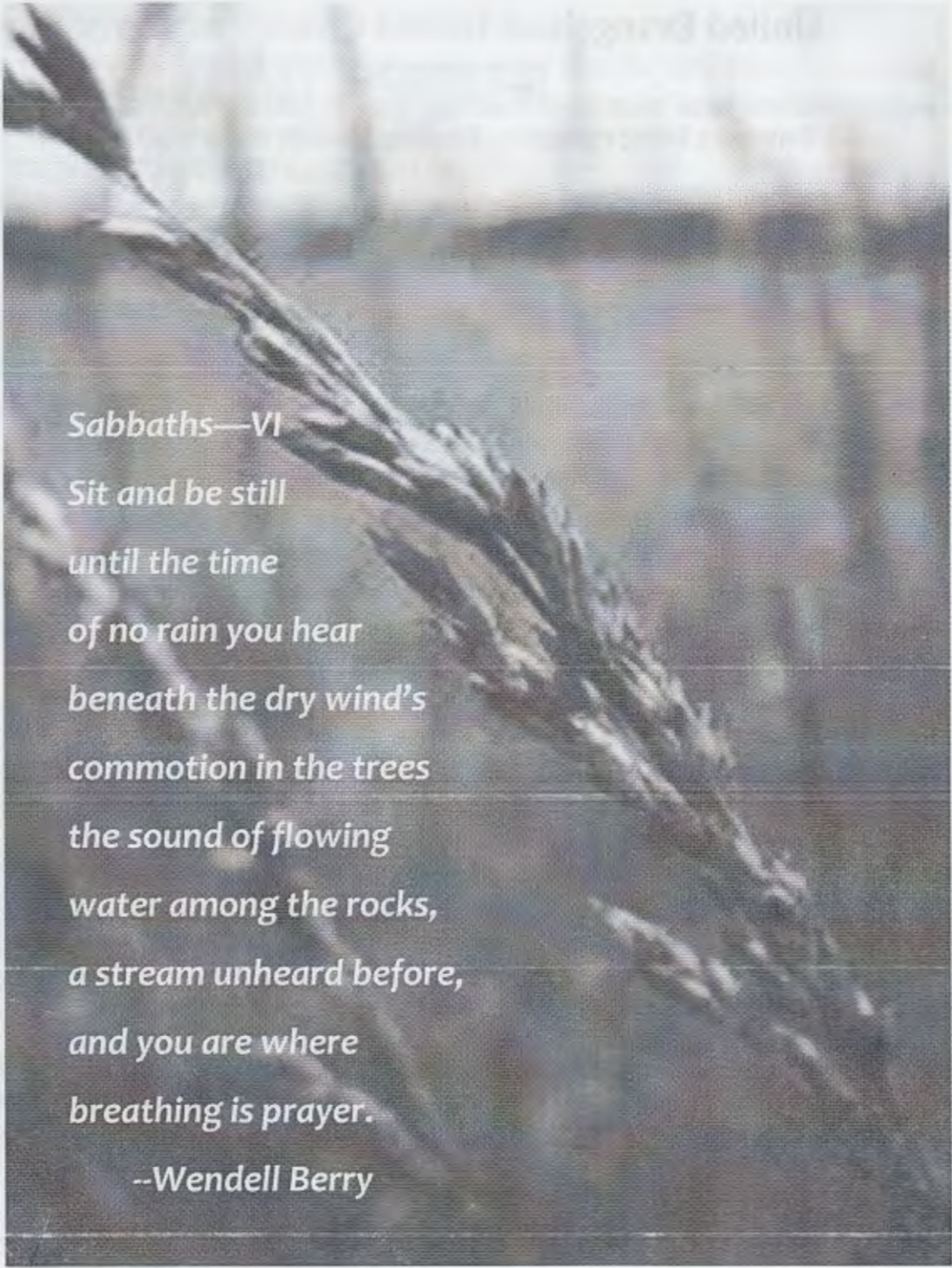
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*Sabbaths—VI
Sit and be still
until the time
of no rain you hear
beneath the dry wind's
commotion in the trees
the sound of flowing
water among the rocks,
a stream unheard before,
and you are where
breathing is prayer.*

--Wendell Berry

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January 18, 2015

Second Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

arr. DeCou

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: *(breathe)* Your Breath, O God first awakened us to life;

Many: Awaken us now to the renewal of life that is found in each breath.

One: Breath into us here; gather and unite us by the breath that we share.

Many: It is your ancient Breath that binds us together as sisters and brothers

One: Free us from the anxiety that crushes and shortens our breath,

Many: Open our ears to hear your call: "Be still and know that I am God." *(breathe)*

* OPENING HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

#461

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Mother and Father, Parent God, You know us better than we know ourselves, for you are the One who breathed life into us. You know our inmost wounds, our deepest hurts. You know where we have been wronged and you know where we have wronged others. Forgive us when we have held on to hurts rather than sought healing. Forgive us when we have harmed others. Forgive us when we have used you and your sacred scriptures to harm rather than to heal, to constrict others rather than opening space for them, Forgive us most of all, when in the name of Jesus, we have caused pain and suffering. Call us into healing and teach us how we might breathe your message of hope and healing to the world. In the name of Jesus, the Great Physician, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: We are fearfully and wonderfully made, filled with the Holy Breath. Know that you are precious to God, forgiven, and loved.

All: *(breathe)* Thanks be to God.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen. #733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING *"Speak Lord, For Thy Servant Hears" The Choir*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 2:5-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*** HYMN** *"Spirit of the Living God"* #492

SERMON *"Breathe"*

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 *"Lord, Be Glorified"* Kilpatrick 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

All: *(breathe)*

One: Go forth from this place filled with peace, unafraid to face the challenges that await.

Many We have heard the voice of the One who fills us with renewed inspiration.

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One: Go forth with hope in your heart, ready to be agents of God's transforming love.

Many We have heard God calling. We are ready to follow the One in whom heaven and Earth continue to meet.

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All: *(breathe)* Amen.

* HYMN

"Spirit, Working in Creation"

#128

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Rondo in G"

Bull

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The SABBATH

The Rest is Up to You.

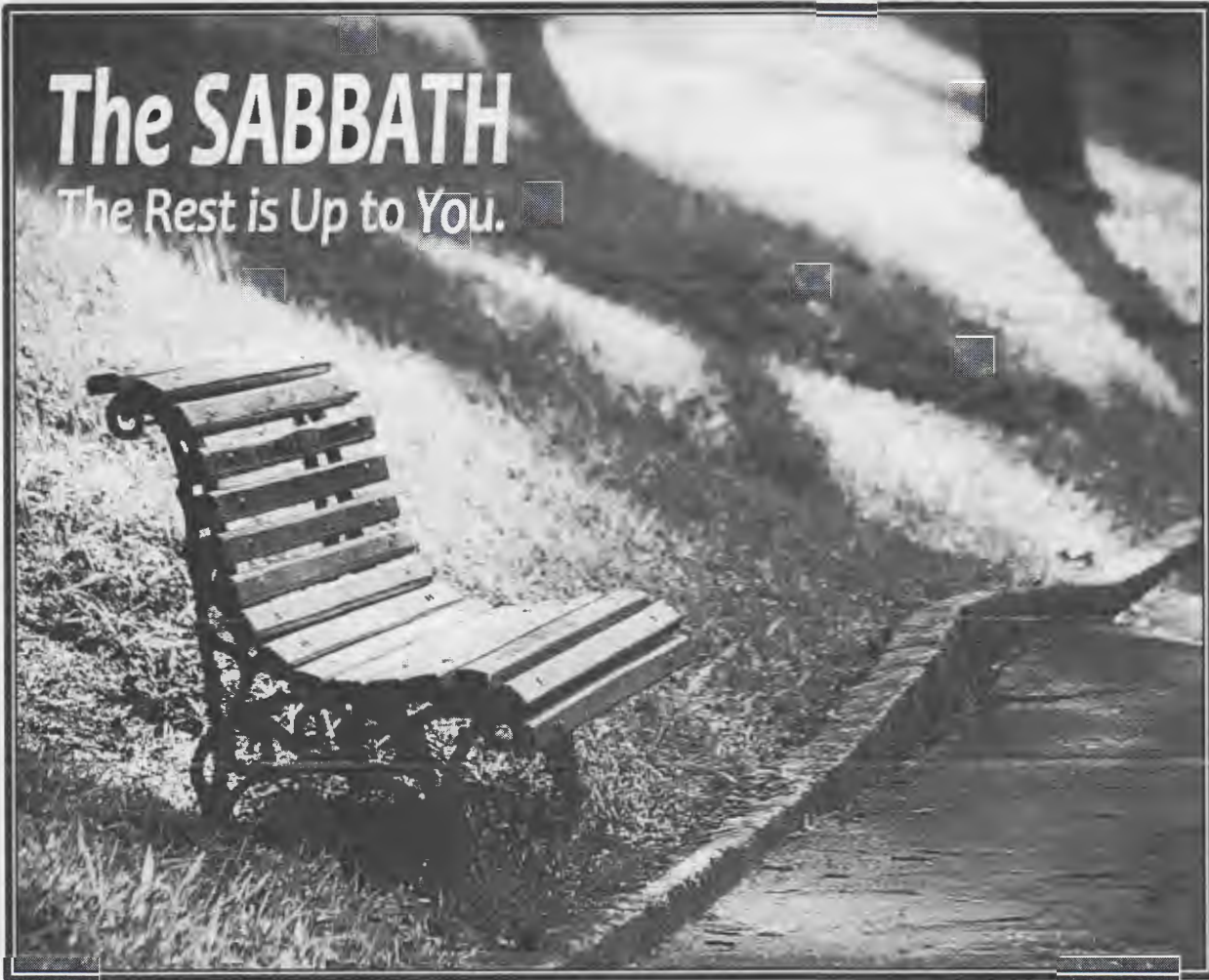


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January 25, 2015

Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

arr. DeCou

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: How good it is to give thanks to God! To sing praises to the Most High, and to declare the Lord's faithfulness and steadfast love.

Many: How precious it is to cease our striving, to stop our planning and to rest in the presence of God and each other!

One: The works of God are great, they are beyond our understanding. We are unaware of all that God is doing for us in this moment.

Many: Let us worship the Lord who faithfully works for us while we rest.

* OPENING HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

#35

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God of all our days, we confess that your Sabbath day has become just another day of work for us. We conspire to fill each day with more and more, in an attempt to get ahead of the game, or secure a better position for us and our families, while failing to see all those we push into poverty by our striving. Instead of giving thanks for the majesty of your creation, we plot to extract wealth from it. Forgive us, O God, for our fearful grasping and our lack of trust in you to provide. Grant us the courage to rest, and free us from the shackles of measuring our faith and importance by busyness. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, God has loved us in the past, loves us now and will love us always. Let this good news free us from our anxiety and give us rest.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING "My Tribute" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 20:8-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*** HYMN** "Come and Find the Quiet Center" #477

SERMON "Sabbath"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

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

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

#446

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE

"Concerto in D"

Walther

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Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor..."

--Mark 10:21

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February 1, 2015

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Hopson

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come, for the God who gives us breath beckons us.

Many: We come to let go of the rushing and worrying, and to breathe.

One: Come, for the God who gives us the Sabbath calls to us.

Many: We come to leave behind work and striving, and to rest.

One: Come, for the God who gives generously and lavishly waits for us.

Many: We come to open ourselves to receive all that God has for us.

One: Come, and trust in the One whose gift of life is all that we need.

Many: We come with grateful hearts to worship God.

* OPENING HYMN

"Come Share the Lord"

#696

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Faithful and giving God, we confess that we hunger for power, instead of hungering for the bread of humility you offer us. We long for independence, instead of drinking the cup of self-denial you invite us to drink. Far too often we put up excuses and justifications rather than giving generously to those in need. Gracious God, forgive us. Help us to let go of all that stands in our way of following you. Remind us that all we have is because of your selfless love for us. Revive within us a spirit of generosity and service, for our own good, for the good of your people, and to bring you glory. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Though we can be greedy and self-centered, God's grace is generous and abundant. Know that God's healing grace is poured out on you. You are loved; you 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING "Beautiful One" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 10:17-27

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*** HYMN** "Knowing You" #357

SERMON "To Give or Not to Give, That is the Question."

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

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Musical Reflection "I'd Rather Have Jesus" Shea

*** Doxology** Old 100th

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION † See insert

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GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: And now in the wholeness and the goodness of God, go forth, to work in all the desolate places of the world.

Many: We go as one with compassion, to follow Jesus to those who live on the fringe of life.

One: And may the Spirit open our ears and our hearts,

Many: To hear the cries of those looking for hope.

One: And may you know the smiling presence of God upon you now and forever.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Give Thanks"

#359

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"

Kinderman

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Humility

By Will Felix

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February 8, 2015

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Adagio-Sonata I"

C.P.E. Bach

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Good people of the church, when we seek justice for the other, when we love kindness more than ever,

Many: We live as God asks us to live.

One: Good servants of the Most High, when we walk humbly through life, when we offer mercy to those who hurt us,

Many: We are the blessing God hopes we will be.

One: Good disciples of Christ, when we are willing to look foolish by following Jesus, when we choose weakness rather than power,

Many: We reflect the One who is in our midst.

One: Good children of the Light open your hearts and know what it means to delight in God.

Many: Let us worship our God who gives us life, who blesses us, and who has gathered us here.

* OPENING HYMN

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

#23

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of mercy and grace, we are vulnerable people who sometimes ignore the vulnerable. We are broken people who don't always pay attention to the world's brokenness. Forgive us, O God, for in our striving we have denied others and treated our neighbors as less than ourselves. Heal us, so that we might be better healers. Mend our rifts, that we might be better builders. Cleanse our hearts, so

we can clear out the damage of hurt and oppression. We are yours, loving God.
Help us to live and to know this better. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God is great in strength, mighty in power, and full of endless love for us all. Hear
the Good News, 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 #733
the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Like Eagles" The Choir
Tone Bells: Jillian Jenkins & Jonathan Limon*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 5:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*** HYMN**

"Blest Are They"

#666

SERMON

"Humility"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

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

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"What Does the Lord Require of Thee"

Beck

* 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: You are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world.

Many: We go as Christ's church to live by faith, hope and love.

One: May God bless and keep you. May God's face shine through yours. And may the glorious, Triune God, protect and keep you all the days long.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"I Then Shall Live"

#372

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune in A"

Johnson

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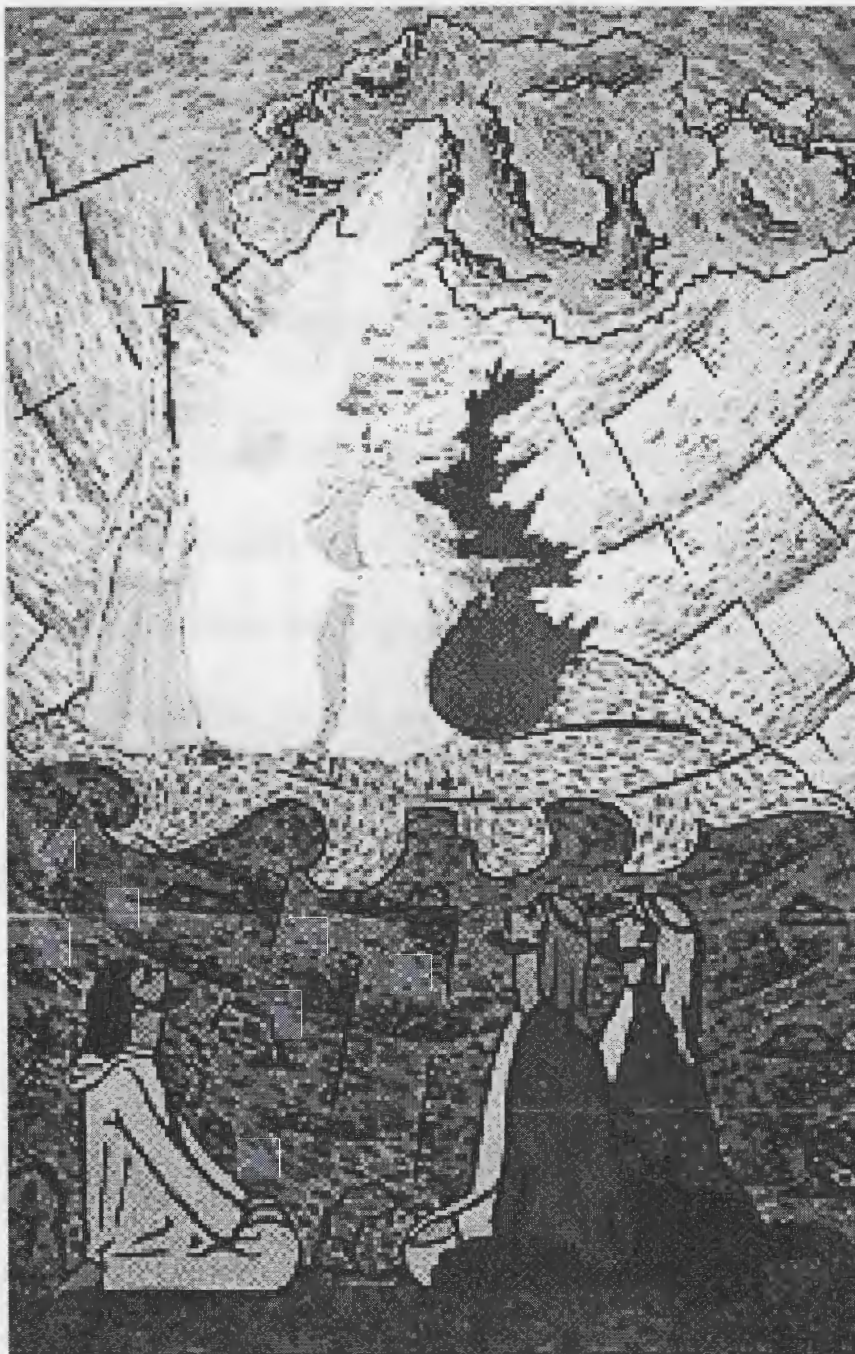
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The Transfiguration of Jesus

By Judy Racz

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February 15, 2015

Transfiguration Sunday

10:00 am

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Adagio in D flat"

Liszt

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: The world is changing rapidly before us;

Many: God's love endures forever.

One: Our ways of understanding have been challenged and stretched;

Many: God's love endures forever.

One: What we once knew has passed away, and we do not know what lies before us.

Many: God's love endures forever.

One: As the body of Christ, we gather assured of God's presence;

Many: Let us worship with hope, for God's love endures forever.

* OPENING HYMN

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

#245

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy God, we confess that we have betrayed your Good News by turning inward, serving ourselves first. We have not taken up our cross, instead we have been quick to build up worldly possessions for ourselves. Forgive us for not helping to reveal Christ to the world. Write into our hearts a new way of life, a way where we learn to live for others and not for ourselves. Write into our hearts the truth of your faithfulness so that when we are afraid, we can step out in faith even while trembling. Draw us back to the way of Christ, so that we might see the reign of God drawing near. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God is the One who calls forth light out of darkness. God is the One who makes all things new. Know that you are made new in Christ; forgiven, loved and healed.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING "His Strength is Perfect" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

*** GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 9:2-9

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

*** HYMN** "Holy Ground" #654

SERMON "Walking with Jesus"

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 "Fairest Lord Jesus" 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: Now may the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness" give us light to bear to the world that all may see and know that God is love.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

#319

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Tuba Tune in D"

Lang

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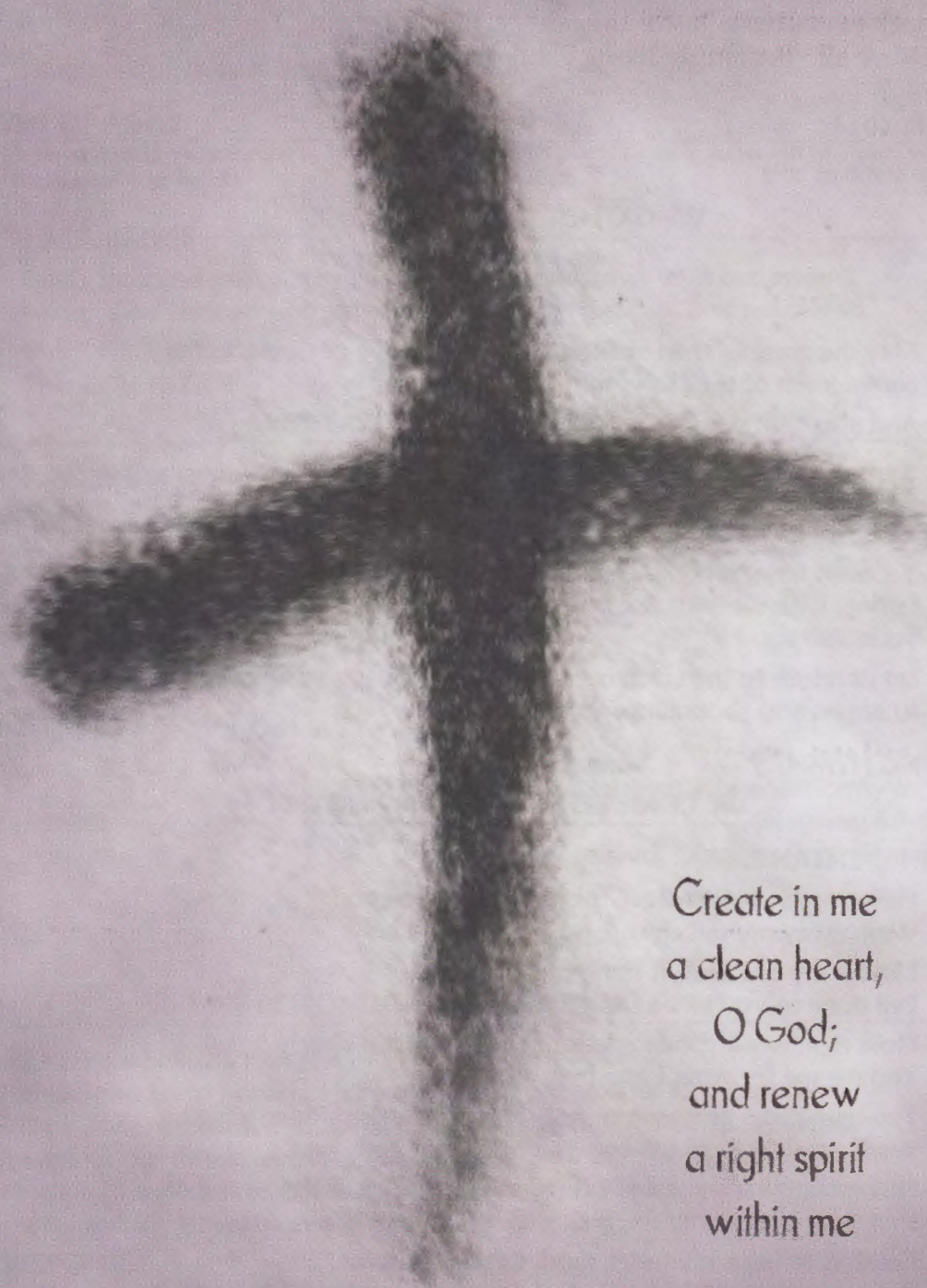
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Create in me
a clean heart,
O God;
and renew
a right spirit
within me

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February 18, 2014

Ash Wednesday

7:30 pm

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Walther

GREETING

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

Many: And also with you

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* LITANY OF JOURNEYING TO THE CROSS

One: Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning. Rend your hearts and not your clothing.

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

* GATHERING HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

#422

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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 love and mercy are never-ending. God knows us in our inward being. God cleanses us from our sins and shortcomings, and restores to us the joy of salvation.

Many: Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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!

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God

*GOSPEL LESSON

* HYMN

"Change My Heart, O God"

#373

MESSAGE

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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

#487

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Musical Reflection "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Bach
Hamburg

* Doxology

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

* Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

Most gracious and compassionate God, we are grateful for the strength and encouragement we have received at this table. May we go now to love and serve our Savior by doing works of justice, walking in the ways of peace and by extending the blessings of this holy meal into our world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* PARTING BLESSING

* SENDING HYMN

"Have Thy Own Way, Lord"

#486

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"O Savior Blest"

Bach

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“He was in the wilderness forty days...”

Mark 1:13

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February 22, 2015

First Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Gesangbuch

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: To you, O GOD, we lift up our whole selves.

Many: In you, O God, we place all our trust.

One: We begin our Lenten journey committed to restoring all our relationships;

Many: Teach us. Show us. Guide us in your paths, O God. Help us to know your ways more clearly.

One: For you are the God of our salvation and the Healer of all our affairs.

Many: For you alone we wait. For you alone are worthy of our worship.

* OPENING HYMN

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

#241

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Creating and Renewing God, in this Lenten season we need the opportunity to clear our eyes of the glaze of indifference and apathy. Help us to get our minds off of our distractions, obsessions and self-pity. Help us to start over. Re-orient our head and heart so that our whole beings are filled with life-affirming activities and thoughts. May we be in right relationship with you and all your creation as we join with our brothers and sisters in the United Church of Christ in over-coming violence, hunger, and injustice. May we find courage and clarity to assist us in works of justice and compassion. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Brothers and Sisters, God hears our prayers and, even in our human frailty, promises to be with us in the wilderness times. Experience a new and renewed sense of hope, for we are restored.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING "O God, You Search Me" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:18-22

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Mark 1:9-15

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" #252

SERMON "Lenten Wilderness"

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

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers. #487

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Fairest Lord Jesus" Solo by Lois Duvall

* 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: Mindful of God's mercy, forgiveness and guidance; go into the world renewed, refreshed, and full of courage to be God's people.

Many: We go in peace to work for justice.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Spirit Song"

#352

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POSTLUDE

"Tuba Tune"

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The Road to Jerusalem

2015 Lenten Series

Wednesday, February 25



Unity

John 17:1a, 6-11, 20-23, 18:1

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February 25, 2015

Second Wednesday in Lent

7:30 pm

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GREETING

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

Many: And also with you

GATHERING IN SONG

* LITANY PRAYER

All: Holy, holy, holy God, we place ourselves in your presence; we rest in the promise of your grace. Our minds and our spirits are cluttered with many thoughts and feelings that threaten to pull our attention away from you. Let us unclench our fists and release these things:

Moment of silence

One: We release all that we have done today—whether for good or for ill.

Many: We release all that we feel like we should have done today, but did not do.

One: We release all that we need to do tomorrow.

Many: We release our fear. We release our anxiety. We release our impatience. We release our pride.

One: All of the thoughts, all of the feelings that pull us away from you, O God, we release.

All: Fill us now with the joy and the peace of your deep, abiding presence. We offer all of ourselves to you, our One God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. Amen

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:1a, 6-11, 20-23, 18:1

MESSAGE

"Unity"

* HYMN

"As a Fire is Meant for Burning"

#551

LENTEN PRAYER – LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

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

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

#393

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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--Mark 8:34

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March 1, 2015

Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

PRELUDE

"Adagio in D flat"

Liszt

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: People of God, we gather again: in this sacred space, in this sacred moment, leaving daily concerns aside, to recall the stories of faith.

Many: O God, here we are, seeking the assurance of that long ago promise, that you will abide with us for all our days.

One: We gather just for a time, for here we are known by name, here we remember whose we are.

Many: O God, we are ready to hear you calling our names; ready to know your loving presence amongst us.

* OPENING HYMN

"One Bread, One Body"

#689

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Most faithful God, we talk much about faith yet are slow to take its risks. We have lauded forgiveness yet have been miserly in giving it. We have extolled love yet have placed conditions on our loving. We have urged hope for others yet have ourselves lived like cynics. We have honored Christ's Cross yet have avoided our own. Holy Friend and Savior, forgive us. Reform us, so we may lay aside all the keeps us from taking up the life you offer to us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In Christ our sins are forgiven; God calls us forth into a new day. Let us leave old sins behind and look ahead with confidence.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING "By Faith" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Romans 4:13-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

*** GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 8:31-38

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

*** HYMN** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" #344

SERMON "Raising the Stakes"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

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Musical Reflection "Fairest Lord Jesus" Solo by Lois Duvall

*** Doxology** Hamburg

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
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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

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go now with Jesus, walking wherever he leads.

Many: We will put all our fears and longings behind us.

One: Go now to flood the world with God's life-giving love.

Many: We will share the good news with everyone.

One: And may you always remember your sacredness as you walk in God's love.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

#255

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POSTLUDE

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The Road to Jerusalem

2015 Lenten Series

Wednesday, March 4



Packing Our Suitcase

(or what you need personally)

Luke 10:25-37

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March 4, 2015

Third Wednesday in Lent

7:30 pm

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GREETING

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

Many: And also with you

GATHERING IN SONG

* LITANY PRAYER

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One: All of the thoughts, all of the feelings that pull us away from you, O God, we release.

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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:25-37

MESSAGE

"Packing Our Suitcase"

* HYMN

"The Summons"

#350

LENTEN 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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

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Musical Reflection

* Doxology

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
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Hamburg

* Prayer of Dedication

* SENDING FORTH

* PARTING HYMN

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

#596

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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Packing Our Suitcase

(read it you pack your faith)

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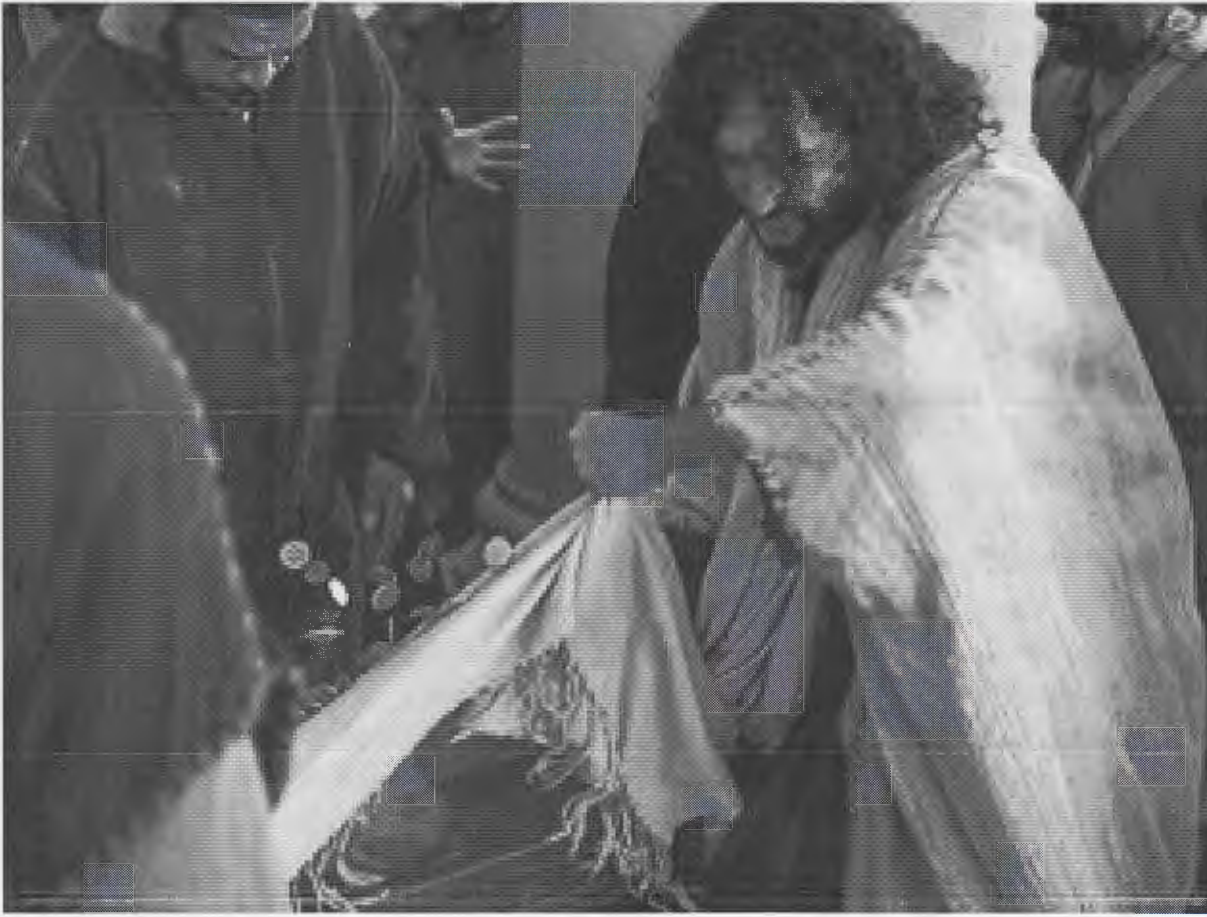
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Jesus drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

--John 2:15

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March 8, 2015

Third Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

arr. Innes

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: All of creation sings praise to the God of love.

Many: We will join the joyful song.

One: The dark places of the world cry out for light.

Many: Let us praise the Light that shines in the darkness.

One: The God of fullness of life calls to our hearts.

Many: We come here to embrace God's goodness with grateful hearts.

* OPENING HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

#40

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Loving Jesus, you came into the world and taught us your ways of love and reconciliation. You called out injustice where you saw it, even driving out the moneychangers from the temple. You have called us to walk in your ways and to carry the cross. Holy God, we confess that we have fallen astray. We have turned our backs on those in need and have failed to share your Good News with the downhearted. We become focused on day-to-day tasks and forget the world in need. Forgive us, O God, for not sharing your love and grace through our lives. Help us to put to death the things that hold us back from following you with our whole hearts. Guide us into ways in which we can impart the full meaning of the Gospel with those in need in our community and in our world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The God who brought the Israelites out of Egypt, is the same power that frees us from our sin. Live in the grace of God as you walk in the way of Jesus, for we are loved, 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING "His Strength is Perfect" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

*** GOSPEL LESSON** John 2:13-22

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

*** HYMN** "My Jesus I Love Thee" #468

SERMON "Zeal"

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

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers. #487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Fairest Lord Jesus" Solo by Lois Duvall

* Doxology

Hamburg

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go into the world without fear, knowing that the weakness of the Holy One is stronger than every human power.

Many: We go to be the sweet voice of justice for the exploited.

One: And may the God who brought the Israelites out of Egypt, be your strength and your power.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"The Old Rugged Cross"

#260

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary"

Stanley

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John 4:3-30, 39-42

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March 11, 2015

Fourth Wednesday in Lent

7:30 pm

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GREETING

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

Many: And also with you

GATHERING IN SONG

* LITANY PRAYER

All: Holy, holy, holy God, we place ourselves in your presence; we rest in the promise of your grace. Our minds and our spirits are cluttered with many thoughts and feelings that threaten to pull our attention away from you. Let us unclench our fists and release these things:

Moment of silence

One: We release all that we have done today—whether for good or for ill.

Many: We release all that we feel like we should have done today, but did not do.

One: We release all that we need to do tomorrow.

Many: We release our fear. We release our anxiety. We release our impatience. We release our pride.

One: All of the thoughts, all of the feelings that pull us away from you, O God, we release.

All: Fill us now with the joy and the peace of your deep, abiding presence. We offer all of ourselves to you, our One God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. Amen

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:3-30, 39-42

MESSAGE

"Including the Excluded"

* HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me"

#437

LENTEN 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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

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

"We Are Called to Be God's People"

#580

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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March 15, 2015

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"God So Loved the World"

Stainer

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come! Celebrate the love of God known to us in Jesus Christ.

Many: A love that reaches through the darkness of life to embrace us.

One: Come to celebrate the light of God in Jesus, who offers love and acceptance, not judgment and rejection.

Many: Let us trust the light of God's love in the midst of our struggles.

One: Come to celebrate our God who loved and loves us so much!

Many: We will trust Jesus to lead us in the way of light and love.

* OPENING HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

#422

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Rejoice! For God so loves the world. We are blessed, we are forgiven, we have new life in Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING "For God So Loved the World" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:1-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 3:14-21

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN** "What Wondrous Love is This" #257

SERMON "The Mystery of Love"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

APOSTLE'S CREED First page of hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

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Hamburg

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* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go rejoicing! God so loves the world! May God your Maker send you back into the world refreshed. May Christ the Light illuminate your darkest moments. And may the Holy Spirit of steadfast love guide you until we worship together again.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Grace Alone"

#436

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude"

Couperin

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Growing the Kingdom

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 * Mark 4:26-34

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March 18, 2015

Fifth Wednesday in Lent

7:30 pm

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GREETING

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

Many: And also with you

GATHERING IN SONG

* LITANY PRAYER

All: Holy, holy, holy God, we place ourselves in your presence; we rest in the promise of your grace. Our minds and our spirits are cluttered with many thoughts and feelings that threaten to pull our attention away from you. Let us unclench our fists and release these things:

Moment of silence

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Many: We release our fear. We release our anxiety. We release our impatience. We release our pride.

One: All of the thoughts, all of the feelings that pull us away from you, O God, we release.

All: Fill us now with the joy and the peace of your deep, abiding presence. We offer all of ourselves to you, our One God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. Amen

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15 * Mark 4:26-34

MESSAGE

"Growing the Kingdom"

* HYMN

"Pass It On"

#557

LENTEN 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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Musical Reflection

* Doxology

Hamburg

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
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Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

* Prayer of Dedication

* SENDING FORTH

* PARTING HYMN

"We All Are One In Mission"

#552

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Growing the Kingdom

*Psalm 96:7, 10-15 * Mark 4:26-34*

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*The days are
surely coming,
says the Lord,
when I will make
a new covenant..."*

--Jeremiah 31:31

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March 22, 2015

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"My Song is Love Unknown"

Vaughan Williams

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come, worship the God of covenant.

Many: We are here, because our hearts are filled with love for our God.

One: No longer carved on cold stone, this covenant is engraved on our hearts.

Many: Our hearts are open so God's Word can shape us.

One: O God, speak to us, guide us, teach us your ways.

Many: Our hearts are ready to follow where you lead.

* OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign"

#341

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy One, we confess that we have not lived as if your love is written on our hearts. We have lived as if our hearts are empty and can only be filled by the consumption of wealth and worldly visions of success. Eventually we find that these are never enough to fill us. Help us to remember that you have filled our hearts with your love. Guide us back to being in tune with your covenant written within us, so that we can live out your commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves, as you first loved us. In the name of Christ, who gave his life for us, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good News! God's love endures forever. Know that we are loved and forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

#733

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Before the Throne of God Above" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 12:20-33

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

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

*** HYMN**

"The Gift of Love"

#397

SERMON

"The God of Covenant"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

APOSTLE'S CREED

First page of hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Musical Reflection

"Trio"

Rhineberger

* Doxology

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* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth as people of the covenant to share hope and hospitality with all you meet. May God's compassion fill you, may Christ's hands shelter you and may the grace of the Holy Spirit enfold you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

#479

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude"

Cappalan

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The Road to Jerusalem

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Inheriting the Kingdom

Psalm 32 * Luke 15:11-32

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March 25, 2015

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 32 * Luke 15:11-32

MESSAGE

"Inheriting the Kingdom"

* HYMN

"Seek Ye First"

#349

LENTEN 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, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

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#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Musical Reflection

* Doxology

Hamburg

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* Prayer of Dedication

* SENDING FORTH

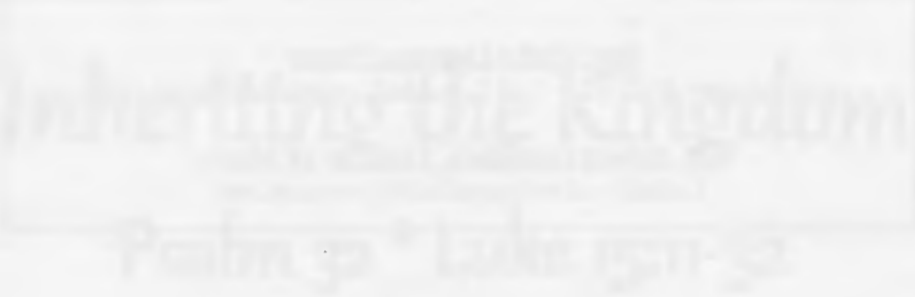
* PARTING HYMN

"I Then Shall Live"

#372

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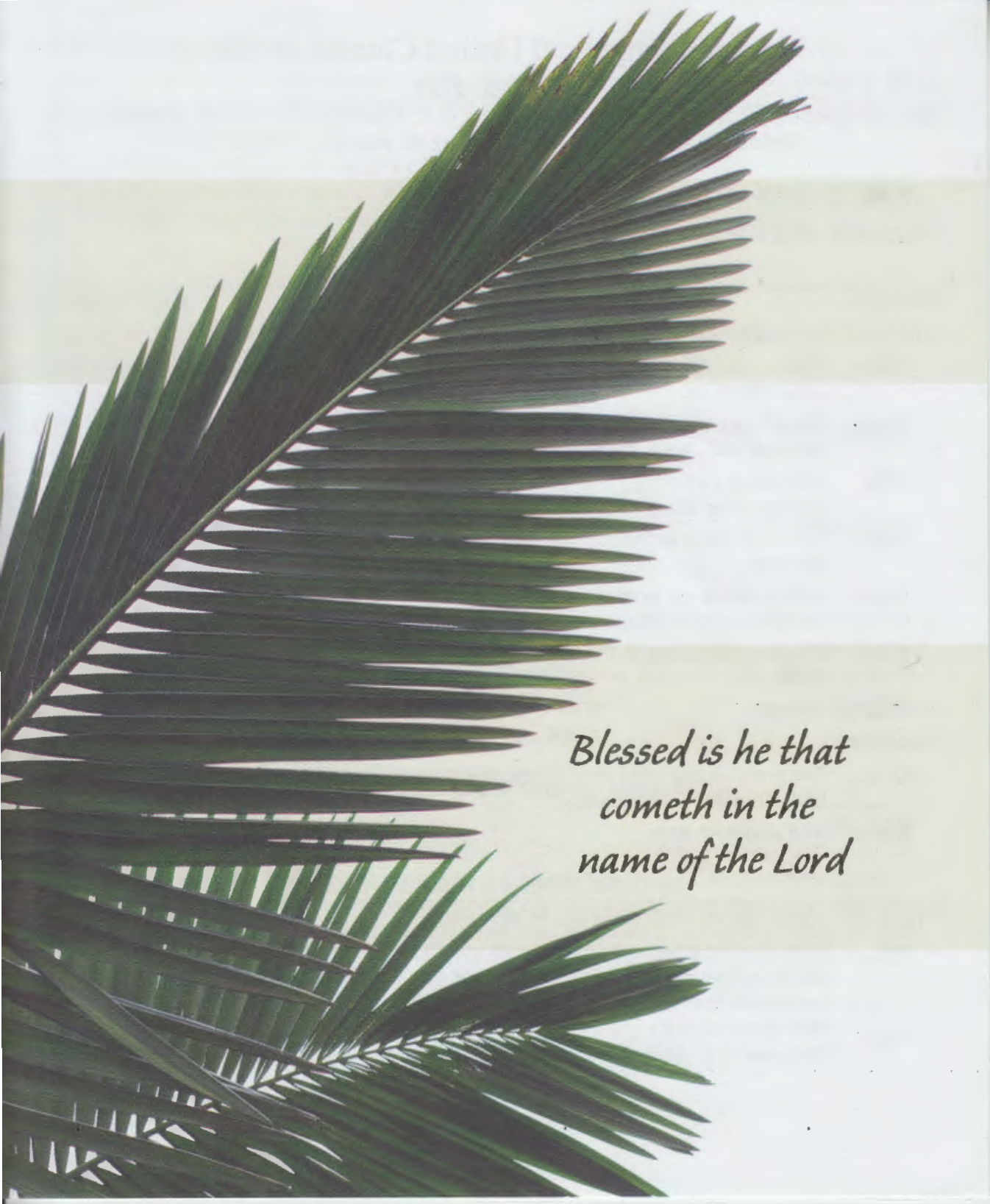
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*Blessed is he that
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March 29, 2015

Palm Sunday

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Bach

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Today we enter into the holiest of weeks, we come to prepare our hearts for what awaits us.

Many: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

One: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

Many: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.

One: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

Many: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

* OPENING HYMN

"The Palms"

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* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Lord, like the great crowds that met you in Jerusalem, we wave palm branches and shout your praises. We delight that you come to us proclaiming peace, but we confess that we still speak of war. Forgive our fickle hearts, Lord. Teach us to bless your name by more closely following your way. Hosanna, Lord! Save us from our sins - save us from ourselves. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: All things are made new by Christ. All things are restored in Christ. Embrace the fullness of life in Christ, knowing you are forgiven, restored, and loved.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING "Hosanna to the Son of David" 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**

Mark 11:1-11

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

*** HYMN**

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

#265

SERMON

"Doing What Jesus Asks"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

ORDER OF CONFIRMATION

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

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

* Doxology

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Hosanna!

Many: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

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

Many: Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

One: Go from here celebrating the coming of God's reign. And may God grant you the courage to follow Jesus everywhere he leads, this week and beyond.

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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A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Henry Joseph Heim, Jr.

October 28, 1928 – March 26, 2015

March 30, 2015

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

*PROCESSION AND OPENING SENTENCES

*HYMN OF ADORATION *"Jesus Loves Me"* #437

*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 *"Amazing Grace"* #422

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - LORD'S PRAYER

*COMMENDATION

*BENEDICTION

*PARTING HYMN *"The Old Rugged Cross"* #260

POSTLUDE

*Indicates to stand as able

Psalm 23

The Divine Shepherd

A PSALM OF DAVID.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley

of the shadow of death,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me .

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

forever.



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TIME OF HEAVENLY PRAYER

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April 1, 2015

Wednesday of Holy Week

7:30 pm

* indicates to stand as able

PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Rhosymedre*"

Edwards

OPENING SENTENCE

* GATHERING HYMN

"What the Lord Has Done in Me"

#360

*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

Mark 5:21-34

MESSAGE

TIME OF HEALING PRAYERS

* SENDING FORTH

* PARTING HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#473

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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This Do In
REMEMBRANCE
Of Me



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April 2, 2015

Maundy Thursday

7:30 pm

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Ah, Dearest Jesus"

arr. Middleton

WELCOME

* GATHERING WORDS

One: Christ showed us his love by becoming a humble servant.

Many: We gather this night to remember his command to love one another.

One: Jesus spent his life teaching us the meaning of love, by feeding the hungry, healing the sick, inviting the least and lost to break bread at his table.

Many: We gather this night as the least and lost to share in the cup of redemption and the bread of life, and to remember the way that he showed us.

* OPENING HYMN

"My Song is Love Unknown"

insert

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving God, we confess that like Judas, we sometimes become so preoccupied with our goals and dreams that we lose sight of others. In putting our wants above the needs of others we are willing to sacrifice their lives. Forgive us for offering you empty praise and not remembering where the road to Jerusalem takes you. Help us to love and serve each other as brother and sister. Enable us to be willing to sacrifice for you. Teach us how to serve you even when the way is hard, that we may build your kingdom here on earth. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear these words of salvation from scripture: For Christ suffered for sins, once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring us to God. Receive the Good News: Jesus Christ, the Holy One of God, has saved us from our sins.

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.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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: O Holy One, we thank you for gathering us at your table. In our eating of this bread we acknowledge our place in a broken world. In our drinking of this cup we acknowledge our role in bringing good news to the world. As we rise from our places open our eyes that we may see those who are overlooked. Open our ears to the voices of those whom others ignore. Motivate us to become your hands and feet, unafraid to touch the unclean. Make us the peacemakers that herald in peace where there is turmoil, and the bringers of calm to troubled souls. Ready us to take our role as agents of change and reconciliation. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Out of great love, God, who is rich in mercy, has made us alive together with Christ. Through Christ, God has shown us the immeasurable riches of grace. So let us go into the world to be open channels of that love and vessels overflowing with that grace.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

#272

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"O Savior Blest"

Bach



Father,
forgive them

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April 3, 2015

Good Friday

7:30 pm

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Were You There?"

arr. Innes

WELCOME

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Tonight is a night of darkness.

Many: Dark are the shadows, dark is our soul.

One: Tonight is a night of final things.

Many: Together we enter into this night, we will leave separately in silence.

One: Tonight the cup comes to us as Jesus is on the cross – the cup of bitterness, the cup of love.

Many: The cup comes, and I will drink - drink deeply and remember the love and the bitterness.

* OPENING HYMN

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

#284

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: It is a dark day to be gathered here, Lord Jesus; it is a barren place filled with shadows and death. But we are here because we need to be here; the shadows of this day are our shadows, the death is our death. Now, as we worship, your cross becomes for us a mirror, reflecting back to us our own brokenness, sinfulness, and darkness. And as we reflect on your love-inspired sacrifice, help us discover the open doorway to life which you offer us. We gather at the foot of your cross because we desperately need to be here. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good News: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. Indeed

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. My friends, we are loved, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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Musical Reflection

"Come Gentle Death"

Bach

*** Doxology**

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Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

*** Prayer of Dedication**

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS – 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.

Denial John 18:12-27

Meditation

(silent reflection)

My Jesus, I Love Thee (#468)

The King John 18:28-19:16a

Meditation

(silent reflection)

To Mock Your Reign (#278)

The Crucifixion John 19:16b-27

Meditation

(silent reflection)

Ah Holy Jesus (#262)

Blood and Water

John 19:28-37

Meditation

(silent reflection)

Alas and Did My Savior Bleed? (#263)

A Tomb

John 19:38-42

Meditation

(silent reflection)

Were You There? (#283)

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHRIST LIGHT

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LORD

IS

RISEN

INDEED!

LUKE 24:34

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April 5, 2015

Easter Sunday

6:00 & 10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Chorale Prelude on *Llanfair*"

Robinson

WORDS OF GATHERING

The Christ light, extinguished on Good Friday, returns to the sanctuary.

One: In the beginning, when it was very dark, God said: "Let there be light."

Many: And there was light.

*The white fair linen, symbolic of the white cloths found in the empty tomb
after the resurrection, is placed on the altar.*

One: In the beginning, when it was very quiet, the Word was with God.

Many: And the Word was God.

*The elements of communion, the sign of the Christ's presence with us,
enter the sanctuary.*

One: When the time was right, God sent his Son.

Many: Who came among us and was one of us.

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

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy God, by the empty tomb you have reconciled the world unto yourself, and so you call us into community with you and with each other, you call us to lives of peace and justice. We confess that we do not always live justly; we are not always at peace with one another. Forgive us for not being grateful recipients of your love and reconciliation. May Christ's risen presence be known to us as we gather here, that we

may recognize him in the wounds of our sisters and brothers, and make real for all your hope of abundant life, through Jesus Christ, our Crucified and Risen Savior we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Many: Christ is Risen indeed!

One: In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Christ, God was pleased to reconcile us to himself, making peace through the blood of his cross. Know that you are loved and forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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

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

Hyfrydol

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

6:00 am "Rise Again" Solo by Diane Borkman
10:00 am "Forever" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 10:34-43

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Mark 16:1-8

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

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

*** HYMN**

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

#289

SERMON

"And Again"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

Back page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

arr. DeCou

Old 100th

* 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: Christ lives!

Many: Let us rejoice!

One: Christ lives!

Many: Let us love our neighbors!

One: Christ lives!

Many: Let us share God's abundance.

One: Go out from this place trusting that God walks with you and God's light will guide you. So go from this place shining with the Good News that Christ is risen!

Many: Alleluia! Christ is Risen indeed.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection"

#298

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Easter Hymn"

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April 12, 2015

Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Adagio for Strings"

Barber

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: The Word of Life spoke:

Many: And we heard the 'Alleluias!' of the angels.

One: The Word of Life reached out:

Many: And we were touched by the hope which heals us.

One: The Word of life walked out of death's tomb:

Many: And we follow him into life forever.

One: Let us worship the Word made flesh

Many: Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

* 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

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Faithful Christ, we confess to you that our faith waivers and falls short. We allow doubts and fears to enter our lives and control our choices. We doubt our own ability to be of any help or hope to the world. Gracious God, forgive us when we use a lot of words but do little to turn them into deeds. Forgive us when we withhold your grace from those who need it most. Help us to step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness, and call us to your path of faithfulness. In your name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the Good News: We have an advocate in Jesus Christ, who is the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Know that our faithful God forgives us and raises us to new life.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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

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Hyfrydol

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"How Great is Our God" The Choir and guests

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 4:32-35

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 1:1-2:2

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 20:19-31

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

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

*** HYMN**

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

#299

SERMON

"Believing"

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

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

arr. DeCou

* 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 now to walk in God's light. And may the goodness of God, the grace of Christ and the healing of the Spirit surround you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

#287

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Toccata on Easter Hymn"

Young

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You are witnesses of these things.

--Luke 24:48

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April 19, 2015

Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Medley on *The Love of God*"

Leatherman

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Like the disciples who met the risen Christ,

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

One: We come with our questions and doubts, listening for Christ to appear in our midst saying:

Many: "Peace be with you."

One: We look around and see the power of the risen Christ at work in our lives, offering peace, offering hope, offering courage.

Many: We are witnesses to the powerful love of Jesus! Come, let us worship the Risen Lord!

* OPENING HYMN

"*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*"

#295

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Easter People! What marvelous love, what wondrous grace, what abundant mercy God offers to us! Know that you are forgiven, you are loved, and you are restored.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"O God, You Search Me" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 3:12-19

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 24:36b-48

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

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

*** HYMN**

"He Lives"

#302

SERMON

"Witnesses"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

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

#487

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Lead Me Lord"

Wesley

* Doxology

Hamburg

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Connected to the risen Christ, let us go seeking to live as God's beloved together. And may you know your spirit held as one with the spirit of God our Creator, Christ our Teacher, and the Holy Spirit our Light.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Christ is Alive"

#312

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"The Strife is O'er"

arr. Young

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*I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays
down his life for the sheep.*

--John 10:11

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April 26, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Brother James' Air*"

Wright

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come all you people, enter the gate of God's sheepfold.

Many: We hear God calling us by name.

One: Come! The voice of the Good Shepherd still calls

Many: Leading us beside still waters to restore our souls.

One: Jesus will bring all people to be one flock, under one Shepherd.

Many: From every nation, every people, tribe and language.

One: No matter who we are, or where we are on life's journey,

Many: We are welcome into the fold of the Good Shepherd.

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

#86

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God, our Guiding Shepherd, we like sheep, have gone astray. We have trusted other voices and turned away from your truth, and have wandered through strange paths of our world. In fear, we have selfishly laid claim to green pastures that really belong to you and have not shared them with the hungry. We have usurped your role as gatekeeper and not welcomed our neighbors. Forgive us we pray and restore us all to your fold. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The truth is that God hears our prayers. Now let us listen and respond to the voice of the Good Shepherd calling us back to restoration as forgiven and cleansed sheep.

Many: Amen. Thanks be to God.

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

Hyfrydol

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Shepherd of My Soul" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 4:5-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 10:11-18

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

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

*** HYMN**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#440

SERMON

"The Good Shepherd"

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

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Gentle Shepherd"

Gaither

Hamburg

* Doxology

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go to fear no evil for God, our Shepherd journeys with us. Go to love one another as Christ abides in us. And be filled with the Holy Spirit as witness to divine love.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well"

#73

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Foundation"

Smith

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May 3, 2015

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Elegy"

Thalben-Ball

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Jesus is the true vine.

Many: We are the branches. We gather here seeking the Loving Vinegrower's care.

One: People of God open your hearts that God's Spirit may tend to you, that God's word may cleanse you.

Many: We come to reconnect to God, the source of love.

One: No one has ever seen God, but here, connected to one another, God lives in us.

Many: Come, let us worship our God, who is Love.

* OPENING HYMN

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

#11

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy One, we confess that we have fallen short of your mark. We don't always love our brothers and sisters in Christ. We hold grudges, we judge others; we brush off those who call upon us for help. We do not always see the needs around us and focus on our own busy lives. Forgive us, O God, for not loving others as you have loved us. Restore in us the willingness to reach beyond our comfort zone, to seek out those in need, and to let go of grudges and judging. Graft us again to the taproot of love that we might be strengthened to reach out like branches bearing good fruit to the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Beloved the promise is clear – God’s perfect love casts out all fear. God’s steadfast love endures forever. God lovingly cleanses us and frees us of all that impoverishes our lives. Open your hearts to receive God’s bounty and blessing, and be made new.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Hyfrydol

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

“We Believe” The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 8:26-40

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 15:1-8

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN**

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

#476

SERMON

“At the End of the Day, Love Will Prevail”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Back page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Let Us Break Bread Together"

arr. Johnson

* 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: Go, to reach out to those in need, for they are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Many: We go to move beyond the margins and out of our comfort zone, into the world around us.

One: As divine branches, seek to glorify God by bearing much fruit, by witnessing to God's love, and by revealing a life lived with compassion, devoid of fear and hate.

Many: We go out in joy, for the spirit of the loving God abides with us this day and evermore.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

#711

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude"

Cappalan

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May 10, 2015

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Tierce en Taille"

Couperin

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: If Christ is for us,

Many: Who can be against us?

One: If love is with us,

Many: Then what do we fear?

One: If grace is with us,

Many: Then what are we ashamed of?

One: If peace is with us,

Many: We know God's presence is very near.

One: Come, let us worship our God who draws near.

Many: Come, let us do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, unafraid to follow in Christ's ways.

* OPENING HYMN

"Faith of Our Fathers"

#530

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Compassionate God, you have shown us great love and mercy even though we do not remember your ways. We confess that we have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves, and in doing so, we have failed to love you. We have failed to trust in your ways, and have sought our own path that leads to selfishness and greed. Forgive us. Guide us to walk in the ways of your love and kindness, compassion and justice, so that we can love you most fully in the love we have for our neighbors. Help us to reach beyond the borders we have drawn, beyond the walls we have constructed, far beyond the trenches we have dug, to truly love our.

kindred around the world as you have first loved us as your children. Fill us with generosity and courage so that we may be called your friends and go forth to befriend your world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Because Christ first loved us, we are always loved, no matter what. We are God's beloved children, even when we stray, even when we fall short. Know that you are forgiven, you are given another chance to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.*

Hyfrydol

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Greater Love Has No One" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 10:44-48

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 15:9-17

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN**

"O Christ the Healer, We Have Come"

#638

SERMON

"Love One Another"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

First page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER

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trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"There is No Greater Love"

arr. Peterson

* 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: Christ sends us forth saying: Keep my commandments, abide in my love:

Many: We will go forth in peace and justice!

One: Love one another, go forth to serve:

Many: We will go forth in love!

One: Share in my mission, bear fruit that will last:

Many: We will go forth as your friends, rejoicing!

One: Let us go forth in peace to witness to our community and world, that

Many: Christ is alive!

All: Amen.

*** HYMN**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

#393

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

Jordan



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May 17, 2015

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky"

Kinderman

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come and celebrate the presence of the One who knows our hearts and guides our choices.

Many: We are gathered here because we are God's beloved people.

One: Many of us come this morning with the weight of the world on our shoulders.

Many: We are burdened with our own problems and with the problems of the world that we just can't solve.

One: God's greatest desire for us is that we live abundant, flourishing lives;

Many: For us to stand like trees planted by streams of water, strong and fruitful, bringing joy and justice to the world, living lives full of contentment and love;

One: And for this we are grateful.

Many: Let us celebrate the presence of the One who knows our hearts and guides our choices!

* 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

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Merciful God, some of us gather in this place because we know you, and some of us because we wish to know you. But you, Loving One, you know all our hearts. We confess how anxiety and pain separate us from one another and from you. Forgive us and remind us that your prayer for us is to become one—to share each other's hopes and burdens, to create a world where resources are shared so that all have enough for full human life. Transform our separate lives into one life shared in you; take away the armor that shields us from the pain of others that

we may radiate the joy that comes from knowing you. In Jesus Christ we pray,
Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: No matter where we turn or fall away, the voice of Christ calls us back. Hear this
Good News: we are forgiven. We are loved.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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Hyfrydol

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Once Again" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 5:9-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

John 17:6-19

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

*** HYMN**

"He is Exalted"

#122

SERMON

"Unity"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

First page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Look Ye Saints the Sight is Glorious"

Buxtehude

* 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 be God's good people in the world. Delight in all of God's wonders. Be generous to those in need. Show kindness to all you meet. And may the Spirit of God fill your hearts with joy.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"

#323

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Improvisation on Diademata"

Smith

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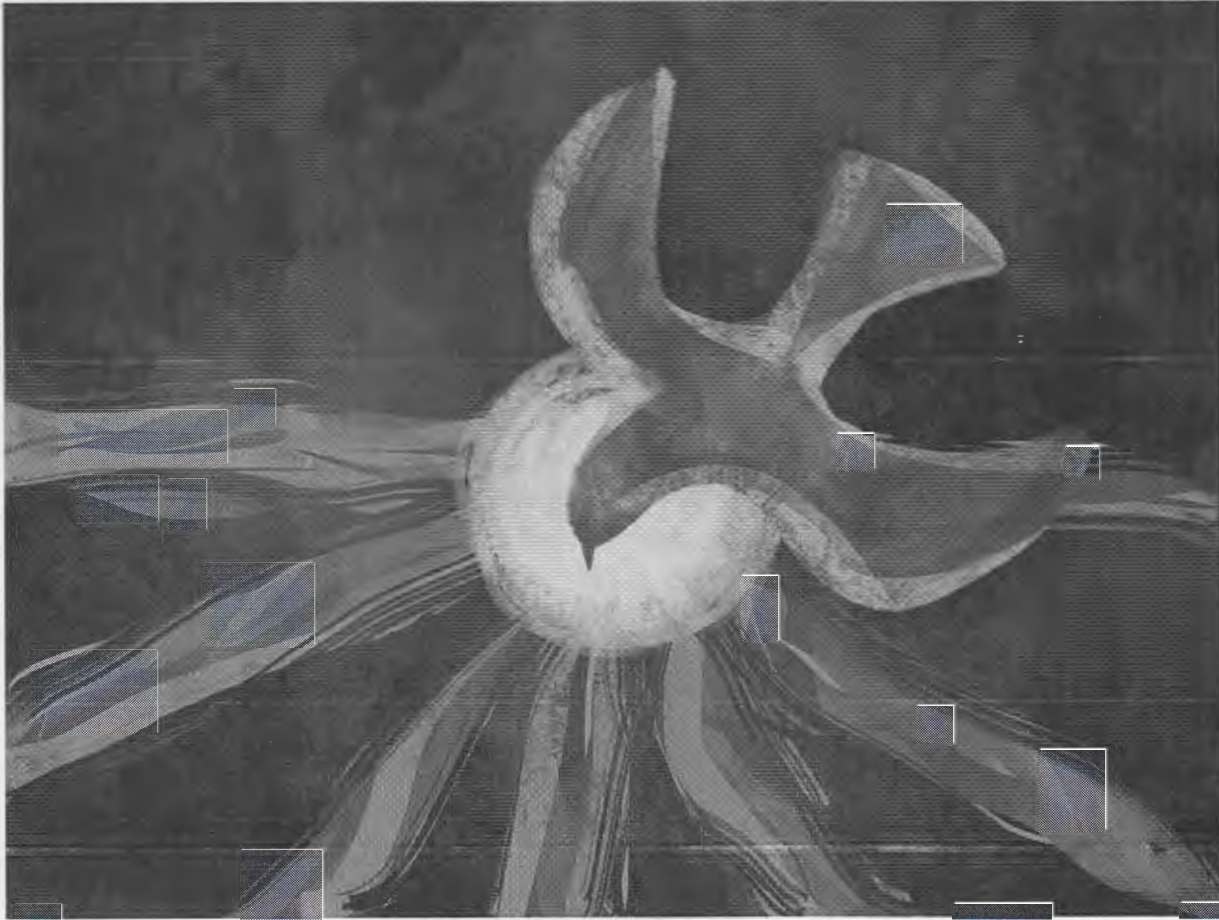


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May 24, 2015

Pentecost Sunday

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

arr. Johnson

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: In the last days it will be, God declares...

Many: That I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy...

One: And your young men shall see visions, and old men shall dream dreams.

Many: Even upon my slaves, both men and women...

One: In those days I will pour out my Spirit,

Many: Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

* OPENING HYMN

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

#334

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Creator of the heavens and earth, your Spirit has blown us here from the four directions to celebrate the amazing gift of your presence. By your Spirit you have breathed into us life. And by this same Spirit, you gather us in love, show us compassion, and call us to justice. We confess the ways we have not allowed your Holy Spirit to flow through us into the world. We ask your forgiveness for when we have not sought justice but instead sought our own comfort. Forgive us for not offering love and compassion to strangers but instead judged them by their cover. Help us to live as Spirit-filled people, who seek justice, gather with others in love, and are filled with your compassion so that we can help bring life to the world. In the name of Christ, our companion in this life, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Like a cleansing fire, God's love blows over us, refining us. Know that you are loved and 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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Holy Spirit, Raid Down" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 2:1-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 8:22-27

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

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

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN**

"Spirit of the Living God"

#492

SERMON

"God's Deeds of Power"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

CONFIRMATION RENEWAL LITANY

see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers. #487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Akers

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: Let us go forth into the world with joy, celebrating the birth of the church on Pentecost; ministering to those in need, and advocating for justice for all people. And may the grace of the Holy Spirit guide us in all truth and declare the things that are to come.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"America the Beautiful"

#727

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Come Holy Spirit, Creator Blest"

Bach

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May 31, 2015

Trinity Sunday

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Meditations on *Holy, Holy, Holy*"

Post

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: This is the household of the living God, the Three in One.

Many: We gather in wonder of the mystery of God.

One: We have come as the family of Christ, led by the Spirit of God.

Many: We come to ascribe glory and strength to God;

One: To ascribe to God the glory that is rightfully due.

Many: We are here to worship the Triune God in the Beauty of Holiness.

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

#136

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God of Mystery, within your very self you model the beloved community. Holy One, we acknowledge that too often we do not live out the beloved community you desire for all. Too often we live not acknowledging the mystery of your Being. Even though you have shown us your truth, we find ourselves unable or unwilling to embrace the love by which you sent Christ to live among us. We take for granted the grandeur of you as Creator, of Christ as Redeemer, and of the Holy Spirit as ever-present sustainer. Forgive us, we pray, and help us give testimony to your love. Let us know your presence here today in a new way, that we might celebrate your love and go forth rejoicing with the Prophet Isaiah, saying: "Here am I. Send me." In your Most Holy Name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Trust in these truths and give thanks: the Triune God promises us newness of life, the gift of new birth and reconciliation.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen. #733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Amazing God" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 6:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

John 3:1-17

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

*** HYMN**

"Here I Am, Lord"

#559

SERMON

"Did You Find What You Are Looking For?"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" 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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Let us go now, crying 'Glory!' to our God.

Many: We will go to rebuild the world with justice and hope.

One: Let us go now, to bring others into Jesus' presence.

Many: We will go to bring them to the Gateway of grace.

One: Let us go now, to play the music of the Spirit to those around us.

Many: We will go to invite others to join in the dance of the Beloved Community.

One: Go in peace.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"God the Spirit, Guide, and Guardian"

#149

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare on Holy, Holy, Holy"

Post

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... no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man...

-Mark 3:27a

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June 7, 2015

Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Elegy"

Thalben-Ball

WORDS OF GATHERING

(Based on Psalm 138, The Message. Copyright © 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2002 by Eugene H. Peterson)

One: Come, let us worship our God with joy and thanksgiving:

Many: Everything in us says "Thank you!"

One: At worship in this sacred place we say it again:

Many: Thank you!

One: For your love, for your faithfulness;

Many: Thank you!

One: When earth's rulers hear what you have to say, O GOD, they'll sing of what you've done:

Many: How great is the glory of GOD!

* OPENING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

#649

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Lord have mercy on us when we forget that your ways lead all people to the blessings of justice and mercy. Forgive us when we forget that your ways lead all people, especially the most vulnerable, to blessings of safety, health, and meaningful work. When we forget, O God, that your ways lead all people to the blessings of the shared abundance of your beloved creation, have mercy upon us. Help us to let go of the ways of the world that fail us time and again, and to walk in your ways that seek the well-being of all of your creation. In the name of Christ, who emptied himself of all power, and is now risen, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In Christ we are forgiven all our failed efforts at community, and invited afresh to
rejoin the family of God, seeking blessing for all.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in #733
the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Mark 3:20-35

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN**

"Who is My Mother, Who is My Brother?"

#602

SERMON

"Who? Who? Who's in the House?"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** NICENE CREED**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Priere"

Jongen

* 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: May God finish the divine work started within us. And may God's eternal love go with us, now, into the world, that we may always say:

Many: Thank you!

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Day by Day"

#449

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE

"Tuba Tune"

Lang

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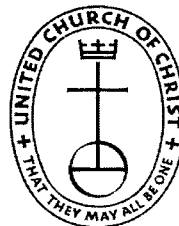
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June 14, 2015

Third Sunday after Pentecost, Laity Sunday

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP God

PRELUDE

"Adagio"

Mozart

HYMN SING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come and give thanks to our God. Sing praises to the Holy One.

Many: With the melody of the lute and the harp and the song in our hearts, we declare God's steadfast love in the morning and faithfulness at night.

One: God's works make us glad.

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

* OPENING HYMN

"Here I am Lord"

#559

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Gracious God, you are indeed generous. You give us the gifts of the Spirit which enable us to have so much. We forget, however, that we have been recipients of other people's generosity. Believing that what we have is ours, we forget that all we have is yours. Forgive us. Help us to remember that being made in your image, we are to be as generous as you. In this time together, touch us, teach us, inspire us to sow seeds of mercy and compassion so that all may share in creation's abundance, and that no one will know scarcity nor suffer deprivation in this community and beyond. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a humble spirit and a contrite heart. By God's steadfast love for us, we are forgiven of our sins.

Many: Thanks be to God

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

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*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"We Walk By Faith" The Choir

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 4:26-34

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

FAITH OF A MUSTARD SEED

Reflection #1: Trish Jefferson

Hymn: I Know Whom I Have Believed (#407)

Reflection #2: Marvin Fillmore

Hymn: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (#496)

Seeds of Faith

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers. #487

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Musical Reflection

"Meditation"

Mendelssohn

* Doxology

Hamburg

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: ... May God's love be with you as you sow seeds of justice and peace along the paths you will travel, so all may know the gospel's promise.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Hymn of Promise"

#515

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

Johnson

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John Franklin Manning

October 23, 1941 – May 16, 2015

June 20, 2015

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCE

* OPENING HYMN *"Rock of Ages"* #384

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All: God of all comfort and consolation, in your unending love and mercy for us you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Be with us in this hour of prayer that in our sorrow we might know your compassion. Be our refuge and our strength to lift us from the darkness of grief to the peace and light of your presence. Amen

GREETING

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

SACRED READING Luke 23:32-43

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.

* BENEDECTION

* PARTING HYMN *"Old Rugged Cross"* #260

POSTLUDE



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*Come
unto me,
all ye
that labour
and are
heavy laden,
and I
will give
you rest.*


—Matthew 11:28 



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June 21, 2015

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"It is Well With My Soul"

arr. Livingston

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Ever-living God, you are like the sea:

Many: Powerful and endless, yet soothing and constant.

One: Let us feel your refreshing presence

Many: As we gather near your waters to wade in the possibilities of life that you offer us this day.

* OPENING HYMN

"Faith of Our Fathers"

#530

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of mercy, sometimes we are slaves to what we know. We know life is colorful, yet we like to see things as black and white. We know some behaviors are dangerous and detrimental, yet we do them anyway. We know people are imperfect, yet we get so outraged when these imperfections arise. We know life throws us curve balls, yet we are shattered when things aren't smooth sailing. We know happiness can't be bought, yet we go shopping. We know that there is always something to learn, yet we resist being educated. We face the powerful with righteous anger, yet cling to any sense of power that we attain. We are grateful when grace is extended to us, yet remain absent-minded of this when others have wronged us. Forgive us for our two-sided nature. As people of paradox, we long for oneness with ourselves and others, with Christ and creation. Heal us so that justice and love may flow freely from our lives. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God's grace washes upon the turbulent shores of our lives; and we are forgiven to begin again. Open your hearts to know forgiveness and be restored.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen. #733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Burn Bright" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Mark 4:35-41

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN**

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

#74

SERMON

"Rising to the Occasion"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers. #487

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Musical Reflection

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

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: Enfolded in the love of God, go to travel to unknown places and into unknown circumstances confident that God goes with you. Go in peace.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"When Peace Like a River"

#428

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Prelude (St. Anne)"

Bach

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June 28, 2015

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Benedictus"

Rowley

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Sing Praises to God, all you faithful ones

Many: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow

One: Where there was no way

Many: God leads us in a new way

One: Where there was no mercy

Many: God surprises us with fresh mercy

One: Where there was weeping

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

* OPENING HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

#84

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O Faithful God, you yearn to be so close to us that we can know you in every breath, in every hope, in every relationship. You long for us to trust in your power to bring to life new possibilities where there has been no hope. We are sorry when we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter. Show us mercy when we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation. Forgive us when we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice. Meet us here today and teach us to recognize the ways of life and hope into which you are leading us. May our desires become your desires, our work become your work, and our community the place where you are sought and found. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God's mercies are fresh every morning. In Christ, God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen. #733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING "How Great is Our God" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Matthew 17:20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Mark 5:21-43

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

Continuing Testament: "...little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land."

---Julia Fletcher Carney

SERMON

"It's the Little Things"

*** HYMN**

"Hymn of Promise"

#515

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers. #487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection

"The Lord Bless You" The Choir

* Doxology

Hamburg

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: As children of God, remember who you are, and walk in the assurance of God's presence and love with you always, calling you beyond fear into belief and joy. And may the grace and peace of God the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer come upon you this day and remain with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"God Be With You"

#716

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Prelude in Eb"

Bach

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July 5, 2015

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Trio"

Rheinberger

WORDS OF GATHERING

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

Many: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

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

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

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

#728

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Many: Or have allowed tiny difficulties to frustrate us,

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

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

Many: In Christ there is grace. In Christ there is peace. In Christ there is love and joy.
Thanks be to God!

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen. #733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Three Times I Asked Him" Solo by Diane Borkman

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 6:1-13

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

*** HYMN**

"As We Gather at Your Table"

#695

SERMON

"General Synod"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** NICENE CREED**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers. #487

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

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: Go out into God's world with a commitment to make others feel loved, and welcomed. And know that you yourselves are loved and welcomed by God, who has called you by name and knows you by heart.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"America, the Beautiful"

#727

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on America"

arr. Smith

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July 12, 2015

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

WORDS OF GATHERING

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

Many: We have come to worship our God, the Creator of heaven and earth, seas and rivers, and all that dwells within.

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

Many: Let us join with the psalmist in songs of praise to the glory of the God of Hosts, as we gather here in God's holy presence.

* OPENING HYMN *"This is My Father's World"* #21

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open to the life you offer to us. We let ourselves be put off your path and allow ourselves to wander off into our own ways. Too often the voices of the world confuse us. We have led ourselves and others to paths that are not according to your loving direction. Help us pay attention with all of our senses. Make our dancing faithful; help us take the risks that are part of letting you lead. Pull us back into step with you. Clean our hearts, purify our hands and steady our feet that we might know and share your blessings. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The God of Hosts assures us that if we trust God's Word, we will be led back to the One who is eager to show us the path home. We have been given new life and forgiveness through Jesus the Christ.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Mark 6:14-29

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN**

"Blessed Assurance"

#426

SERMON

"Kill-Joy"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers. #487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

* Doxology

Hamburg

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth into the world in faithfulness. Join all those who have danced with the Lord throughout the generations. Take the song and rhythm of God's Word into the world and invite others to celebrate with you. And may the joy of the Lord be your strength.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Be Still, My Soul"

#451

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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‘It seems to me that in joining a church you leave home and home town to join a larger world. The whole world is your new neighborhood and all who dwell therein – black, white, yellow, red, stuffed and starving, smart and stupid, mighty and lowly, criminal and self-respecting, American or Russian – all become your sisters and brothers in the new family formed in Jesus. By joining a church you declare your individuality in the most radical way in order to affirm community on the widest possible scale.’

*--William Sloane Coffin, from **Credo** (pages 142-143)*

“As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them”

--Mark 6:34

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July 19, 2015

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: When politics call us to take sides,

Many: Christ calls us to serve one another.

One: When issues threaten to divide us,

Many: Christ calls us to love one another.

One: When injustice and oppression seem to overwhelm us,

Many: Christ takes on our burdens at the cross.

One: Come, join in worship together,

Many: For we are one faith, one body in Christ, and we need one another.

* OPENING HYMN

"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

#549

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God Who Heals, we come to you in our brokenness, in our despair, in the hopelessness of our world. We confess that we want to love others as you do, but we can't. We've erected walls built upon our biases, fears, and insecurities that keep us apart. Forgive us that we cannot love as unconditionally as you. We know that you take up our burdens. Help us to know your healing when we feel most vulnerable. Help us to take down those walls so we may welcome the stranger and truly be one community together. Help us to reach out to one another in our prayers and compassion, to help bear one another's burdens, and help each other know your presence. In the name of Christ, who makes us one, we pray all things. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Even though we fall short in our discipleship, by God's overflowing steadfast love and mercy 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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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

*** HYMN**

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

#470

SERMON

"The Fringe of Christ's Cloak"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

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

* SENDING FORTH

One: Let us go to continue the work that Jesus started by welcoming the strangers who cross our paths. As we go may we know that God is with us as we pursue our ministries of healing and hope.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

#544

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July 26, 2015

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We join together to be nourished by the food that God offer us.

Many: God of sustenance, give us this day our daily bread.

One: Dear God, as you care for the wheat fields that turn into bread, and the vineyards that labor to produce sweet wine, tend to our spirits by feeding us what we need.

Many: God of abundance, give us this day our daily bread.

One: Your rich crops, O God, which you have prepared, are ready to be harvested by our hands and our hearts.

Many: Come Holy Spirit, for the time is ripe! Give us this day our daily bread.

* OPENING HYMN *"God of the Ages, History's Maker"*

#78

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth. Created in your image, you have given us good works to do. Yet we confess that we do not always honor you with our works. Instead, in this modern world of ours, we honor the shallow and the superficial with our attention and money. We honor the things that wealth and privilege bring by striving after them. We honor companies that destroy the earth and enslave their workers by ignoring the truth. Forgive us, Generous One. Help us to undo the wrong in the world and to instead be works of restoration, to restore the goodness of your creative work. Living God, cultivate within our hearts generosity, and plant within us spirits of simplicity and balance in body and soul. In the name of Christ, who continues to do good works in us, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Though at times we fail to be generous, God's generosity toward us is never-ending! In Jesus Christ we have been extended grace and mercy beyond measure. Know that you are loved and you are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 11:1-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 6:1-21

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN**

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

#665

SERMON

"A Holy Moment"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

* Doxology

Hamburg

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: As we have been fed this day by God's hand, let us go and offer Holy nourishment to others. As we go, may we know that we travel with the One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad"

#244

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

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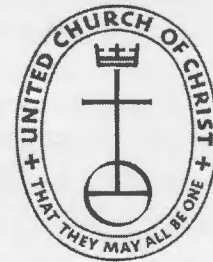
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*Jesus said to them,
"I am the bread of life."*

--John 6:35

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August 2, 2015

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Benedictus"

Rowley

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: God call us to prayer and to praise today just as God called the people of Israel to gather manna in the desert in order that they may eat and sustain their life.

Many: As spiritual beings we long for food that endures, for faith, hope, and love. By God's hand we find the nutrients we need.

One: All life is created and nourished by God! O God of grace, give us this day our daily bread.

Many: May we be fed by your holy manna that we may grow into new understandings and new beings, reflecting your ways. Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.

* 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

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

One: God of all life, we confess that we often feast upon the junk food of thoughts and ideas that do not provide us the energy we need to do your work. Our choices create divide between ourselves and you, between ourselves and other members of Christ's one body. Too often we are willing to risk our sustained health and well-being for immediate satisfaction. Life Sustainer, feed us today with the things we need for your abundant life. Grant us wisdom to open to your Word and use its teachings to energize our bodies and spirits. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: As Christ was nourished and sustained by God; in Christ, we are forgiven, made whole, and restored to the one body.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen. #733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Let Us Break Bread Together" Solo by Diane and Aiden Borkman

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 6:24-35

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN**

"I Am the Bread of Life"

#703

SERMON

"Nonperishables"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** NICENE CREED**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers. #487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Lied"

Vierne

* Doxology

Hamburg

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

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

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GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Let us go forth in faith in our Sustaining God, who gives us daily what we need to feed our bodies and spirits. And may the Holy Bread of Life create sustenance for our journey, calm for troubled stomachs, grace-filled movement for aching limbs, and joyful activity for all bodies.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

#719

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Prelude in E-flat"

Bach

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August 9, 2015

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee"

Walther

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord

Many: Hear our voices, O God.

One: O God, let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications!

Many: Hear our voices as we cry out for mercy.

One: There is forgiveness with you, O God, our soul waits in hope for you.

Many: In your words we hope. Our souls wait for you, Lord, more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

* 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

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of Healing and Transformation, we hunger and thirst for your abundant life. Yet we confess that we continue to war with one another, even though we know the unspeakable suffering it causes. Like David, who wept for Absalom, his lost son, we are filled with sorrow for all the children who die in the violence of war, and yet still we do not find the ways to peace. Forgive us. As we offer you our sorrow, our despair, our weariness, meet us here with the bread of heaven, for we need it to sustain us in our journey. Help us to find our way, that we may be one with you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Here the Good News: With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem. The One in whom we place our hope will redeem us from all our iniquities.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"How Great is Our God" Choir Members

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 6:35, 41-51

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN**

"O Come to Me, the Master Said"

#346

SERMON

"Rules to Live By"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

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Musical Reflection

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Kreutz

* 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 gently into the world, secure in the knowledge that you are the beloved of God. Do good to all you meet, and let kindness be your companion and guide.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"You Call Us, Lord"

#583

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

Stanley

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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

August 16, 2015

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come into the household of God, listen for God's Word and discern the wisdom that comes only from God.

Many: Reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom. When we choose to live according to God's will and plan, God will give to each of us a wise and discerning heart.

One: Jesus is here in our midst. Let our hearts be filled with joy!

Many: We have come to lift up praise to our Compassionate and Merciful God.

* OPENING HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#72

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In God's wisdom and compassion, we receive grace that we might live anew,
Unburdened by the obstacles of the past, let us give thanks to God who brings us
the gift of forgiveness.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen. #733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 6:51-58

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN**

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

#132

SERMON

"What Would You Ask God For?"

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

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

* Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth into the world to share compassion with all whom you encounter; to live wisely in God's name, and to glorify God in all you do. And may the grace, mercy and wisdom of God be our support, guidance and strength from this day forward and for ever more. Amen.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

#589

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

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*"How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of Hosts."*

--Psalm 84:1

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August 23, 2015

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Jesus Loves Me with Claire De Lune"
"I Sing Praise to Your Name"

Bradbury-Debussy
MacAlmon

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: This is the house of God,

Many: The home of all.

One: All who are buffeted by the storms of life,

Many: Come, find refuge here.

One: All who are weakened by hardship and pain,

Many: Come, find comfort here.

One: All who are puzzled and perplexed by life,

Many: Come, find clarity here.

One: All who are weary and tired,

Many: Come, find rest here.

One: All who are uncertain and find it hard to believe,

Many: Come, find welcome here.

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

Many: Come. Be strengthened in God and learn how to live by faith and trust.

* OPENING HYMN

"How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely"

#545

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God, we have no life apart from you. And yet we confess that we put other gods in your place in our lives. We do not always serve you with sincerity and faithfulness. We seek our fulfillment in consumerism and in self-importance. We

listen to other gods who fill us with fear, and tell us to seek power from weapons of destruction. We repent of our sins and turn our hearts again to you. Help us, O God, to find fulfillment in you. Forgive us that we are skeptical of love's transforming power. Renew us in our commitment to proclaim the gospel of peace through our ministries of peace and justice in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: No other god cares for us as God does. No other god loves us as God does. No other god forgives us as God does. Be at peace, for God extends mercy to us all.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen. #733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Blessed Assurance" Solo by Lois Duvall

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 6:56-69

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN**

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

#476

SERMON

"A Home For All"

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

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place"

Brahms

* 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 travel the highways and byways of the world, boldly bringing God's gospel of peace to all. May God's blessing be upon you. May Jesus' love attend to you. May the Holy Spirit sustain you until we meet again.

All: Amen.

*** HYMN**

"On Eagle's Wings"

#438

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Prelude in D"

Buxtehude

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August 30, 2015

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Elegy"

Thalben-Ball

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: God is the one who has dominion from sea to sea, from here to the ends of the earth.

Many: A scepter of equity is in the Lord's hand

One: God is the defender of truth and the destroyer of all falsehood

Many: The hand of the Lord reaches out to lift up the needy and feed the hungry

One: Therefore, with joy and gladness let us come into the presence of the Lord our God

Many: And praise the name of the Lord with the words of our lips and the deeds of our lives.

* OPENING HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

#111

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Dear God, you call us to be doers of the Word, not hearers only. You call us to love the world with your passion, and to let that love be expressed in justice, forgiveness, and peace. Forgive us when our hearts are constricted with fear and we do not let your transforming grace open us to the world you cherish. Forgive us when we honor you only with our lips and not with our actions. Call us back to your ways of love, justice and reconciliation that we may reflect your perfect love to this world. In the name of Christ, our living Hope, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: There is no limit to God's love and grace and forgiveness in Christ Jesus. Rise from this moment to live as a forgiven people.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen. #733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

James 1:17-27

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Mark 7:1-8

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN**

"The Gift of Love"

#397

SERMON

"Best Practices"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Lied"

Vierne

* 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 back into the world assured of God's love for you and for us all. Go back into the world with joy and energy to create God's Beloved Community wherever you are. And may God's peace, light, and spirit guide your going.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

#457

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Toccata"

Gigout

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The Welcome Table

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September 6, 2015

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Adagio for Strings"

Barber

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We gather to celebrate life's great gifts;

Many: To worship the Lord who is the source of them all:

One: So that the ears which are deaf may be opened

Many: To hear the words of truth and beauty.

One: So that the tongues which are silenced may be loosed

Many: To speak the words of love and duty.

One: The Lord seeks us.

Many: Come, let us seek the Lord.

* OPENING HYMN

"As We Gather at Your Table"

#695

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

One: Rabbi, Teacher Jesus, you taught thousands and yet were willing to learn from the least of these, we confess that we pretend to know when in truth we still wonder. Forgive our pretense, that we may open ourselves to unexpected teachers, to fresh ideas, to one another, and to you. Vulnerable Christ, you lived in generous love, yet we confess that we have closed ourselves off, that we have seen so much suffering that we stop looking rather than see and respond to those in need. Forgive our neglect and help us to care for one another following in the example you set for us. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Disciples, followers, students of the living Christ, know that we are forgiven always, and freed to begin anew through God's everlasting mercy and love.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen. #733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Proverbs 22:2, 8-9, 22-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Mark 7:24-30

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

***HYMN/MUSICAL OFFERING**

"I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table" Choir, Pastor, and Congregation (see insert)

SERMON

"Room at the Welcome Table"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** NICENE CREED**

Back page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers. #487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

arr. Johnson

*** 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: Disciples of Christ, let us go now to use the gifts of our minds, our hearts, and
our strength to discern the truth, to discover our path and to fulfill our mission.
And may God's grace, Christ's peace, and the Spirit's wisdom go with us.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"America, the Beautiful"

#727

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Prelude in C-BWV 547"

Bach

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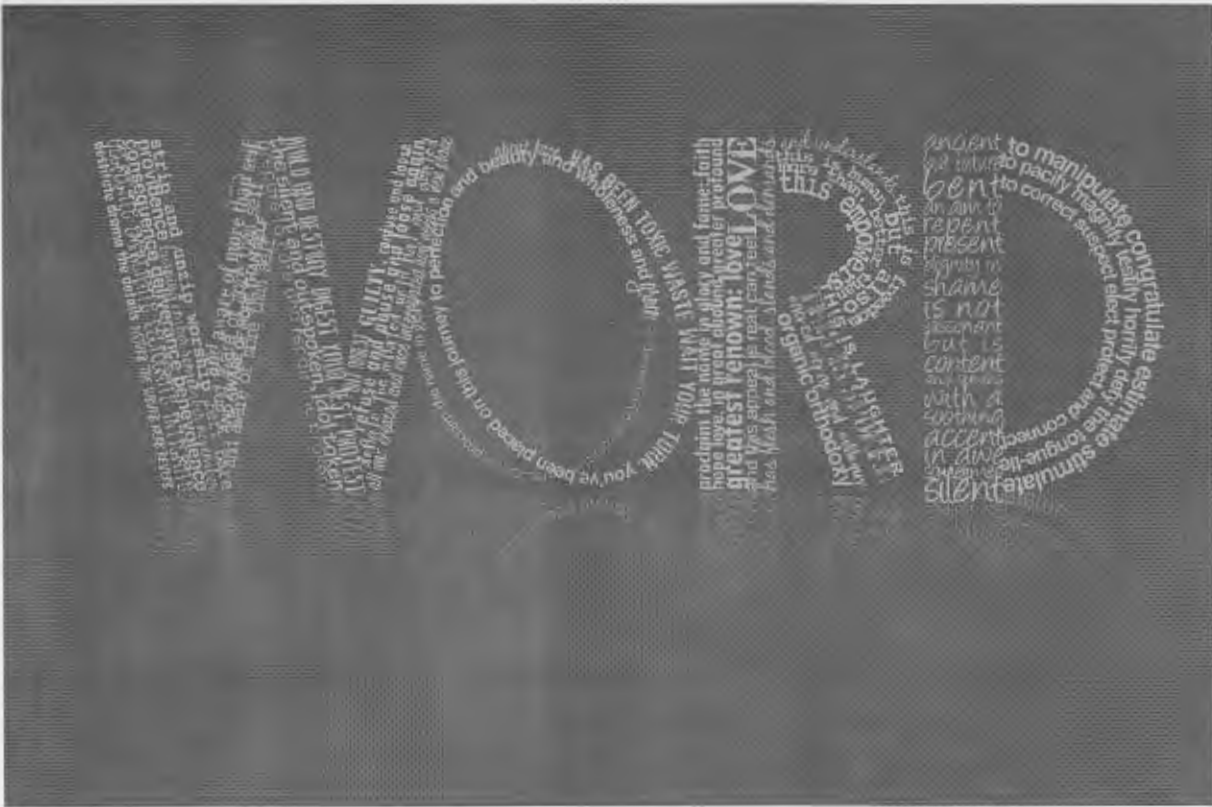


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September 13, 2015

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

arr. DeCou

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come away from the tempting voice of the world that calls us to get a better job, work harder, make more money.

Many: We come to walk the way of Christ which calls us to remember those in need around us.

One: Come away from the way of the world that calls us to focus on the next step up the ladder of success.

Many: We come to walk the way of Christ which calls us to seek God's wisdom and guidance.

One: Come away from the way of the world that calls us to turn away from the homeless, the beggars, and the imprisoned.

Many: We come to walk in the ways of Wisdom and to follow Jesus to the cross,

One: Come to die to the ways of this world and to live for God and God's people.

Many: We come to worship God.

* OPENING HYMN

"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

#351

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Christ on the Cross, we pray for our broken world and our own brokenness. We seek forgiveness for where we have failed one another, for where we have turned our backs and focused on ourselves. We seek forgiveness for the times we have been quick to criticize and condemn instead of listening and speaking with compassion. We seek forgiveness for the times we have intentionally and unintentionally hurt others for our own gain. Call us away from the voice of the

world to hear your Wisdom, to seek your insight, and to remember your commandments to love our neighbor as ourselves. Help us to journey to the Cross with you, to die to the ways of the world and to live for you. In your name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Come away from your wandering and live into the way of Christ. By the love of God we are forgiven, renewed and restored.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN' TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Take Up Your Cross" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Proverbs 1:20-33

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Mark 8:27-38

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN**

"Thy Word"

#664

SERMON

"The Power of the Word"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

first page of hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Trio"

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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go now with God:

Many: Who covers us with tender mercies;

One: Go now with Christ our Lord:

Many: Who is our good companion;

One: Go now with the Spirit:

Many: Who gives us good food at the Table and living water to nourish us.

One: Go knowing that God will direct your path: bringing you joy and delight as you continue on our journey of faith.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

#466

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"The Heavens Declare"

Marcello

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*“Whoever wants to be first must be
last of all and servant of all.”*

--Mark 9:35

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September 20, 2015

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

arr. Johnson

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We come here today not because we are clever but because God welcomes the slow learners.

Many: We come here not because we are wise, but because God loves us in spite of our folly.

One: We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found among those who humbly serve like Jesus did,

Many: And that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come from those who see themselves as little children in Christ's school.

One: O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts

Many: And enable our lives to declare your praise.

* OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

#345

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Architect of the Universe, we confess that we have forgotten your ways. We have forgotten that you have taught us how to live and have called us to love. Instead we have pursued the ways of the world to seek our own gain and ignore the needs of others. We have shrugged off calls to change our ways by pointing out the faults in others. Forgive us. Teach us the way to make the last first and to be servants of all. Guide us in your way of humility and service. Show us how to become disciples of Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the call of Wisdom. She is calling you. Turn, listen, and walk in her ways, knowing you are forgiven and beloved by God.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen. #733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN' TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"All the Heavens" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Proverbs 31:10-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

James 3:13-4;3, 7-8a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Mark 9:30-37

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN**

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

#391

SERMON

"Taking Care of Business"

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

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Jesu, Jesu"

Folk Song

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 forth and welcome all God's children, making the last, first, and becoming a servant to all. Go forth to change the world by offering justice and compassion to the "least of these." Go forth knowing you are welcomed and loved by God.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"O Word of God Incarnate"

#670

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Prelude in C"

Bach

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& IF I PERISH,

I PERISH.

ESTHER 4:16

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September 27, 2015

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Ellers*"

Callahan

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: I am the church; you are the church.

Many: We are the church together.

One: We depend on our seniors and long-time members to remember where we came from and where we have been.

Many: We are the church together.

One: We depend on our children to retell our sacred stories as they grow.

Many: We are the church together.

One: We depend on our youth and young adults to ask us why we do things this way and to suggest something new.

Many: We are the church together.

One: We need each other to be the church.

Many: We are the church of Jesus Christ together.

* OPENING HYMN "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

#56

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Creator of us all, we sometimes forget that we are not alone, that we have had your help along the way. Sometimes we forget to ask you for what we need. We confess that in our own struggle to survive, we have ignored others and have forgotten that they too struggle to survive. Make us mindful. Make us compassionate. Help us to see you in one another. In your name we pray.
Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Beloved in Christ, know that you are God's own and that through divine love you are forgiven and freed to begin anew.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen. #733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN' TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Here I Am to Worship" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

James 5:13-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 9:38-50

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

*** HYMN**

"Put Peace into Each Other's Hand"

#389

SERMON

"Karma"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Adagio"

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: Today and every day, take care of one another, knowing that each of you is God's gift to this community and to the world. And may the love of God, the peace of Christ and the gentleness of the Holy Spirit enfold you always.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

#588

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary"

Stanley

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quid pro quo (kwid- ,prō-'kwō), *noun*. **1** : something that is given to you or done for you in return for something you have given to or done for someone else. **2** : something given or received for something else. Also : a deal arranging a quid pro quo. Examples : If he helps us, he'll expect a quid pro quo. In politics, nobody does something for nothing: there's always a quid pro quo involved. Origin: New Latin, something for something. First use: 1582. Synonyms: back-and-forth, barter, commutation, dicker, exchange, swap, trade, trade-off, truck.

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October 4, 2015

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Lied"

Vierne

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Here in this place, God offers us food,

Many: So we take and eat.

One: Here in this place, God's welcome extends

Many: Beyond our friends

One: Beyond those who agree with us

Many: Beyond these walls

One: To those, like Peter, with more enthusiasm than resolve-

Many: God's welcome extends;

One: To those, like James and John, dismayed by Kingdom priorities-

Many: God's welcome extends;

One: To those, like Mary, full of love and grief-

Many: God's welcome extends;

One: To those, like Martha, struggling for faith in the face of despair-

Many: God's welcome extends;

One: To those, like Judas, disillusioned and rebellious-

Many: God's welcome extends;

One: For Jesus offers the bread and the cup to all who have gathered,

Many: So let us worship God with joy!

* OPENING HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

#40

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

One: God of our lives, your Word is one of communion, not division. Your gifts are gifts of abundance, peace, and freedom, not scarcity, violence, and oppression. We thank you that in Christ you have given us the greatest gift: you gave us yourself. Forgive us when we hold back; when we hold back our forgiveness and create division. When we hold back our love and let oppression flourish. As we gather today, may your gifts and your presence be received with joy and humility. And may we be forever changed by your Word. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The bread is offered to each person at the table. The cup is given to all—for the forgiveness of sins. Know that you are forgiven and welcomed back into relationship with God and with one another.

Many: Thanks be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"We Are the Body of Christ" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Mark 10:2-16

* GOSPEL LESSON

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

* HYMN

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

#500

SERMON

"Questions Without Answers"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

* NICENE CREED

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Wood

* 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: As you leave this sacred space, live out your connection with one another, knowing that all humanity is bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh, one world in communion. And may God's loving-kindness follow after you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Now Let Us From This Table Rise"

#715

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude of the hymn tune Truro"

Bingham

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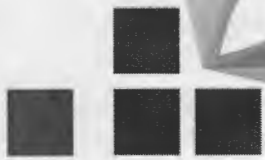
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October 11, 2015

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Upside Down"

K-Drama

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: When Jacob awoke with the sky up above and his head on a stone, he said,

Many: Surely the Holy One is here in this place and I just didn't know it 'til now.

One: This is none other than the house of God

Many: And this is the gate of heaven,

One: The gate of heaven

Many: The gate of heaven

* OPENING HYMN

"How Great is Our God"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* OPENING PRAYER

All: Gracious God, our Creator and Friend, you are beyond our imagining and yet closer than our innermost thoughts. We thank you for your goodness toward all that you have made. As Jacob was traveling you were there to meet him and bless him. Meet us in this hour of worship, and bless us with a fuller communion with you and with one another. Strengthen our resolve for witness and service to a suffering world that cries out for justice, healing and peace. Where peace is thin and brittle, may we bring your unexpected grace. Where lives are broken may we be bearers of your healing balm. Expand our hearts to seek out unexpected and innovative ways to kindle your wonders to your world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Christ is our peace

Many: In Christ we are reconciled to God

One: Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28:10-17

MESSAGE

MESSAGE IN MUSIC AND PICTURES

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

* HYMN

"You Raise Me Up"

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

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

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Musical Reflection

* Doxology

Give Thanks

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, give thanks, give thanks!

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go to be open to new people, new places, new possibilities; new prospects. And may our hearts reach beyond this room, building a new heaven and a new earth, where God's light never dies.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"What the World Needs Now"

see insert

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POSTLUDE

"Upside Down"

K-Drama



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October 18, 2015

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Adagio"

Mozart

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We come here for a glimpse of glory,

Many: And we hear Jesus ask: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?"

One: We come here to get close to Jesus,

Many: And we hear Jesus ask: "Can you be baptized with my baptism?"

One: We come here to receive from Jesus,

Many: And we hear Jesus challenge us: "To become great you must serve!"

One: So let us worship God that we may catch a glimpse of glory.

Many: And drink from the cup of the fullness of life;

One: And let us immerse ourselves into the baptismal waters where the Spirit breaks down barriers, revealing the reign of God.

Many: And offer ourselves to God as servants so that the world may be healed.

* OPENING HYMN

"Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"

#46

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God, our Refuge, your tent is wide enough to provide shelter for all who seek you, food for all who hunger, and healing for all who suffer. Yet we do not always offer your shelter or food or healing to others. Forgive us. Meet us here today, and fill us with confidence in your presence, that we may risk sharing Jesus' cup and his baptism so the world may become the place of love and justice you desire for all. Teach us how we may be the servants you need us to be. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In Christ we are forgiven, and called once again to serve, and create with the Spirit a world of justice and peace for all.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen. #733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN' TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Behold Our God" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Mark 10:35-45

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN**

"Make Me a Servant"

#576

SERMON

"Becoming Great"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

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Musical Reflection

"Prayer"

Boelleman

* 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: Let us go to serve and lift one another up, committed to struggle together, that our lives may witness to Christ's glory. And in our service may we know that God is with us in every moment.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Christ, You Call Us All to Service"

#571

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

Johnson

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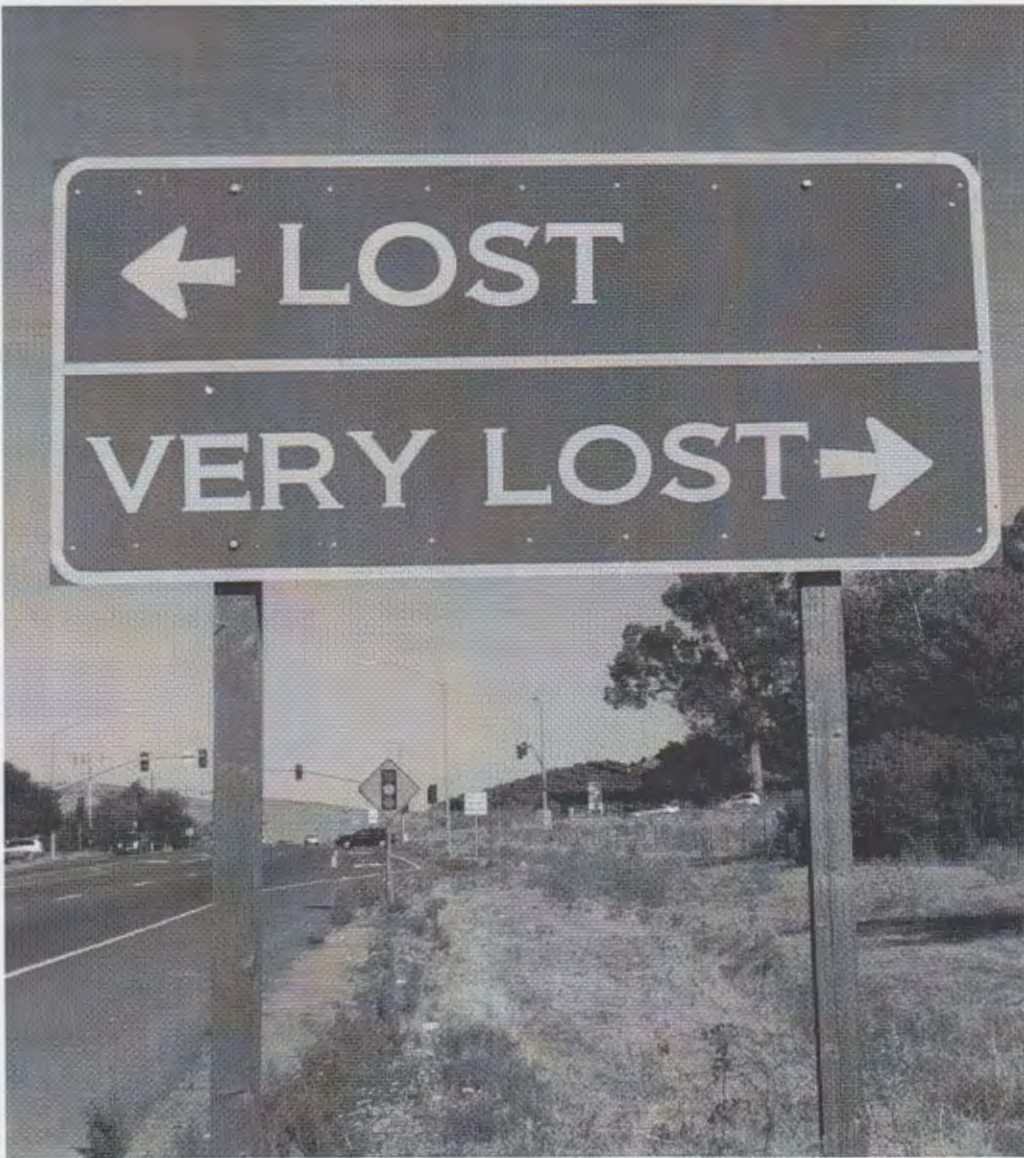


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October 25, 2015

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Open My Eyes"

arr. DeCou

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let us sing aloud with gladness:

Many: Let us sing to God who gathers us here.

One: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

Many: Those who struggle and labor with new life!

One: Those who are weeping, God will console;

Many: Those who get lost find a clear path home.

One: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

Many: And praise God with joyful hearts.

* OPENING HYMN

"O Worship the King"

#2

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Ever-calling God, we give thanks that you have gathered us into your church and graced us with your faithful presence. We confess, however, that we have not always been faithful to you. You call us to be a nimble church, able to adapt as the Spirit blows, yet we cling to comfortable ways. You call us to listen for your still small voice, but we are fearful of insights which challenge old assumptions. You call us to live into your dream that we would all be one, yet we fail to listen to voices of difference. Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. Grant us the vision to be a part of a new dawn for the Church that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world. Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus' vision and dream that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Through Christ, God forgives us our failings, and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness. Let us celebrate this mercy of God.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN' TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"More Love, More Power" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 7:23-28

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 10:46-52

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

*** HYMN**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

#480

SERMON

"When You've Lost your Way"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Cull

* 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: Let us go from here to follow Jesus on the way. And may the peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

#422

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Ein' Feste Burg"

Hustad

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MYSTERIOUS WAYS**



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Ryan Kelly, "God Moves in Mysterious Ways" - Ruth 1-2

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November 1, 2015

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Communion Meditation"

Titcomb

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Praise the Lord, O people of God!

Many: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

One: Do not put your trust in mortals in whom there is no help. No, happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob.

Many: And whose hope is in the Lord our God who made heaven and earth, and who keeps faith forever.

One: For the Lord executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

Many: The Lord sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

One: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down and loves the righteous.

Many: The Lord watches over the strangers; and upholds the orphan and the widow.

One: But the way of the wicked is brought to ruin. The Lord will reign forever, for all generations.

Many: Praise the Lord!

* OPENING HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

#111

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O Holy One, Source of all life and Ground of all love, we thank you for your love that never lets us go.

One: Again and again you call us to share your love by caring for widows and orphans, advocating for those in prison, and welcoming the strangers.

All: O God, we confess that we hear your call, but we listen instead to the cries that there is not enough for all, and that some are undeserving of our care.

One Again and again you call us to love you with our whole heart, understanding, and strength; such love demands that we seek justice for those who are oppressed, poor, and forgotten.

All: O God, we confess that we hear your call, but we listen instead to the competing calls of worldly loyalties, political parties, and public acclaim.

One: As we prepare our hearts and minds in these days, we confess that at times we forget to observe your statutes of compassion and your ordinances of justice.

All: As we worship you today, help us to respond to your call of love May we be transformed from individuals to members of your one body that it may go well for us, our neighbors, our nation, and our world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the good news of God: "Do not be afraid! I will never leave you or forsake you." Know that our God who began a good work in us is able to complete it.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen. #733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Song of Ruth" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Ruth 1:1-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:11-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Mark 12:28-34

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN**

"With the Body That Was Broken"

#691

SERMON

"Unexpected Happenings"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

* NICENE CREED

Back page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Wherever You Go"

Norbet

* 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: Go forth, following as the Holy Spirit leads you, moving in love and compassion,
pursuing justice and mercy, and trusting in the God of peace. Know that the
Source of all life and love is as close as your very breath.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

#273

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

Lemmens

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*“Beware of those who
devour widows' houses...”*

(Mark 12:40)

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November 8, 2015

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Now, Holy Spirit, We Pray to Thee"

Buxtehude

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Unless our GOD builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

Many: We have come into this house, built by God, to worship the Mighty Builder.

One: Unless our GOD watches over the city, those who watch, stand guard in vain.

Many: We have come to listen to the stories of people who throughout the generations have shown us the way by their trust in the promises of the God, who is always watching over us.

One: The widow who gives her last coin and Naomi and Ruth who are lifelong companions for each other remind us of the risks we are free to take with confidence that God will guide us through times of plenty and times of want, all along our journey through life.

Many: So let us worship and give thanks for this gathering that binds us together; for we are no longer strangers but are God's people.

* OPENING HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#358

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God, we know that we are already rich, but we confess that we refuse to see those in our midst who live on meager resources. We don't want to acknowledge that it is often those with the least who give the most to you. We speak of our belief that you will provide for all that we need--resources and partners on life's journey. Yet, we are afraid to give ourselves over to your promises. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to live more faithfully. Remind us that all that we have is a gift from you and is meant to be shared. Send your Holy Spirit, we pray, to empower us to live beyond our own desires. Lead us to live

boldly as witnesses to the strength we have in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Take heart. God gives new life, even to those who hold back from giving fully of themselves to God. Know that we are loved and restored to God.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN' TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Be Unto Your Name" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 12:38-44

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

*** HYMN**

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

#466

SERMON

"The Cost and Joy of Discipleship"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

RECOGNITION OF FAITHFUL STEWARDS

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

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers. #487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Consolation"

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: Go forth into the world. Be for one another as Ruth and Naomi were for each other. Go on the journey together, wherever it may lead you. Share the gifts of God with the people of God. Be gentle and bold, courageous and trusting. And may God be with you, this day and always.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"All Things Are Yours"

#687

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Toccata"

Fletcher

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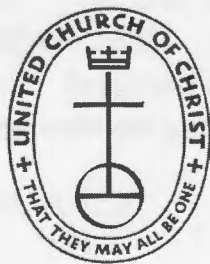
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November 15, 2015

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Air from *Suite in D*"

Bach

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come into this time of worship by the new and living way in Christ Jesus.

Many: We come with true hearts in full assurance of our faith.

One: Come with joyful expectation.

Many: We gather in full confidence of the gospel's promise.

One: Let us praise God together and open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit

Many: That we may encourage and support each other to love our neighbors as ourselves and to be God's instruments of grace.

* OPENING HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

#84

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: In you, O God, we find refuge from our turbulent world. We work each day to bear witness to your justice through our ministries. Yet despite our best efforts, O God, we have not always lived as we should. Our own short-sightedness and impatience have led us to make choices based upon our immediate needs over your desires. Forgive us for our selfish ways.

Moment of silent reflection

One: Many of the challenges we have faced have evoked fear in us. We have let these fears at times overwhelm our faith and trust in you.

All: Forgive us for our lack of faith in you.

One: We don't always recognize or acknowledge that our hesitance to embrace the stranger comes from our own prejudices, O God. When we do not embrace the stranger, we lose the blessings and richness of your beloved community.

All: Forgive us for our biases.

One: We see injustices all around: in the papers, on television, on the web, or walking through our community. Yet we often cannot bring ourselves to speak out or take action against them.

All: Forgive us for our silence.

One: We know you created this world with enough for everyone. Yet, in this land of plenty, people know deprivation.

All: Forgive us that we have not done enough to sustain and support the sacredness of the common good. Renew in us the strength, faith, and courage we need to persevere so that the promised day will come when your will will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: A cord of love binds us to God. God will not allow us to enter Sheol or to see the Pit. We are forgiven and saved by God's love for us.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN' TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Broken Hallelujah" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

1 Samuel 1:4-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:11-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Mark 13:1-8

* GOSPEL LESSON

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

* HYMN
SERMON

"You Are My All in All"
"Called to Sacrifice"

#427

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Trust in the Lord"

Handel

* 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: What endures is not the edifices we build, but the work of God that we accomplish through our ministries in the name of Christ Jesus. Let us go forth from here empowered by the Holy Spirit to be God's instruments of justice rooted in love to further the work of Jesus and to move us closer to God's reign of peace.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

#411

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Fugue"

Handel



Behold! He is coming
with the clouds...

--Revelations 1:7a

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November 22, 2015

Reign of Christ Sunday

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"On Eagle's Wings"

arr. Smith

WORDS OF GATHERING (©Katherine Hawker 2003)

One: To those who come reticently, weighed down by the excesses and the sorrows of the past.

Many: Grace to you and peace, from the One who is and who was and who is to come.

One: To those who come hopefully, knowing that the presence of God will not be limited by our human constructs.

Many: Grace to you and peace, from the One who is and who was and who is to come.

One: To those who come thankfully, discovering abundance born not of possession but of the heart.

Many: Grace to you and peace, from the One who is and who was and who is to come.

One: For God is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last

Many: To God be the glory forever and ever, Amen!

* 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

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, we come to you grateful for our community of faith that spans beyond time and place, beyond life and death. We acknowledge this morning that we have been guilty of putting up walls around our community to keep some people out. Our hearts have turned away from those who look different than us, from those who love differently than us, and from those who live in different places and speak different languages. Jesus our Savior, you continually broke down the walls you encountered in this world, come among us and open doors where we have locked the gates. Forgive us

when we err on the side of exclusion instead of the side of love. Guide our daily lives to live in your ways of justice, mercy, forgiveness and peace. Guide us to love our neighbors and to pray for our enemies, to reach out with open hands instead of clenched fists. Open our hearts, loving God, to our neighbors in need, that we might expand the message of your community here on earth, that all may be part, that all have a place, and that all are needed. In your name, O Christ, our Guide, our Friend, and our Companion, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Shout for joy, people of God. For the One who was, and is and is to come loves you, forgives you, and renews you.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen. #733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN' TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"King of Kings and Lord of Lords" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 23:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Revelations 1:4b-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 18:33-37

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN**

"Abide with Me"

#521

SERMON

"Grace and Peace"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection

"No More Night" The Choir

* 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: The church year ends – a new one begins.

Many: Day turns into night, and night turns into day.

One: And through it all, our God is with us.

Many: To the One who loves us and freed us from our sin be glory and dominion forever and ever.

All: Amen.

*** HYMN**

"For All the Saints"

#529

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Fanfare on Sine Nomine"

arr. White



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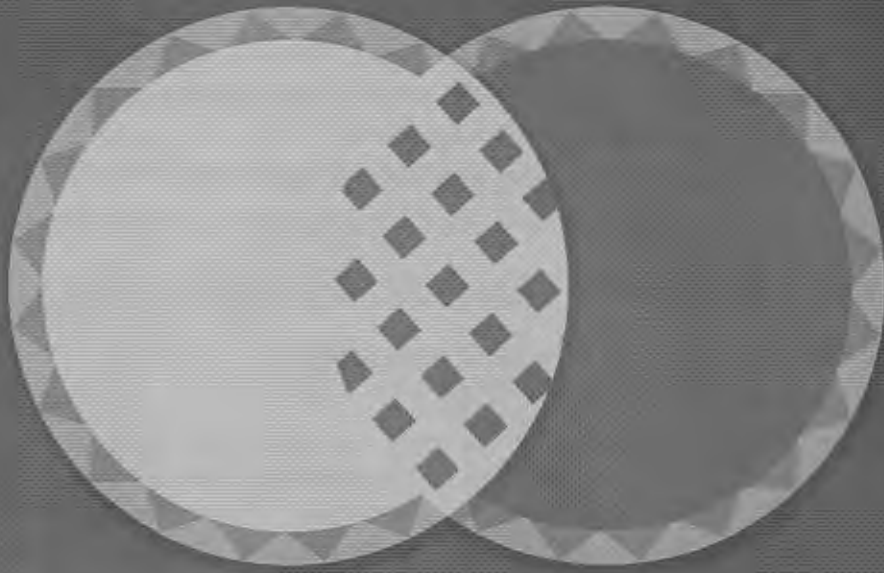
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a community worship service
thanksgiving eve

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PRELUDE

"Prelude on We Gather Together"

arr. Held

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Many: We come to glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.

One: For truly God has done great things for us.

Many: God has clothed us with grace and filled us with hope.

One: Let us offer our hearts to God, always saying, 'Thank you!' to the One who loves us.

Many: We will sing our praises, shouting of God's goodness in our lives.

* OPENING HYMN

"We Praise You, O God"

#726

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Creator God, Provider of all, we bring you our thanks today, for you place us at the center, feed us, and equip us for daily bread. We give thanks also for all who work to bring your harvest home: the farmers, the workers in the fields, the drivers on the highways, and those in the markets. Forgive our ingratitude when we who have so much waste what you have given. We pause tonight to consider those whose harvest is poor, whose crops have withered, whose water is tainted and whose children starve. Help those who bring relief and bestow on us a generosity of heart, that all might share from your abundant garden. You look to us for a fruitfulness of lives in service to you and others. God of the harvest, feed us, prune us, harvest us, that our lives might bring glory to you. May the beauty of this world and the love that created it be expressed through our lives and be a blessing to others now and always. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GOD'S GRACE

One: This is the good news: as God dresses creation in wonder, so we are clothed in grace; as God pours out abundance upon the earth, so we are blessed with peace and joy.

Many: Thanks be to God for healing, for life, for wonder, for mercy. We are blessed, for we are forgiven.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Here I Am to Worship"

UEC Choir

FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:21-27

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 2:1-7

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:25-33

STORIES OF GRATEFUL HEARTS FROM OUR CHURCH FAMILIES

* HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

#14

EARL'S PLACE STORY

Sheila Helgerson, Director

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.

OFFERING

(Tonight's offering will go to support the ministry of Earl's Place. Please make checks payable to "United Ministries.")

Offertory

"Thanksgiving Song"
by Mary Chapin Carpenter

Church on the Square

* Doxology

Give Thanks

*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, give thanks, give thanks!*

* Prayer of Dedication

* SENDING FORTH

One: As we go to fill ourselves from overflowing tables,

Many: We also go to feed those whose hunger is all too real.

One: As we go to gather with friends and family in warm, safe homes,

Many: We also go to shelter those who have no place to sleep.

One: Go now in thanksgiving to offer your hearts and lives to all whose lives are empty.

All: Amen.

* PARTING HYMN

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

#723

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

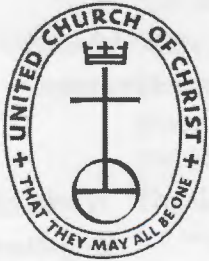
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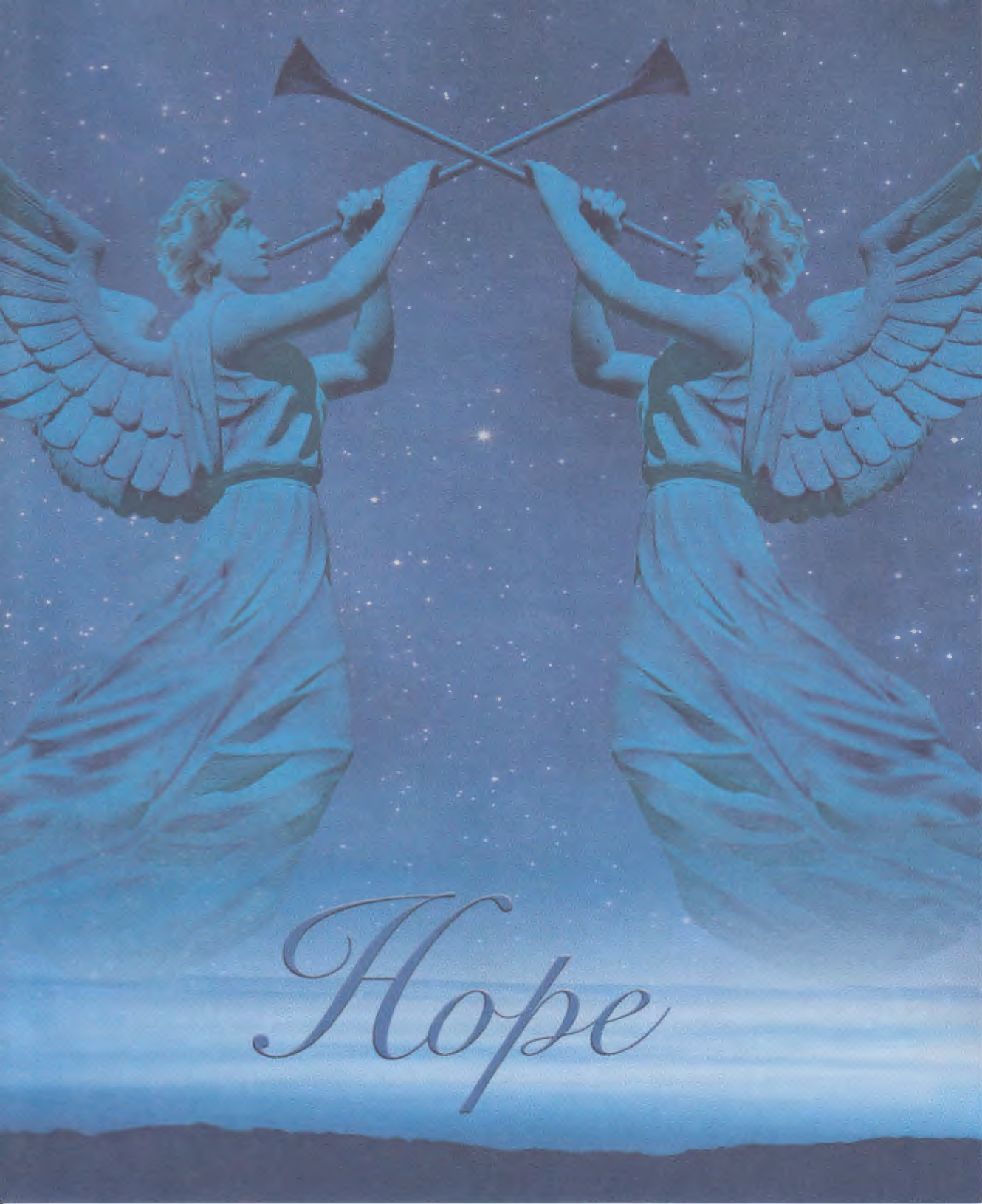
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November 29, 2015

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Wake, Awake for Night is Flying"

Bach

* LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

One: In this season as the days grow shorter and the shadows lengthen, we gather in eager expectation for the Light of the World to dawn.

Many: Help us, O God, to lay aside all the works of night and even our cynicism as we enter this sacred season.

One: In Advent we prepare for a life of discipleship, and watch faithfully for signs of God's light breaking into the world.

Many: In our waiting we are filled with hope that God's promises - made long ago - will continue to come true in our world.

One: And so we light the first Advent candle of hope and wait patiently for God.

Many: Come, Lord Jesus, come! Send your Spirit to empower us to live in the light of hope.

(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

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy and Loving God, we give thanks for the promise of this sacred season and for the joy we find in the Christ Child. Yet even as we rejoice, we recognize that we often fail to live with the hope of redemption. In this season of anticipation, we know that we are easily distracted by our own projects and preparation. We lose focus on the One who is the source of our joy. Forgive us, O God, and restore our hope in you. Reshape us in this Advent season that we might refocus our living by

trusting in your Word and not in the things of this world. In Christ we pray.
Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: "The time is coming," God declares, "when I will fulfill my gracious promise with the people..." Friends know that God is forever fulfilling promises, loving us unconditionally and leading us into a new day.

All: 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Walk in His Reign" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 13:9-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 21:25-36

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN**

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

#190

SERMON

"Justice and Righteousness"

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

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

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 into the world and keep awake!

Many: The time is drawing near when God's hope will be revealed.

One: Go into the world and keep watch!

Many: The signs of God's light are breaking into the world.

One: Go into the world and nurture hope for justice and peace this day and always.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"

#176

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on *Lift Up Your Heads*"

Bach

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December 6, 2015

Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"An Advent Prelude"

Callahan

* LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

(The candle of Hope is re-lit)

One: On this second Sunday of Advent, we hear the words of Zechariah speaking to his newborn son: "You, child, will go before the Lord to prepare the way."

Many: The Reign of God is drawing near

One: The prophet calls us to change our lives!

Many: To prepare the way for the Lord:

One: A just and peaceful path!

Many: We light the candle of peace, as we work to spread the good news today.

One: Of a world where everyone's basic needs are met.

Many: Of smoothing the rough ways and making paths to end discrimination and persecution.

One: We light this candle of peace,

Many: Awaiting the arrival of Jesus Christ, light of the world.

(The candle of Peace is lit)

* OPENING HYMN

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

#181

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy God, we long for your peace, and trust in your promise. We hear your call to turn toward you, to change our lives and work with patience and diligence to prepare the way for your Reign. But we get discouraged and give up too soon. We neither trust others nor honor their gifts and instead burden ourselves with

anxiety and fear. Instead of welcoming you, we turn you away like the inn keepers in Bethlehem. Forgive us, O God, and lead us in the ways of patience, community and joy. Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace that we may be open to the challenge of your dream of wholeness for all. In the Name of the One who is coming, we pray. Amen!

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the good news: Jesus, savior from sin, is present with us in the painstaking work of the Reign of God, forgiving our weakness, rebuilding our relationships, restoring our joy.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Prepare the Way" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Baruch 5:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Luke 1:68-79

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 3:1-6

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

Continuing Testament:

Advent does not lead to nervous tension stemming from expectation of something spectacular about to happen. On the contrary, it leads to a growing inner stillness and joy allowing me to realize that he for whom I am waiting has already arrived and speaks to me in the silence of my heart. Just as a mother feels the child grow in her and is not surprised on the day of the birth, but joyfully receives the one she learned to know during her waiting, so Jesus can be born in my life slowly and steadily and be received as the one I learned to know while waiting. --- Henri J.M. Nouwen

*** HYMN**

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

#232

SERMON

"Preparing for Peace"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

* NICENE CREED

Back page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Andante Pastorale"

Spong

* Doxology

Greensleeves

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him; The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.

* Prayer of Dedication

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 forth with eyes to see and ears to hear and voices to proclaim God's grace to the darkness of our world, God's Good News of justice to the poor and God's message of peace to the earth. And may the God of mercy and hope go with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Now Bless the God of Israel"

see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Saviour of the Nations Come"

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December 13, 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Prelude on "*O Come, Emmanuel*"

Callahan

* LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

(The candles of hope and peace are re-lit)

One: The joy of the season is upon us. The time is almost here.

Many: We are here to sing praises to God, the Holy One in whom we place our trust.

One: Even the wilderness will dance and the dry places will sing praises to God.

Many: When we see the glory of the Lord revealed, we will be strengthened and saved!

One: God's peace opens our eyes. God's gift of hope opens our hearts.

Many: With joy, we will praise the promised Savior of the world!

One: Let us—with joy—kindle the light of the Lord.

Many: Let us praise God who reigns forever.

(The candle of joy is lit)

* OPENING HYMN

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

#153

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: We gather, O God, in this worship space mindful of your faithful presence. We are here to rejoice as we wait to see your glory. Yet we confess, O God, that we, so easily, have reneged on our promises to you. We have allowed the times of quiet we pledged for you to slip away. Instead of preparing ourselves spiritually to receive the gift of your Son in our heart of hearts, we have been swept up in the commercial expectations of the season. Forgive us in our distractions and help us renew our preparations for your coming. Help us to proclaim the joy you promise

which brings life, and strength and courage. Give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and tongues to speak your word to a world that needs your joy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: People of God rejoice! The Mighty One hears our petitions and has answered our prayers. Know that what needs to be forgiven has been.

All: 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 *"Advent Song" The Choir*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Zephaniah 3:14-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 3:7-18

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

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

*** HYMN**

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

#221

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Story of Christmas

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Pastoral Air"

Murshhauser

* 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: Leave this place to return to your waiting with patient hope for God's promise of salvation to unfold. And may the Holy Spirit strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptists Cry"

#156

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

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December 20, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"What is This Fragrance"

Lovelace

* LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

(The candles of Hope, Peace and Joy are re-lit)

One: Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for God to send divine love and light into our dark world.

Many: We await the Light of the World with joyful anticipation.

One: Our time of waiting is almost over. Blessed are we who, with Mary and Elizabeth, believe there will be a fulfillment of God's promise to us.

Many: Soon a young woman shall give birth to peace, hope, and joy.

One: Soon a young woman will give Love a name: Emmanuel – God is with us.

Many: Let us – in love – kindle the light of the Lord.

(The candle of Love is lit)

* OPENING HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#180

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Surprising God, you make your presence known in unexpected ways, and challenge our comfortable assumptions about how you work. Forgive us when we turn you away, skeptical that you would be found among the homeless or the hungry or the stranger. Forgive us when we withhold our love from those who need to know that you care for them. Meet us here today and open our hearts to recognize you in our midst, calling us to live into your new thing: a world where your love takes shape in justice and peace. In the name of the One who is coming, we pray. Amen!

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In Christ, the light of God's love shines upon us, and we are forgiven and given strength to forgive. Let us give thanks that in Jesus, Emmanuel, God is truly with us.

All: 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Holy is His Name" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Micah 5:2-5a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 1:39-55

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

*** HYMN**

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

#191

SERMON

"Obedient to the Call of Love"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

APOSTLE'S CREED

First page of hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

#487

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* Doxology

Greensleeves

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* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Let us go forth with eyes to see and ears to hear and voices to proclaim:

Many: God-with-us!

One: In the ordinary and the vulnerable:

Many: In the challenge of the unexpected:

One: In the work of peace:

Many: God-with-us!

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Long Ago, Prophets Knew"

#167

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"My Soul Magnifies the Lord"

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December 24, 2015

Christmas Eve

7:30 pm

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Christmas Selections for Cello and Piano Katie Chambers, Cello

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The 4 Advent candles are lit

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Many: We who have lived in darkness have seen the Light of the Lord growing brighter, day by day.

One: This night, the True Light arrives.

Many: This night, the Light shines brightest.

One: The Light of Hope has come.

Many: The Light of Peace and the Light of Joy.

One: The Light of Love has come.

Many: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

One: His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace. He will establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

Many: Let us kindle the light of the Lord!

The Christ candle is lit. The Christ child is placed in the crèche.

* OPENING HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

#182

*GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God of heavenly hosts, you gave your all to this world in the bleakness of a stable in Bethlehem. Love was born that night, pure love, poured out for all who call on your name. Such undeserved grace deserves a response in the life that we lead. Forgive our lack of gratitude for all you have done, forgive our dullness of heart that blinds us to the needs all around us. On this holy night, encircle us with the light of your presence that we might shine bright within this dark world. Enable us to be overcomers of fear and temptation. Enable us to be victors over sin and despair. Enable us to become that which you desire. In Christ we pray. Amen

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: "By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." Let all who have eyes, see! Let all who have ears, hear! The One we await is already with us; salvation once promised is here on earth. Let us rejoice and sing!

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

* CHRISTMAS GREETING OF PEACE

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Something Which is Known" 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

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

"What Child is This" Katie Chambers, Cello

arr. Schmidt

* Doxology

Greensleeves

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* Prayer of Dedication

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Tonight we will receive communion in procession. Ushers will invite you forward up the center aisle by rows. The darker liquid is wine, and the lighter liquid is grape juice. After you partake in communion, return to your seat by the side aisles.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

The First Noel

*The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

Refrain:

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!*

*They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.*

Refrain

*And by the light of that same star
Three Wise men came from country far
To seek for a King was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went.*

Refrain

*This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both pause and stay
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay.*

Refrain

*Then entered in those wise men three
Full reverently upon their knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.*

Refrain

*Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of naught
And with his blood our life has bought.*

Refrain

O Holy Night

*O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appeared and soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!*

*Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born!
O night divine, O night, O night divine!*

*Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing heart by his cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from the Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend;*

*He knows our need, he guards us from all danger,
Behold your king; before him lowly bend!
Behold your King; before him lowly bend!*

*Truly he taught us to love one another;
His law is love and his gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raising,
Let all within us praise his holy name.*

*Christ is the Lord! O praise his name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: God of gladness and joy, we thank you for pouring out your grace upon us at this table. As we rise from this meal strengthened by your love, may we go to bring your hope to every corner of our world, rejoicing as we kneel in service to others, and working for reconciliation in our world of fear and terror. In the name of the Christ child we pray. Amen.

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* CELEBRATION OF THE LIGHT

A prayer in the darkness

The coming of the Light into the world

Silent Night

*Silent night! holy night! All is calm, all is bright;
Round yon virgin mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild;
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night! holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!*

*Silent night! holy night! Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

* BENEDICTION

* RECESSIONAL HYMN

Joy to the World

Antioch

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room.
And heaven and nature sing;
And heaven and nature sing;
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth! The Savior Reigns;
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains;
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy;
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.*

POSTLUDE

"Postlude on *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*"

Johnson

Rejoice



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And his name shall be called
Wonderful
Counsellor
For unto us a child is born
unto us a son is given
the Mighty God
the Everlasting Father
the Prince of Peace

ISAIAH 9:6

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December 27, 2015

First Sunday after Christmas

10:00 am

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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

* WORDS OF GATHERING

One: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who proclaims peace,

Many: Who brings good news,

One: Who proclaims salvation,

Many: Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

One: Listen! The sentinels are lifting up their voices, together they sing for joy!

Many: Right before their eyes they see the Lord returning to Zion.

One: Break into song together, you ruins of Jerusalem!

Many: For God has comforted the people and has redeemed Jerusalem.

One: The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations;

Many: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All: Let us worship the Lord.

* OPENING HYMN

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

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* OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we sing to you a new song because you have done wonderful things! We give you thanks for the birth of Jesus, child in a manger come to save the world. Even though we love this season and are grateful, we grow weary of all the stimulation and want to go back to "normal." Help us not to go back, but to go forward changed by the birth of Jesus. When we are tempted to leave the Good News of this season aside, forgive us, and help us to take it with us into the world throughout the coming year. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

*** DECLARATION OF GRACE**

One: "I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist;" says the Lord, "return to me, for I have redeemed you."

Many: Thanks be to God.

*** RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo
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Gloria

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

The Light of Hope

Scripture—Luke 1:68-79

Meditation

"Here I Am to Worship" The Choir

The Light of Peace

Scripture—Isaiah 11:1-9

Meditation

"Away in a Manger" Solo by Faith Rieger

The Light of Joy

Scripture—Isaiah 55

Meditation

* Hymn—*"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"* (#198)

The Light of Love

Scripture—1 John 4:7-12

Meditation

"Long, Long Ago" Solo by Isabella Walton

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

Hear our prayers, O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection *"Softly the Stars Were Shining"* The Choir

* Doxology

Greensleeves

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him; The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: What came into being through God's Word was life, and this life was the light for all people. Go and shine the light of God, proclaiming in word and deed, that God's love has come to live in our midst, and nothing – nothing – can ever overcome it.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

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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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