

Teach us  
to *number*  
our  
*days* ...  
apply  
our  
hearts  
unto  
*wisdom*

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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

January 3, 2016

Second Sunday after Christmas

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"The Old Year Has Passed Away"*

Bach

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: In the beginning, was the Word;

Many: We have come to meet the Word at the beginning of this new day, this new week, this new year.

One: In the Word was life, and that life was humanity's light

Many: O Christ, Light of the World, guide us in this new year.

One: Let us rejoice in the Word who became flesh!

Many: Let us worship God with gladness and joy!

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"*

#189

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O Word made Flesh, you have come into our midst as light and wisdom, desiring to be known to us in our lives and to be found in the world around us. We confess that we close our eyes to you when we close our eyes to all who are poor and oppressed, and that we close our ears to your Wisdom which strains to be heard above hate-filled words and fear-filled rhetoric. Forgive us God of Glory when we close our hearts to a world that needs your peace. Open our eyes and our ears and our hearts to recognize you where you dwell—in our midst—challenging, heartening, lighting the way to truth, peace, justice. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In Christ we are forgiven and given strength to go forward into a new future.

All: Thanks be to God.





\* 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, to find the Babe of Bethlehem waiting for you.

Many: We will go wherever God leads us.

One: Go now, to find the Child of Christmas in the world.

Many: We will see the Child in every person we meet.

One: Go now, to find the One who has come for us.

Many: We will find Jesus in all the broken places and work side by side to bring healing  
and hope.

One: Go forth to witness to the Light, to the Word, to the Glory of God dwelling in  
us. And go surrounded by his grace and truth.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

#218

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

POSTLUDE

*"The Three Kings"*

arr. Hustard

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**“When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you...”**

**--Isaiah 43:2**



The Baptism of Christ #2  
By Daniel Bonnell

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January 10, 2016

First Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

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

arr. Johnson

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come people of God and listen for the voice of God.

Many: God's voice can be heard in the rumble of turbulent waters.

One: And in the quiet of still waters

Many: God's voice is always reminding us that we are precious and beloved.

One: Let us worship the One who claims us in the waters of baptism.

Many: And who forever calls to our hearts.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Spirit Song"*

#352

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God who Delivers and Redeems, we confess that too often we live as though we are fearful, not faithful. We have been afraid to help the poor and downtrodden. We have been afraid to walk with those burned by the system of sin and oppression. We have sought ease and comfort by ignoring the hungry and sick in our world. Forgive us when we have not been willing to risk ourselves for the sake of others. Call us into new life, a life that is lived in the promise of your love for the whole world. Help us to hear you calling in the cries of children, in the soft tones of the sick, in the pleas of the poor. May we hear, listen, and respond to your voice in our lives and in our world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Thus says the God who created us and formed us in God's image: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." This is the good news! God knows us, loves us, and claims us. We are beloved and forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "You are the Light of the World" The Choir

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 43:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Acts 8:14-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

"Be Not Afraid"

#430

**SERMON**

"Rough Terrain"

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**LITANY OF RENEWAL 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**

*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

"Meditation on *Borning Cry*"

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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 to share God's love with others by welcoming those the world rejects, sharing the grace of our Lord Jesus, and becoming a community of justice. And may the peace of Christ go with you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"*Arise, Your Light is Come*"

#231

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"*To Jordan Came Our Lord the Christ*"

Bach

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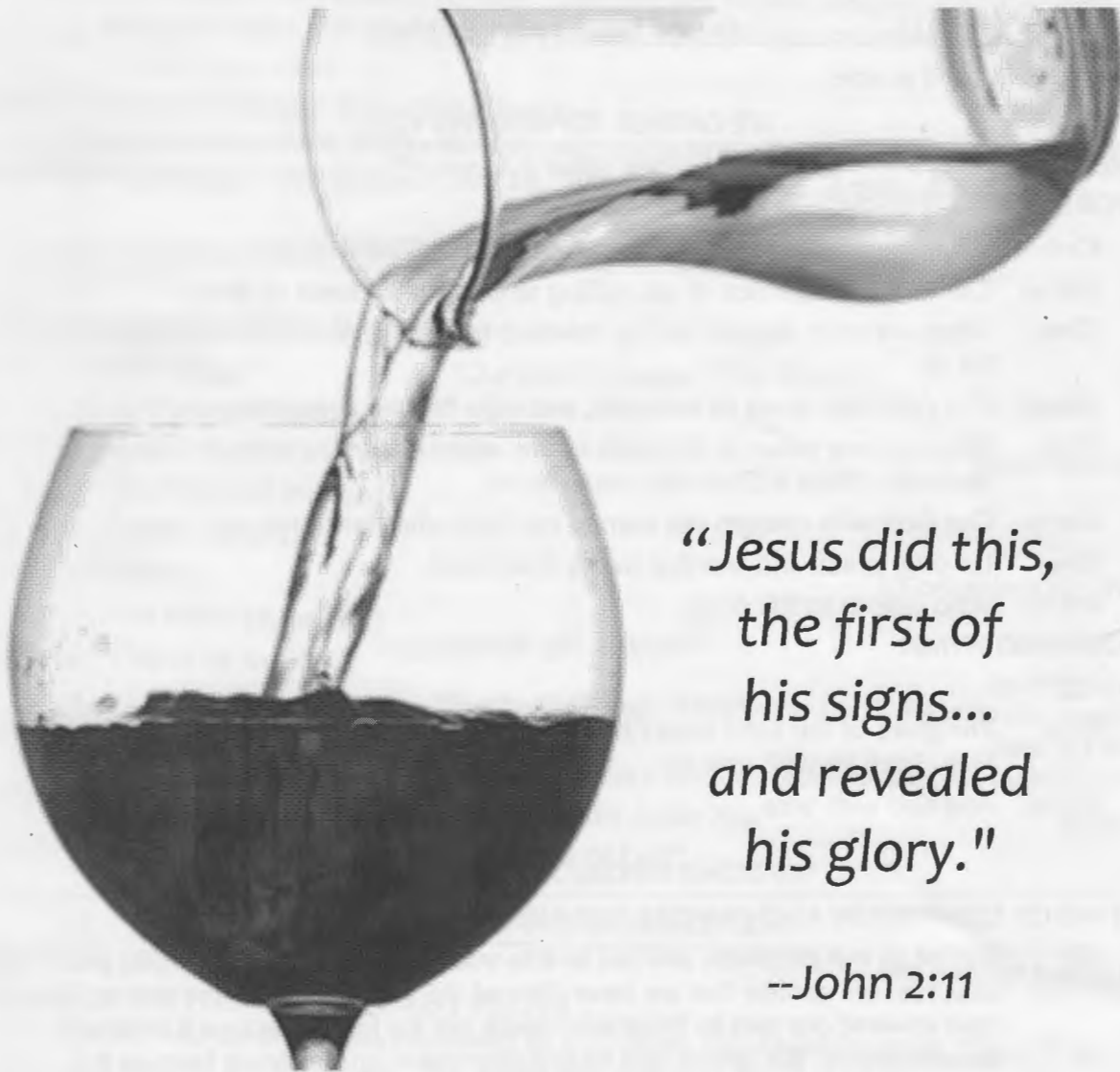
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*“Jesus did this,  
the first of  
his signs...  
and revealed  
his glory.”*

*--John 2:11*

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January 17, 2016

Second Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"My Lord, What a Morning"*

arr. Austin

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: When we are lonely, feeling forsaken, there is One who knows how we feel:

Many: Our God who gathers us up, pulling us close to the heart of love.

One: When we sit in despair, feeling defeated by life, there is One who throws a party for us:

Many: Our God who loves to celebrate, and who fills our lives with goodness.

One: When we are mired in the muck of life, when every day seems the same as yesterday, there is One who comes to us:

Many: Our God who changes our names, our God who transforms our lives.

One: Let offer praise and worship to our Holy God,

Many: Who calls us to this hour.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

#72

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of all our prophets, you call us into your unending work of justice, peace and love. Yet we confess that we have silenced the prophets you have sent us. We have covered our ears to those who speak out for justice because it makes us uncomfortable. We ignore calls to end oppression and violence because it is inconvenient for us. We avoid the looks of the poor because they embarrass us. Forgive us, Lord, for not learning from the mistakes of our ancestors, who ignored and killed their prophets. Forgive us when we follow their steps instead of



following your ways. Strengthen us in this hour that we may be renewed to witness to your radically inclusive love. In the name of Christ, who forgives us, we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God's faithfulness endures forever. God forgives, renews, and restores. Go with this good news, that God loves you deeply, and calls you into new life.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Our God is Greater" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 62:1-5

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 2:1-11

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Jesus, Come, for We Invite You"*

#669

**SERMON**

*"The Glory of God"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* 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

*"They'll Know We Are Christians"*

arr. 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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Let us go forth to be the radiant hope needed in the world. And may we go confident that our God rejoices over us.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"*

#243

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Tuba Tune in D major, Op. 15"*

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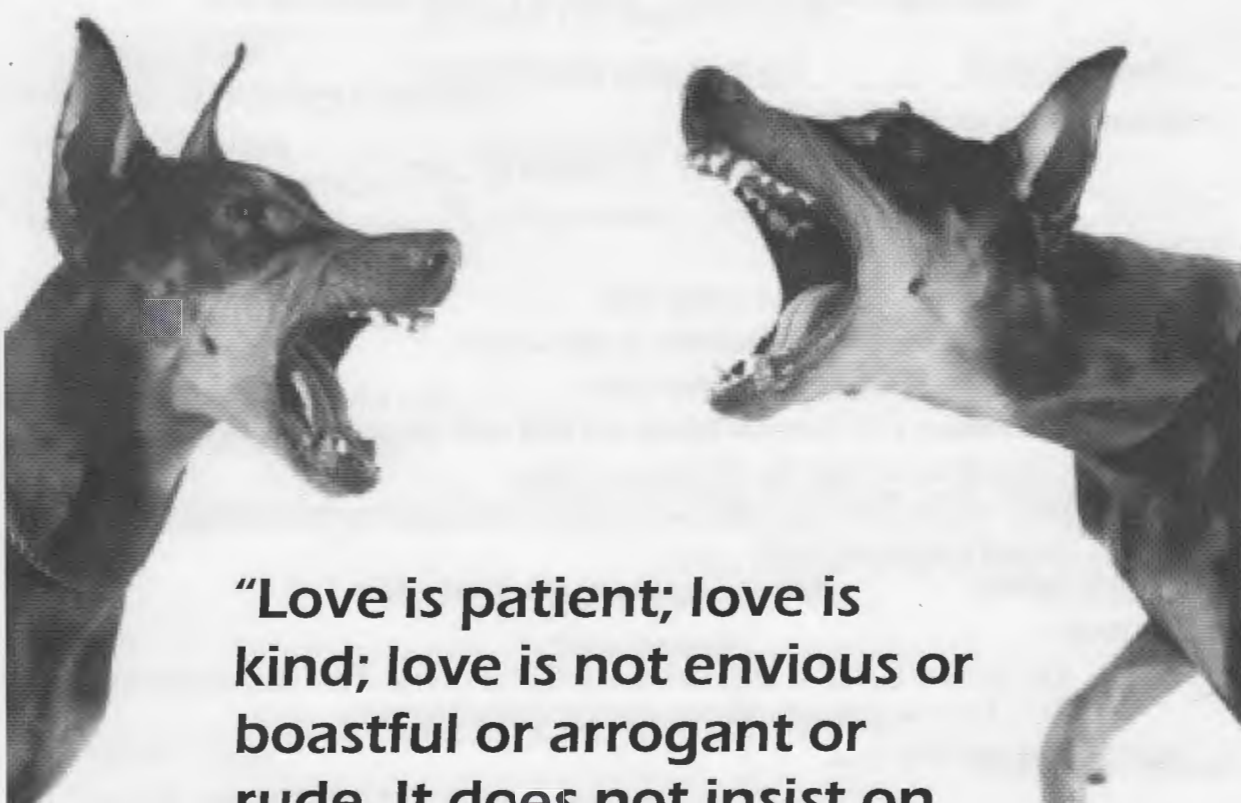
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A black and white photograph of two dogs, possibly Chihuahuas, facing each other with their mouths wide open in a barking or growling posture. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

**“Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful...”**

**–1 Corinthians 13:4-5**

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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January 31, 2016

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Adagio – Symphony No. 5"*

Widor

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come let us worship the Living God,

Many: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

One: Come let us praise the Almighty God,

Many: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

One: Come let us worship the All-Gracious God,

Many: Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.

All glory be to our God!

\* OPENING HYMN

*"We Have Come to Join in Worship"*

#647

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

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## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of the prophets, before you and your people, we confess that we have been reluctant to speak out clearly, naming the injustice we see and declaring your vision. We confess our reluctance to receive our calling as your people, made by you and chosen to witnesses to your dream of justice and joy. Remind us, O God, that you have made us for your service and recharge us with your Word. Renew us, O God and grant us the courage to live out your Way of peace and grace. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God has promised that whenever we repent, and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours. That promise comes true now. Sisters and brothers, know that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** *"Live in Charity" ("Ubi Caritas") The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:** Jeremiah 1:4-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 4:21-30

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

**\* HYMN** *"The Gift of Love"* #397

**SERMON** *"Dog Eat Dog"*

**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

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection *"Adagio – Sonata I"* C.P.E. Bach

\* 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: Our worship has ended; our service continues. So go in peace to serve God's world. And may God bless you and keep you; may God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; may God look upon you with favor and grant you wholeness, harmony, hope: shalom, now and always.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

#559

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Carillon"*

Vierne

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## A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Howard Frederick Carter, Sr.

September 21, 1936 - January 29, 2016

February 1, 2016

1:00 P.M.

### PRELUDE

#### \*PROCESSION AND OPENING SENTENCES

\*HYMN OF ADORATION      *"Amazing Grace"*      #422

#### \*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

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING      John 14

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING      1st Corinthians 13

### MEDITATION

### WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

\*HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE      *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*      #74

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - LORD'S PRAYER

#### \*COMMENDATION

#### \*BENEDICTION

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

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

—Matthew 11:28 





## Transfiguration

by Cornelis Monsma

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February 7, 2016

Last Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

arr. Hopson

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let us draw close and listen to what God has to say to us.

Many: For God has invited us to this place to experience the mystery of Divine Presence.

One: We gather as God's people of grace and of promise.

Many: We boldly enter into the courts of the Lord, open to being transformed into new people.

One: Let fears melt away in the heart of God; let doubts and worries be transformed by God's love.

Many: We come to share in the freedom of the Spirit, we come to praise the Living God.

\* OPENING HYMN

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

#245

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God of glory and light, your beauty is beyond words and description, your love is beyond knowledge and explanation. Forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves. Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege. Keep expecting more of us as your disciples. Keep reminding us to listen to your Son. Change us, we pray, that our lives may reflect the glory of your transfiguration. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Whether we hear a voice from the heavens or a still small voice in our hearts,  
the voice of God calls us beloved and proclaims us forgiven. Believe in this Good  
News.

All: We believe! Thanks be to God.

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** *"Awesome in this Place" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 34:29-35

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING** 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 9:28-43

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Holy Ground"*

#654

**SERMON**

*"Open to Change"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* 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

*"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

Lemmuel

\* 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

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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: It was good to be here, but now we are sent down the mountain of our worship into our service. So go to speak hope to those who have lost heart, to act boldly for justice, and to be a voice for those not heard by the world. And may the Light of the World guide our going.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

#319

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Postlude"*

Couperin

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A wooden cross is mounted on a stone wall. The entire image has a purple tint. The text is overlaid on the cross and wall.

*Create in me  
a clean heart,  
O God*

*Psalm 51:10*

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February 10, 2016

Ash Wednesday

7:30 pm

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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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

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## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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## PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

One: Have mercy, tender God, forget that I defied you.  
Wash away my sin, cleanse me from my guilt.

Many: I know my evil well, it stares me in the face,  
Evil done to you alone before your very eyes.

One: How right your condemnation! Your verdict is clearly just.  
You see me for what I am: frail, a sinner.

Many: You love those centered in truth; teach me your hidden wisdom.  
Wash me with fresh water, wash me bright and clean.

One: Fill me with happy songs! Let the bones you bruised now dance,  
Shut your eyes to my sin, make my guilt disappear.

Many: Creator, reshape my heart, God, steady my spirit.  
Do not cast me aside stripped of your holy spirit.



One: Save me, bring back my joy, support me, strengthen my will,  
Then I will teach your way and sinners will turn to you.

Many: Help me, stop my tears, and I will sing your goodness.  
Lord, give me words and I will shout your praise.  
*(moment of silent reflection)*

### IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Jesus came to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate those who are oppressed. Know that you have been set free from all the sin that binds; forgiven and given the gift of a new beginning.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

##### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 58:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

##### SECOND READING:

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

#### \*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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

#### \* HYMN

*"Change My Heart, O God"*

#373

#### MESSAGE

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### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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#### LENTEN PRAYERS – LORD'S PRAYER

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



PRAYER RESPONSE

#514

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Musical Reflection

*"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"*

Bach

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

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

With grateful hearts we give you thanks, Lord Jesus, for the gifts we have received at this table. You loved us while we were yet sinners, and now call us to love others, and to bring your hope to a broken world. Help us each day as we walk this journey of Lent to be your people, and to live lives of uncommon faith and love. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* PARTING BLESSING

\* SENDING HYMN

*"I Surrender All"*

#474

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

POSTLUDE

*"O Savior Blest"*

Bach

# A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Isabel Lillian Parker

August 7, 1923 - February 3, 2016

February 11, 2016

11:00 A.M.

\*Indicates to stand as able

## PRELUDE

\*PROCESSION AND OPENING SENTENCES

\*HYMN OF ADORATION *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* #473

## \*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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 4:7-11

SACRED READING

*Trees* by Joyce Kilmer

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

## MEDITATION

CONFIRMATION HYMN OF 1936 *"Savior, Like a Shepherd"* #440

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we*

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Amazing Grace"*

Solo

\*COMMENDATION

\*BENEDICTION

\*PARTING HYMN *"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"*

#711

POSTLUDE

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Mike Magorka - Acolyte

Jordan Gray - Lector

Andy Hopkins - Reader

Tom Magorka - Eulogist

Alec Gray - Eubgist

Carole Gray - Soloist



*The Lord is my shepherd;*

*I shall not want*

He maketh me to lie down in

green pastures

*He leadeth me beside the*

*still waters*

He restoreth my soul

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

*When I walk through the*

*valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil*

*for thou art with me;*

Surely

goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life

*and I will dwell in the house of the*

**LORD**

*for ever.*





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## OUR MISSION

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February 14, 2016

First Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

arr. Smith

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Led by the Holy Spirit, we come to this place.

Many: God has given us this haven where we may bring our hopes, our fears, our doubt, our wonder.

One: Led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Jesus began his ministry to the world.

Many: As we begin our Lenten journey, we open ourselves to be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.

One: On this first Sunday in lent, we are called to put first things first:

Many: For we cannot live by bread alone, but must feast on the life giving Word of God.

One: Come let us make the Holy One our dwelling place, worshiping the Lord, our God.

Many: For the steadfast love of the Lord is our strong refuge; and God's boundless grace is our sheltering presence.

\* OPENING HYMN

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

#82

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Sheltering God, Guiding God, as you were present with Jesus in his wilderness experience, so you are present with us. You have urged us to trust you, but we admit that we have felt discouraged, and at times even abandoned and betrayed by you when things have not gone well with us. We confess that instead of following where you lead, at times we have followed a tempter and have been deceived and enticed by imitations of love, abundance, and joy. O God, we know

that when you have not answered in the ways or in the time we desire, we have turned to our own understanding and have not acknowledged you in all our ways. We have sought to control our lives and order our own steps, often ignoring you and pushing you aside. In these 40 days help us to trust you to journey with us and to guide us. Help us to rest in your promise that you will never leave us or forsake us. Prepare our hearts to seek you and embrace you, to hear you and follow you, to love you and to serve you. With gladness and expectation we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Brothers and sisters, scripture assures us that "No one who believes in God shall be put to shame. For every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." Know that we are forgiven because we are loved.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**      *"How Great Is the Love" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 10:8b-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 4:1-13

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

#438

**SERMON**

"Temptation"

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* 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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.* #514

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection “Forty Days and Forty Nights” Gesangbuch

\* 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: Let us go forth following as the Holy Spirit leads us, knowing that “Whether in falling or in rising we are ever protected in God’s love.”<sup>1</sup>

All: Amen.

\* HYMN “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” #252

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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

POSTLUDE “Postlude” Cappelan

<sup>1</sup> Julian of Norwich, *Love’s Trinity: A Companion to Julian of Norwich. Long Text* translated by John-Julian, OJN. © 2009, Order of St Benedict.

# The Women Who Walked With Jesus

2016 Lenten Series  
Wednesday, February 17



Mary, the mother of God

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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

February 17, 2016

Second Wednesday in Lent

7:30 pm

\* indicates to stand as able

### GREETING

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

Many: And also with you

### GATHERING IN SONG

#### \* 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

Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-19, John 19:25-27, Acts 1:12-14

### MESSAGE

*"Mary, the mother of God"*



\* HYMN

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

#446

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

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage  
for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,  
and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

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

*"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

#458

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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THE LORD IS MY  
Light AND MY  
SALVATION; WHOM SHALL  
I FEAR? THE LORD  
IS THE STRONGHOLD  
OF MY LIFE; OF WHOM  
SHALL I BE AFRAID?  
PSALM 27:1 (ESV)

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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February 21, 2016

Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"El Shaddai"*

Card

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: God is our light, our hope, our all in all: whom shall we fear?

Many: God is the stronghold of our lives: of whom shall we be afraid?

One: The Lord is our shelter who covers us in times of strife.

Many: The Lord sets us high upon a rock, lifted up above the trouble that surrounds us.

One: Teach us your way, God, show us your path through all that life brings.

Many: Let us sing and make melody to the God of our salvation!

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Surely It Is God Who Saves Me"*

#423

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God of the wilderness, we are too well aware that life brings us pains, doubts, and uncertainties. We hear your call to trust in you always, but honestly, some days our stresses and doubts are even more real to us than you are, and trust is elusive. Belief like Abram's is hard to come by. We are often inclined to think, "God helps those who help themselves," instead of daring to rely on your promises. When the world seems filled with dangers, we can be quick to protect ourselves and forget the wisdom of scripture. We call upon you, our Everlasting Refuge, to help us confront our fears and struggles. Come into this holy place and this holy hour, and fill us again with assurance of your grace. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Though we have wandered away from the ways of God, God is reaching out to us with loving arms. Know that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "The Lord is My Light" The Choir

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 3:17-4:1

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 13:31-35

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Be Still, My Soul"*

#451

**SERMON**

*"The Things that Assail Us"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.* #514

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"The Lord is My Light"*

Allisten  
Hamburg

\* Doxology

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: God is our light, our hope, our all in all:

Many: Blessed be God, now and forever!

One: Christ is our home, our life, our joy:

Many: Blessed be God, now and forever!

One: Our worship concludes; our service continues.

Many: Blessed be God, now and forever!

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

#264

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"The God of Abraham Praise"*

arr. Innes

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# The Women Who Walked With Jesus

2016 Lenten Series  
Wednesday, February 24



Martha, Martha

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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February 24, 2016

Third Wednesday in Lent

7:30 pm

\* indicates to stand as able

### GREETING

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

Many: And also with you

### GATHERING IN SONG

#### \* 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:

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#### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:38-42, John 11: 1-7, 17-27, 38-40

### MESSAGE

*"Martha, Martha"*

\* HYMN

*"Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way"*

see insert

**LENTEN PRAYER – LORD'S PRAYER**

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**PRAYER RESPONSE**

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for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,  
and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

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Musical Reflection

\* Doxology

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Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Hamburg

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* SENDING FORTH

\* PARTING HYMN

*"Rock of Ages"*

#384

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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February 28, 2016

Third Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Like a River Glorious"*

Mountain

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: O God, our God, we come here seeking you; our souls thirst for you.

Many: We come to behold your beauty and splendor, O God.

One: Come all who are thirsty, come to the water, and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat and have your fill of God's steadfast love.

Many: Your steadfast love is better than life, so let our lips praise you, O God as long as  
we live.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

#61

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: We confess, O God, that we are parched. We have only sipped upon Living Water  
instead of drinking deeply of your wisdom. In its place we have drunk of the false  
values of this world that revere good looks, demand perfection and worship  
money. Forgive us for poisoning ourselves with this foul water. Let our hearts be  
changed in our hour of worship. Teach us, inspire us, convict us that your ways  
are better than our ways and your thoughts are more useful than our thoughts. In  
Christ we pray. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Come, all who are thirsty, come to the water. Drink and have your fill for God's  
well of steadfast love will never run dry. Know that God's mercy pours over us  
like a waterfall.

All: Thanks be to God.



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

#733

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**                    *"All Who Are Thirsty" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 55:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 13:1-9

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Step By Step"*

#494

**SERMON**

*"Fruitless Fig Tree"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* 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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Seek Ye the Lord"*

Roberts

\* 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: We have experienced God's mercy. We have been filled by God's Word

Many: We know the steadfastness of God's love.

One: So, now let the words that go out from our mouths,

Many: And the deeds that are lived by our hands return to this sanctuary,

One: Not empty but accomplishing God's purpose,

Many: Succeeding in the things for which God sends us into the world.

One: Go in the name of Christ!

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

#476

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Toccata"*

Dubois

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# The Women Who Walked With Jesus

2016 Lenten Series  
Wednesday, March 2



Mary, the sister of  
Martha and Lazarus



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## OUR MISSION

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

March 2, 2016

Fourth Wednesday in Lent

7:30 pm

\* indicates to stand as able

### GREETING

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

Many: And also with you

### GATHERING IN SONG

#### \* 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

Luke 10:38-42, John 12:1-3

### MESSAGE

*"Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus"*

\* HYMN

"As the Deer"

#471

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

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage  
for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,  
and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

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

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

#478

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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*There was a man who had two sons...*

*--Luke 15:11*

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March 6, 2016

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"My Song Is Love Unknown"*

Williams

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous ones. Shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Many: For the Lord is our hiding place, preserving us from trouble; surrounding us with steadfast love.

One: In Christ, we become as a new creation. Everything old has passed away. See how God makes things new.

Many: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Let us worship our God, and rejoice.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Our Father, We Have Wandered"*

#371

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God, with gladness and expectation, we gather in this space today. For you are the one who makes all things new; you are the one who satisfies our hunger and restores our soul. And so we confess to you that at times we have kept silent as we watched others die of hunger physically and spiritually, while we have had bread to offer. At times we have convinced ourselves of our own righteousness, and have forsaken the call of Christ to love our neighbors as ourselves. O God, we know that you have given us the ministry of reconciliation and have called us to be ambassadors for Christ. Yet, we have often examined the sin in others and not embraced them in your love. Forgive us, O God, and instruct us and teach us the way to go in your love. Show us how to see others through the eyes of love divine. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Sisters and brothers, hear the promise of God: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new! Know that God forgives the guilt of our sin.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "Because of Your Love" The Choir

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Joshua 5:9-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"*

#348

**SERMON**

*"The Conversation Continues"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* NICENE CREED**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.* #514

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Turn Your Heart Toward Home"*

Chapman



\* Doxology

Hamburg

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth, following as the Holy Spirit leads you. And may God's righteousness strengthen you and keep you; may God instruct you and show you the way to go. Wherever you journey, may you always know that God rejoices over you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Amazing Grace"*

#422

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"*

Kinderman

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# The Women Who Walked With Jesus

2016 Lenten Series

Wednesday, March 9



Mary called Magdalene

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## OUR MISSION

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

March 9, 2016

Fifth Wednesday in Lent

7:30 pm

\* indicates to stand as able

### GREETING

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

Many: And also with you

### GATHERING IN SONG

#### \* 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

Luke 8:1-3, Mark 15:40-41, 16:9

### MESSAGE

*"Mary called Magdalene"*



\* HYMN

*"Give Thanks"*

#359

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

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage  
for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,  
and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* SENDING FORTH

\* PARTING HYMN

*"When Peace Like a River"*

#428

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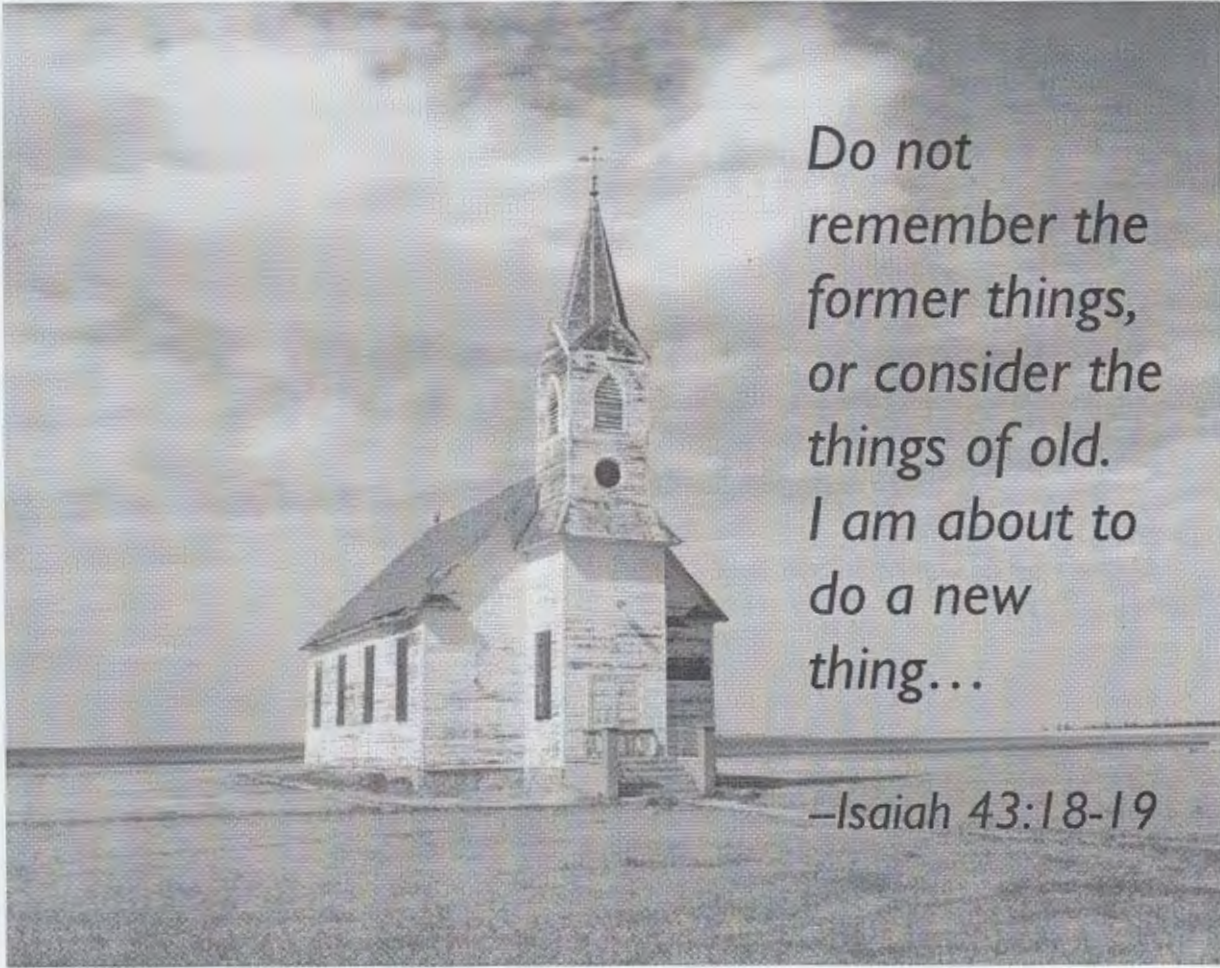
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*Do not  
remember the  
former things,  
or consider the  
things of old.  
I am about to  
do a new  
thing...*

*-Isaiah 43:18-19*

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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March 13, 2016

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

*"Cantilene"*

Dubois

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come, Beloved of God, for the Giver of all good things has restored our fortunes.

Many: Let us tell of the abundance of our God as we shout with joy!

One: Come, for the Creator has brought up rivers in the desert.

Many: Let us declare our praise for the One who makes a way where there is no way.

One: Come, People of God, for the Holy One has done great things for us!

Many: Let us worship God.

\* 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: We confess, Anointed One, that we excuse ourselves from reaching out to those who need your care. We take your words – that there will always be unmet needs – as a reason not to try to meet the needs we can. Forgive us, and help us to change. Renew our determination to live as faithful followers, faithful disciples, faithful Christians. Help us to work with you for the well-being of your creation, that the fortunes of all your peoples may be restored. Amen.

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The One who has made a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, has surely forgiven us for all our sins.

All: Thanks be to God.

#733

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

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**                    *"Said Judas to Mary" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 43:16-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 3:4b-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

John 12:1-8

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Be Not Afraid"*

#430

**SERMON**

*"Doing a New Thing"*

**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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.* #514

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection                    *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*                    arr. Johnaon

\* 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 now in peace.

Many: God has done great things for us, and we go rejoicing.

One: Go forth from this place to do great things in the name of Christ, whose call leads us to restoration and new life.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

#255

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POSTLUDE

*"Fugue"*

Handel

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# The Women Who Walked With Jesus

2016 Lenten Series

Wednesday, March 16



Those who shall  
remain nameless

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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

March 16, 2016

Sixth Wednesday in Lent

7:30 pm

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### GREETING

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

Many: And also with you

### GATHERING IN SONG

#### \* LITANY PRAYER

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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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

Luke 7:36-50

### MESSAGE

*"Those who shall remain nameless"*

\* HYMN

*"God's Holy Ways Are Just and True"*

#663

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

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage  
for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,  
and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* SENDING FORTH

\* PARTING HYMN

*"Near the Cross"*

#479

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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*Blessed*

*is he that*

**cometh**

*in the*

**name**

*of the*

*Lord*



# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
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March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday

10:00 am

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\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*

Bach

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: O Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever!

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

Many: Hosanna! Glory in the highest heaven.

One: Pave the festal procession with branches, for the stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Many: Hosanna! Jesus is coming, Hosanna to the Prince of Peace.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"The Palms"*

see insert

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Loving God, as we stand at the entrance of Holy Week and we watch the events of Jesus' life unfold, we see ourselves in those who followed him. We confess our half-heartedness and short-sightedness, shouting "Hosanna!" one moment, and "Crucify Him" in the next. Forgive us, O God, for our violent ways and our faithlessness. Forgive us, most of all, for turning away from your love. Thank you for taking our guilt and shame, our violence, sin, and death, and transforming us by your love at the cross. As your beloved children, may we live into your ways of love, mercy, forgiveness and peace. In the name of the Prince of Peace we pray. Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Sisters and brothers hear the Good News. God does not turn away when we fail to be faithful. God does not reject us when we sin. God continues to love us, to forgive us, to restore us.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**                    *"Blessed Are They" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 2:5-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 19:28-40

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

**\* HYMN**

*"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*

#265

**SERMON**

*"The Price of True Peace"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.* #514

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection           *"The Holy City" Solo by Mary Strassner*

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

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

One: Go now to step gratefully into this holy week, walking reverently for holiness will be found in unlikely places, and may the Crucified One walk lovingly with you.

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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March 23, 2016

Wednesday of Holy Week

7:30 pm

\* indicates to stand as able

PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Rhosymedre*"

Edwards

OPENING SENTENCE

\* GATHERING HYMN

"*Seek Ye First*"

#349

\*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

John 8:2-11

MESSAGE

TIME OF HEALING PRAYERS

\* SENDING FORTH

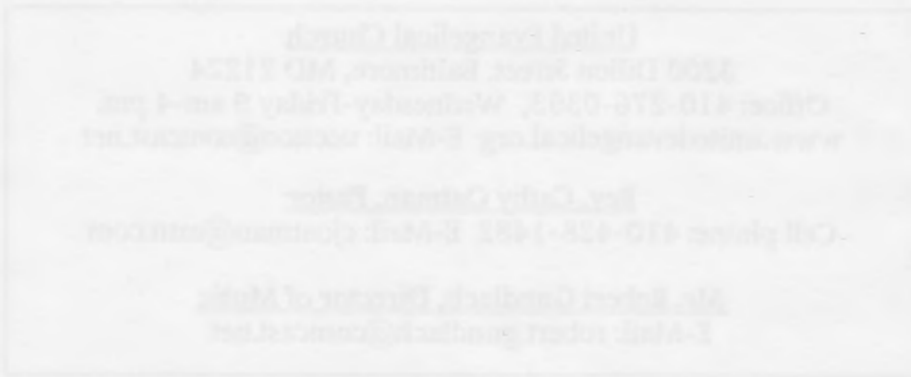
\* PARTING HYMN

*"What the Lord Has Done in Me"*

#360

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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*Eat this bread,  
and  
drink this cup*



REMEMBER ME...

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March 24, 2016

Maundy Thursday

7:30 pm

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### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Ah, Dearest Jesus"*

arr. Middleton

WELCOME

#### \* GATHERING WORDS

One: Come to the upper room,

Many: Where Christ shared his body and blood.

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

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

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

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

One: Come to Gethsemene,

Many: Where he prayed and was betrayed.

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

Many: We come to worship, to reflect upon the life of Christ, and to travel with Jesus the way of the Cross that we might remember what discipleship may cost.

#### \* OPENING HYMN

*"My Song is Love Unknown"*

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#### \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

### WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of the cross, once again we are here to listen to how our sin rejected your love come to us in Jesus of Nazareth. We confess our guilt of being involved in twisted politics. We admit our acts of hostility and abuse towards others. We as a nation participate in torture and allow for the execution of innocent people. Forgive our callousness, O Lord. Forgive us for being nonchalant

about injustice, forgetting that it still nails innocence to the cross. May our hearts be undone by the power of what we hear tonight, that we might no longer be satisfied by easy and glib answers but instead seek your truth and reconciliation in our lives and in our world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: On this holiest of nights, hear the good news: The God who liberated the Israelites from Egypt has come to us in Christ Jesus, to set us free from our sin and fill us with hope and peace.

Many: Thanks be to God.

**\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Wondrous Love

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

**\* PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

MUSICAL OFFERING *"Above All Powers" the Choir*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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

**\* HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*"Lamb of God"*

#281

MEDITATION

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering



## \* Doxology

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

## \* Prayer of Dedication

## \* SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Consecration and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: God of Last Suppers, we give you thanks for inviting us to join in this meal and for refreshing us with your love. As we go into this night may our hearts be opened to hear you in the broken hearted. May we bring your peace into the midst of the uncertainty and fears of our world. And may we be strengthened to walk and wait with your Chosen One through this long night, and to keep vigil at his cross. In the name of the Jesus we pray. Amen.

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

## GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

## \* HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

#272

## CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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## POSTLUDE

"O Savior Blest"

Bach

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The Son of Man  
will be *handed*  
over to be *crucified*



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March 25, 2016

Good Friday

7:30 pm

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Were You There?"*

arr. Innes

WELCOME

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come, let us worship the King as we walk with him from Gethsemane to Golgatha.

Many: For he is the Lord of the Universe who came into the world to seek and save the lost.

One: Lord, we are here because we know we need a Savior.

Many: We want to recognize anew your suffering and know your agony;

One: And to thank you for your wondrous love for us.

Many: We come to be gathered close and walk with you from Gethsemane to Golgatha.

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

One: Lord Jesus, it seems impossible that anyone would give what you did to save men and women like us;

Many: But you gave yourself freely for our sakes.

One: It seems unimaginable that anyone could love the way you did,

Many: But you loved so much that you laid down your life for our sakes.

One: It seems inconceivable that anyone would offer the forgiveness that you did even as nails pierced your flesh, and the cross was stained with your blood;

Many: But you did not hold our sin against us, and took on yourself the suffering that should have been ours.



One: Forgive us, O God.

All: Forgive us that we have allowed greed and violence, pride and deceit, bitterness and coldness to have a place in our hearts. Fill us again with your immeasurable grace, your inexhaustible love and your unconquerable life, that we may be changed and may express your love through our lives. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear this Good News from scripture: "In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Christ, God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things by making peace through the blood of his cross." By the love of God we have been forgiven and redeemed.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**THE PARADOX OF THE CROSS – A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE**

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

**A Reflection on the Paradox of the Cross**

**The Paradox of Safety**

#225: *I Wonder as I Wander (Verse 1)*  
(silent reflection)

Isaiah 9:6 \* John 18:12-27

**The Paradox of Power**

#225: *I Wonder as I Wander (Verse 2)*  
(silent reflection)

Isaiah 11:1-6 \* John 18:28-19:16a

**The Paradox of Family**

#192: *Mary Did You Know (Verse 1)*  
(silent reflection)

Isaiah 7:14 \* John 19:16b-27

**The Paradox of Blood**

Choir: *What Child Is This?*  
(silent reflection)

Isaiah 40:1-5 \* John 19:28-37

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHRIST LIGHT

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*Alleluia!*

He isn't here,  
but has been raised.

—Luke 24:6



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March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday

6:00 & 10:00 am

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### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

"Chorale Prelude on *Llanfair*"

Robinson

## *EARLY ON THE FIRST DAY*

The Light of Christ Comes

The Tomb is Empty - Luke 24:1-5

One: Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

Many: Christ is Risen indeed.

Eyes are Opened - Luke 24:13-16, 28-31a

One: Alleluia, Christ is Risen

Many: Christ is Risen indeed.

The Peace of Heaven Comes to Earth - Luke 24:33-34a, 36

One: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom  
God favors!

Many: For Christ is Risen!

One: Christ is Risen indeed.

Many: Alleluia!

\* 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.

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### WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O Holy God of New Life, you have rolled away the power of sin, yet we confess  
that we do not always live into the Easter message of hope and salvation. We live  
in ways that put ourselves and our own success first over the needs of others and  
the long-term needs of the world. We allow violence and hate to flourish in our  
lives instead of bringing forth your love and forgiveness. Forgive us for our selfish

ways and call us into the path of Christ, who humbled himself and gave himself up for us on the cross, so that death might be no more and that all can share in the joy of your salvation, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: By the Risen Christ we are forgiven, and empowered again to be builders of a new heaven and a new earth. For that good news we say...

Many: Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

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

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

Hyfrydol

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*6 am Solo by Diane Borkman \* 10 am "See What a Morning" 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 15:19-26

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 24:1-12

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"*

#289

**SERMON**

*"Where Heaven Touches Earth"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection      *"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"*

arr. DeCou

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

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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 forth to live boldly, as if death has no power over you. And may the peace and love of God go with you, empowering you to serve, and to proclaim: Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"The Day of Resurrection"*

#298

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Postlude on Easter Hymn"*

Innes

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# Believe

(be.lieve) verb;

1. Accept (something) as true;  
feel sure of the truth
2. To have faith, confidence  
and trust

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April 3, 2016

Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Adagio"*

Mozart

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Come let us worship the One who is, and was, and is to come;

Many: Joyfully let us praise Jesus Christ, our faithful witness, and first-born from the dead.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Thine is the Glory"*

#310

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of empty tombs, we confess that we sometimes find it difficult to believe in your message of hope and love in this world of oppression and fear. Forgive us for being silent when your words of new life need to be spoken. Forgive us for losing compassion in the difficult work of caring. Forgive us for turning away from the poor because we are overwhelmed by the despair. Come into our hearts, Risen Christ. Fill us with the power of resurrection, that we might bring your joy and abundant life into our wounded world. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good News: Jesus Christ has risen from the dead; prevailing over the power of death and sin, and pouring salvation into the souls of all who desire new life.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.*

Hyfrydol

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**            *"The Spirit of the Lord" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Acts 5:27-32

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Revelations 1:4-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 20:19-31

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"As We Gather at Your Table"*

#695

**SERMON**

*"Dare to Believe"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* NICENE CREED**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is  
your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the  
victory is yours.*

#514

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Meditation on The Strife is O'er"*

Young



\* 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: Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Go forth rejoicing in the power of God's love. And may the grace and strength  
of our Risen Lord go with you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Lift High the Cross"*

#287

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Postlude on Easter Hymn"*

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April 10, 2016

Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Prelude in G"*

Bach

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Brothers and sisters, if you are feeling empty: Come in!

Many: For here we will find Christ's abundance.

One: If you open your eyes but struggle to recognize the Holy One: Come in!

Many: For here we will find the Risen Christ.

One: If your life is filled with mourning: Come in!

Many: For here the Spirit will lead us in a dance of joy.

One: Come in, sisters and brothers!

Many: We come to give blessing and honor and glory to God!

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*

#138

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

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### WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Merciful and Generous God, you are the giver of all that is good and beautiful. You have blessed us with abundance, and out of this abundance you call us to care for each other, to feed and tend your sheep. Sometimes, however, we do not recognize your presence in all you call us to care for. We confess that like Saul our too-narrow vision stops us from seeing that our lives are bound together with each other and with the earth. We confess our failure to be stewards of your love and gifts, instead acting as self-righteous owners. Forgive us, and awaken us to be able to hear your voice, that we might share generously with all those you love. Teach us again that you have placed us in a network of relationships. Lead us to tend the gift of your Creation that we may feed the whole world community today and our children tomorrow. In Christ we pray. Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God's love for us is forever sure. Know that we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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Hyfrydol

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**      *"Ubi Caritas" (Live in Charity) The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Acts 9:1-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Revelations 5:11-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 21:1-19

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Open My Eyes"*

#480

**SERMON**

*"Now That I Have Your Attention"*

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**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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Prelude in C"*

Bach

\* 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 out into the world to seek the presence of the Risen Christ in each other and in all of Creation. And may God give you joyful courage to follow the command of Jesus:

Many: "Feed my lambs." "Tend my sheep." "Feed my sheep."

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

#559

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Grand Choir Dialogue"*

Gigout

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# The Lord is My Shepherd

--Psalm 23

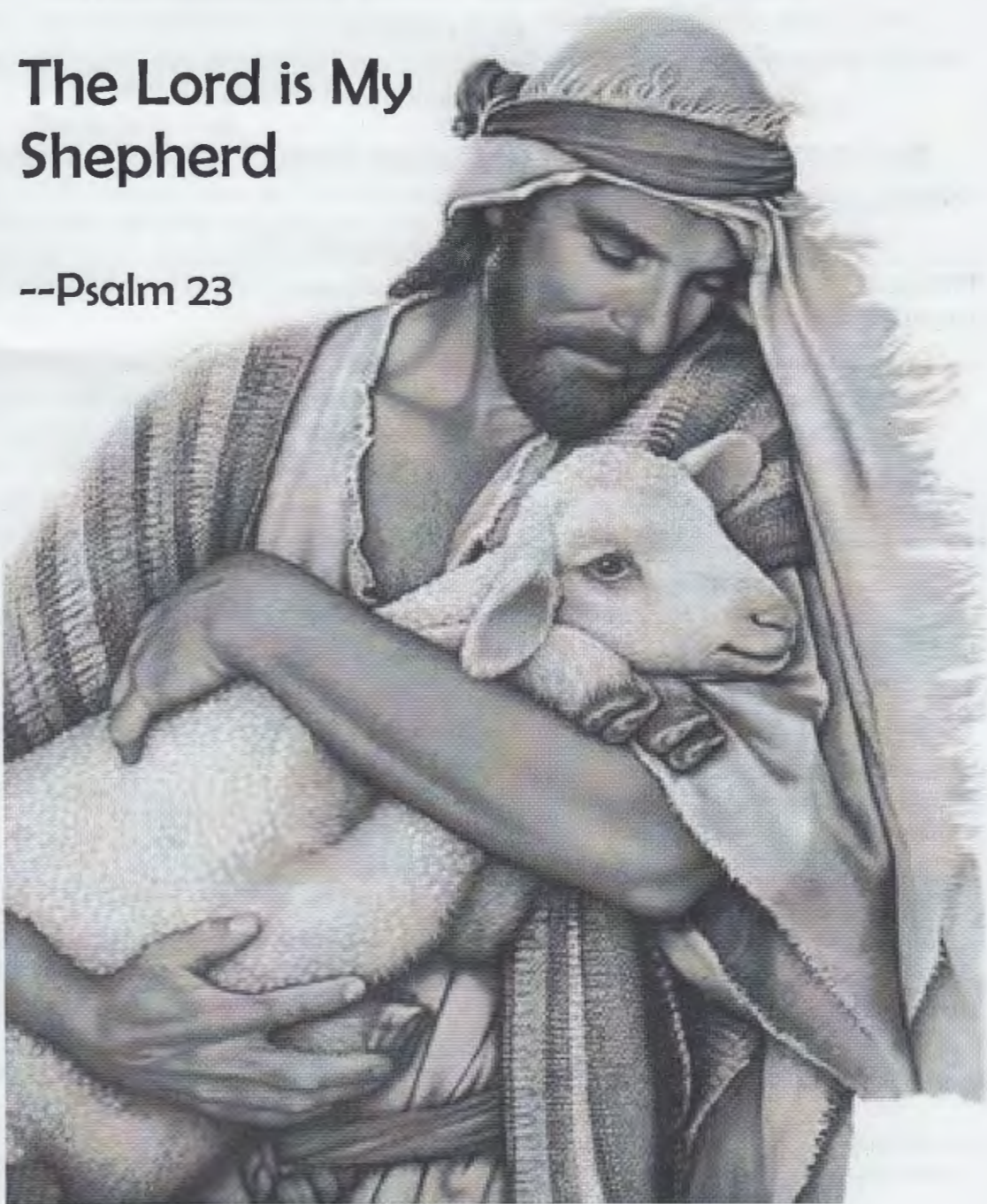


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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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April 17, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

arr. Johnson

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Our welcoming God invites us into this sacred space to find rest and be restored.

Many: The Lord is my Shepherd; from whom I have received all I have ever needed.

One: Our Generous God, guides us to meet together to share in fellowship and thanksgiving.

Many: The Lord is my Shepherd; I have everything I need.

One: Our Hospitable God, has prepared for us here, a great feast of blessings.

Many: The Lord is my Shepherd; I have everything I will ever need - for all time.  
Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power be unto our God.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"The Lord is 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: As the people you have called by name, O Loving God, we gather here like sheep, to encounter your restoring presence. Your vulnerable, powerful Lamb is our shepherd and guide, leading us to share the shelter of your abundant life. We confess, however, that we don't always listen for his voice. We see the marginalized and injustice around us, but in fear, we do not reach out or speak up. We hear our neighbors cry for help but we do not respond. Forgive our stubbornness, O God. May the Risen One, your Shepherd-Lamb, lead us to act for your justice and peace, so that all may drink from your springs of the waters of life, and find their tears of sorrow and pain wiped away. In the name of the Risen One we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the good news: God is leading us into places of hope; God offers us the waters of life; God is with us in every moment, in every place of our lives. for we are beloved and forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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

Hyfrydol

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**            *"Shepherd Me, O God" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Acts 9:36-43

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Revelation 7:9-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 10:22-30

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

#440

**SERMON**

*"Holy Imagination"*

**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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Brother James' Air"*

arr. Wright

\* 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: Gathered for worship, we are now sent to work,

Many: To find God in all the broken places and serve with healing and hope.

One: Having gathered in silence, we are now sent to speak,

Many: To share the words of Jesus about justice and inclusion of all.

One: Gathered for prayer, we are now sent to live,

Many: To take goodness and mercy and anoint everyone with these gifts of the Spirit.

One: Go forth in peace and confidence, following our trustworthy Shepherd through the valley of the shadow of death, to springs of living water for all.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well"*

#73

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Lord God"*

Pachelbel

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## ***Intergenerational Earth Day Service***



***And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and God rested...***

***--Genesis 2:2***

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April 24, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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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.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"Morning" from the Peer Gynt Suite*

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let us worship God, Sculptor of crag and canyon, meadow and mountain, vale and volcano.

Many: Let us worship God, for whom the rocks cry out!

One: Let us worship God, Painter of bluest sky, brilliant sunset, and blazing star-scape.

Many: Let us worship God, whose glory the heavens declare!

One: Let us worship God, Dance-master of gale and grassland, wind and willow, breeze and branch.

Many: Let us worship God, for whom the trees of the field clap their hands!

One: Let us worship God, Composer of birdsong and whale call, of harmonies chirped, whinnied, and howled.

Many: Let us worship God, whose praise all creation sings!

\* OPENING HYMN *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

#40

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: O God, you created the heavens and the earth, and saw that they were good. You created us, and called us to be stewards of it all, and you said it was good. But we confess, Creator God, that we have not lived up to your call. We have misused the dominion you gave us. We have overharvested the forests and the oceans, we have muddied the water and the air, we have extracted what we have needed from the earth leaving it scarred and polluted. Forgive our sins against Your Creation. Forgive and heal our short sightedness. Open our eyes to the plight of

your planet, and cleanse us of all indifference. Renew our sense of connection to all you have created and called "good." Refresh us by the power of your Spirit to be your people in these times and empower us to care for our Earth home with courage, tenderness and love, protecting, now, this sacred trust for generations yet to come. In Christ we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The God who creates us, calls us by name and loves us with an everlasting love. Friends, hear and believe the good news, this day we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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INTERACTIVE MUSICAL TIME	<i>"The Butterfly Song"</i>	see insert
INTERACTIVE SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Creation Story</i>	Genesis 1
SONG	<i>"What a Wonderful World"</i>	see insert
MEDITATION		Revelation 21:1-6

#### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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A PRAYER OF THANKS FOR THE GIFTS OF CREATION see insert

#### 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 *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

\* 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 touch the earth lightly, to use the earth gently, and to nourish the life of the world in our care. And may the God of all living, the God of all loving, the God of the seedling, the snow and the sun, teach us, direct us, and make us one.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"This is My Father's World"*

#21

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"*

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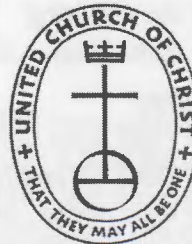
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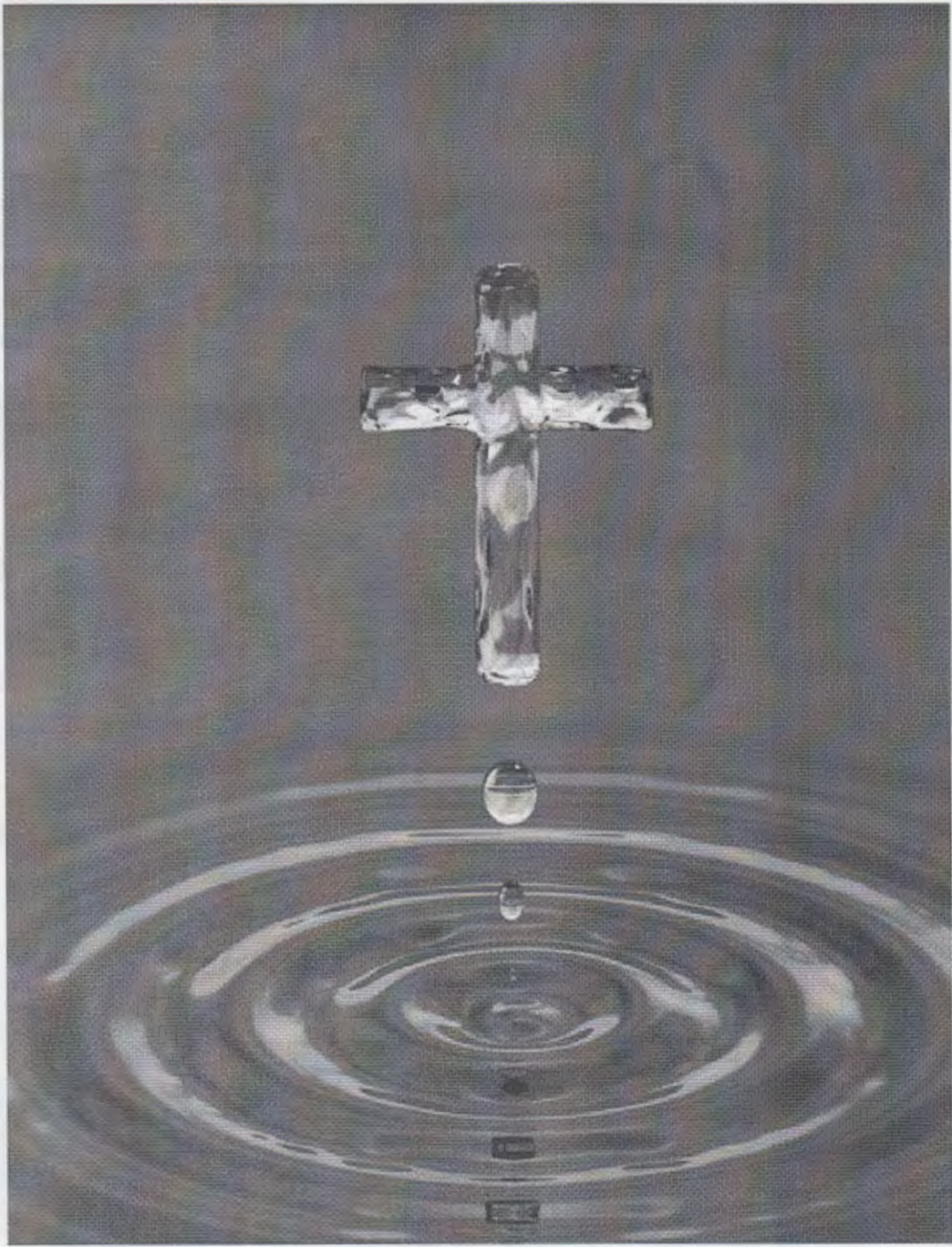
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May 1, 2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

\* indicates to stand as able

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### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Shall We Gather at the River"*

arr. DeCou

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: God calls us to this place, a haven for healing and hope.

Many: We come with the pain of our burdens to hear God's Word for us.

One: Together, as we will sing songs of joy; each of us will hear God whisper to our heart.

Many: Here, our shadowed corners will be filled with Light; here we discover that God dwells with us.

One: Here we will drink from the river of the water of life and be refreshed.

Many: Let us join our voices in prayer and praise; worshiping the One whose glory shines around us.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

#48

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

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### WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Almighty God, you are far-seeing, far-reaching, far-beyond our wildest imagination. You call us into your vision, to seek what you desire for us, yet too often we seek after the vision that the world gives. We strive for financial abundance and positions of status and power. We say that we love you but do not keep your word. We rush by those in need with not even a thought of you. Forgive us, Lamb of God, and enlighten our path. Open the gates of our minds and our hearts that your word may penetrate to the depth of our being. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.





\* 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: Refreshed by the water from the river of life for the work set before us, let us go  
to bring healing to the nations. And may God be gracious to us and bless us.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Now Let Us From This Table Rise"*

#715

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"*

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May 8, 2016

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Adagio"*

Mozart

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Called to listen,

Many: We open the ears of our souls to hear the promises of God.

One: Called to serve,

Many: We open our hearts to share the compassion of Jesus.

One: Called to hope,

Many: We open our eyes to follow the Spirit in bringing peace to all who need it.

One: Called to worship,

Many: We come to drink from the Waters of Life.

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Mysterious God, you reveal yourself in Jesus, who gives us a glimpse of your glory and teaches us to be one: one in love for each other, one in love for creation, one in peace with all who find in him the Way to You. Forgive us for the times that we misuse others, when we exploit people solely for our own gain; for the times when we judge others and put them down because of who they are or where they come from. Forgive us for the times when we think only of ourselves and don't ponder the consequences of our actions. Call us into good stewardship of our time and gifts that we might live for you and for others as the body of Christ, and not for ourselves. In the name of the One who has called us to be one, we pray.  
Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In Christ we are forgiven and refreshed and empowered to celebrate all God's good gifts and to share them in justice and peace:

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.*

Hyfrydol

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** *"Forever" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 16:16-34

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING** Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON** John 17:20-26

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

**\* HYMN** *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"* #317

**SERMON** *"What's Next?"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* APOSTLE'S CREED** first page of hymnal

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

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

#514

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection

*"All Hail King Jesus"*

Moody

\* 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: Renewed in unity, thirsting for justice, go out as servants of Jesus Christ.

Many: We go as Christ's disciples to make a difference in the world.

One: Go out to proclaim that all who are thirsty can find respite and relief.

Many: We go out in one spirit to work together for the greater glory of God.

One: May the peace of Christ guide your going.

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 15, 2016

Pentecost Sunday

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"*

arr. Johnson

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Here we are given water.

Many: To renew our arid paths.

One: Here we are given fire.

Many: To ignite our dreams.

One: Here we are given winds.

Many: To move us towards our visions.

One: Here we are given the Spirit.

Many: The Holy Spirit of Pentecost is here.

One: Come, Holy Spirit.

Many: Come, Breath of God, and lead us in our worship.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"On Pentecost They Gathered"*

#334

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God of Wind and Fire, as we gather on this day of Pentecost and are reminded how your Spirit embraces all our diversity, we confess that we have not been one. We confess that we have thought ourselves better than others, that we have allowed petty reasons to divide us rather than working together across differences. We admit that sometimes we don't always want to reconcile, or forgive, or listen to those different from us. Forgive us for our foolish ways. Help us to walk the humble way of Christ who went to the cross to reconcile us to you. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Like the warm rain that falls in the summertime or the light snow of winter, God's grace is showered upon us, reminding us that this is the moment to begin again.  
Know that we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Spirit Blowing Through Creation" 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 8:14-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 14:8-17, 25-27

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

#326

**SERMON**

*"Seeing Visions and Dreaming Dreams"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CONFIRMATION RENEWAL LITANY**

see insert

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

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**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

Akers

\* Doxology

Hamburg

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

\* Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go forward in the Spirit of God, working to collaborate with all creation, giving hope to the hopeless, and creating a world and Church that reflects God's heaven.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"Old Rugged Cross"*

#260

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Come Holy Spirit, Creator Blest"*

Bach

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We boast in our suffering,  
knowing that suffering produces endurance  
and endurance produces character,  
and character produces hope...

--Romans 5:3-4

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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

May 22, 2016

Trinity Sunday

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Meditations on Holy, Holy, Holy"*

Post

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Praise to God our Creator, source of our being and wellspring of life.

Many: Praise to God our liberator, who sets us free and gives us hope.

One: Praise to God the Word, love made flesh to dwell among us.

Many: Praise to Jesus the Christ, who feeds the hungry and shows us the Way.

One: Praise to God the Spirit, fiery light and rushing wind.

Many: Praise to the Holy Spirit, who inspires, challenges, comforts, and sustains us.

One: Come let us worship the Earth-maker, the Cross-bearer, and the Life-giver

Many: Let us worship God!

\* 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

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## \* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O Merciful God, your words of wisdom and understanding echo down the ages. Your words reverberate in our homes, our workplaces, our schools, our church committee meetings, our legislatures and our courts, and yet we have failed to listen to you. We have failed to follow the lessons of Jesus; we have failed to heed the teachings of Scripture on the way of justice and peace. Forgive us. Show us another way. Open our ears so that we can hear wisdom's call. Set our hearts ablaze with your healing fire that we might follow and serve you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, hear this great good news: God's mercy is as wide as the ocean. So let your hearts receive the outpouring of God's love that forgives us.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Bring Many Names" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 5:1-5

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 16:12-15

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Blessed Assurance"*

#426

**SERMON**

*"Boasting in Suffering"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

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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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Variation on *Holy, Holy, Holy*"

Post

\* 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 our Creator who crowns each of us with glory and honor, Christ Jesus who bears our pain and shows us the Way, and the Holy Spirit who gives us light and life, go with you and fill you with strength, courage, hope, and love.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"*Christ for the World! We Sing*"

#561

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"*Fanfare on Holy, Holy, Holy*"

Post

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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May 29, 2016

Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

*"Come Down, O Love Divine"*

Held

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: O Lord, today we lift up our voices with all creation praising you.

Many: To declare your glory and sing of your wisdom and beauty.

One: Let us learn today what it is to be your people.

Many: May we learn what it is to be truly faithful.

One: Friends of God, let us sing to the Lord a new song; let all the earth sing to the Lord.

Many: Let us bless the name of the Lord as we worship the God of our salvation.

\* 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: Gracious God, you astonish us with your generosity. You pour forth your goodness on all you have made, and are not limited by the barriers we place on your grace. We confess that we don't see you in the hearts of strangers as we do in friends, in enemies, as we do neighbors. When we fail to welcome one another with compassion, curiosity and care; when we let caricature and stereotype block the possibility of relationship; when we forget that your grace is at work changing hearts and minds; forgive us. Help us see the world more like you do. Let your grace flow through us here and now that we may see all peoples as you see them--beautiful, whole, deserving of mercy and justice. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who offers to all abundant life. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, the love of God revealed in Jesus reconciles us, heals us and sets us free.  
Know that we are loved and forgiven.

Many Thanks be to God.

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"No Greater Love" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

1 Kings 18:20-39

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Galatians 1:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 7:1-10

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"I Stand in Awe"*

#53

**SERMON**

*"Speak the Word"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* 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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for*

#514

*the victory is yours.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"We Walk By Faith"*

Haugen

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 out into the world to be a channel for the grace of God, astonishing the discouraged with hope, the divided with friendship, and the fearful with generosity. And may the love of Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be given to us to share with all!

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Jesus, Come, For We Invite You"*

#669

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Postlude on America"*

Smith

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Impossible is nothing

*Fear seized all of them;*

*--Luke 7:16*

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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June 5, 2016

Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

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## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Happy are those whose hope is in God, the Maker of heaven and earth,

Many: For God keeps faith forever!

One: God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food for the hungry.

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

One: God lifts up those who are bowed down.

Many: God watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow.

One: People of God, sing praise to the One who is your help,

Many: For God keeps faith forever!

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

#71

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Faithful God, you draw near to us in our joy and in our grief, in our hope and in our despair. You are there for us in all the moments of life. Yet we confess, O God, that when we feel burdened our vision narrows and we don't always recognize you. Fear of scarcity makes us focus on our own survival. We regard strangers with suspicion and find it difficult to share. We speak words that we regret and keep silent when we need to speak. Weariness and discouragement sap our energy and our faith. We wonder how there could be good news that is not of our own making. We, whom you call to be an Easter people, are in need of resurrection. We turn to you now in search of your healing touch. God of compassion and love, move among us this hour. Open our eyes, dispel our fears,

and show us the real life you have to offer. We pray this in the name of the Risen One, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the good news: God's forgiveness heals us. God's grace dispels our weariness and discouragement. God's love clears our vision. God's compassion lifts our burdens. We are forgiven and made new!

All: Thanks be to God.

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

#733

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**                      *"Make Us One" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

1 Kings 17:8-24

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Galatians 1:11-24

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 7:11-17

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"As We Gather at Your Table"*

#695

**SERMON**

*"Changing the Unchangeable"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514



SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Thy Table I Approach"*

Kretchzar

\* Doxology

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

\* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go from this place filled with new life, ready to bear the good news of God's promises. And should you find yourself feeling worried or discouraged this week, remember and trust that God keeps faith forever. And may the wondrous love of God, the healing power of Christ Jesus, and the bold courage of the Holy Spirit, go with you today and always.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

#411

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Christ the Lamb of God"*

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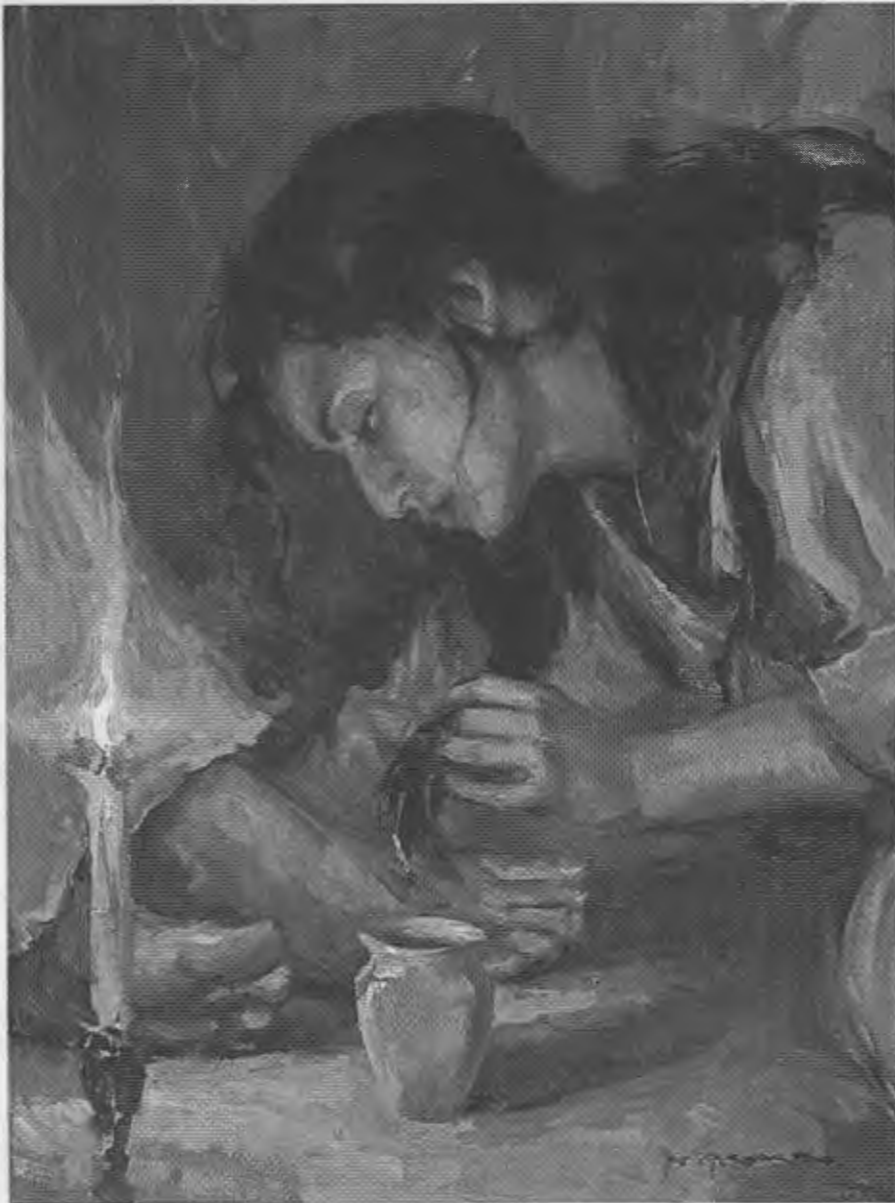
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**Your sins are forgiven.**

**--Luke 7:48**

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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June 12, 2016

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Adagio"*

Franck

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come, let us worship and bow down in awe of God's steadfast love for us.

Many: For God gives ear to our words; God listens to the sound of our cries.

One: Come, let us take refuge in the God of our salvation.

Many: For God is our shield, our protection in times of trouble.

One: Come, let us rejoice and sing for joy!

Many: For God is surely in this place! Let us worship God!

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Loving God, we come acknowledging your generosity to us and yet we know that there are times when our wants far exceeds what we need. Like King Ahab, we can become resentful and sullen when we don't get our way, and even resort to wrongdoing to acquire what we desire. Additionally we are reluctant to acknowledge the consequences of our own selfishness, ignoring your cries for justice. Forgive us, O God, and help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Open our ears to hear what you have to say to us. Open our hearts to feel your inspiration and guidance. Give us the courage to follow you wherever you may lead us. We offer this prayer in the name of our guide and friend, Jesus Christ. Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Sisters and brothers, hear this good news: No barrier we erect can obstruct the flow of God's healing waters, for forgiveness pours forth from God like tears of joy. Be filled with peace knowing that we are forgiven and restored.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Grace Flows Down" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

1 Kings 21:1-21a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Galatians 2:15-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 7:36-8:3

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Amazing Grace"*

#422

**SERMON**

*"Being in Debt"*

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**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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Come Holy Spirit"*

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 forth from this place to speak truth to power when it's needed; to show great love even when it's risky; and to take refuge in God when you get lonely or scared. And may the abundant, steadfast love of God, the peace of Christ, and the joy of the Holy Spirit go with you today and always.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"Lord, Speak to Me"*

#593

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Postlude on God of Grace and God of Glory"*

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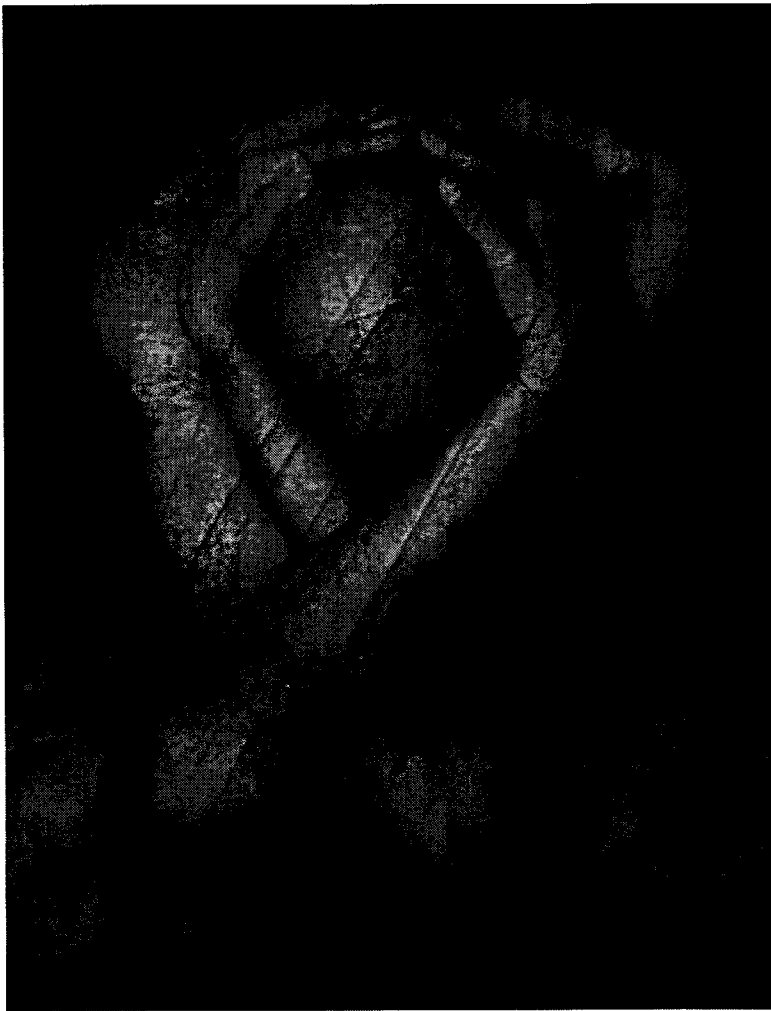
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As Jesus stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.

--Luke 8:27

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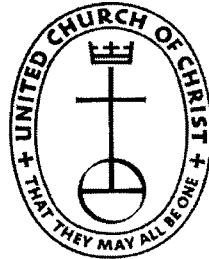
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June 19, 2016

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Adagio for Strings"*

Barber

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.

Many: We come in search of help and hope.

One: Come, all who are acquainted with grief or oppression.

Many: We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.

One: Come, all who are in need of good news.

Many: We come in search of joy, truth, and light.

One: Come and find refuge in God our rock.

Many: Let us again praise the One who is our help and our hope.

\* 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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God, you come to us not in the chaos of a whirlwind, or in the roar of an earthquake, or in the crackling heat of fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. Yet we confess, O God, that we often find ourselves distracted by a legion of destructive voices that make false promises. We believe the voices that tell us that safety and security reside in ample bank accounts; that success leads to real happiness. We equate power with dominating others. We hold fast to pain and anger as if they were treasure in a chest. We soothe our fear of failure with substances that do harm. We feed our hunger for love and approval with food that does not satisfy. Break hold of the chains that bind us, O God. Set us free from the tombs in which we dwell. Quiet our minds, bring peace to our hearts and stillness to our bodies that we might meet you in that silence. Help us to listen for your still, small voice. Give us the courage to go wherever you lead us,

trusting that you will prepare the way. We pray this in the name of our Companion on the journey, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, hear this good news: In Christ, God calls us forth from the tomb to the light of new life. The healing power of God's forgiveness restores us to wholeness, releases us from the chains that bind us, and sets us free to be children of God!

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"God With Us" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

1 Kings 19:1-15a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Galatians 3:23-29

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 8:26-39

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

**\* HYMN**

*"As the Deer"*

#471

**SERMON**

*"Seized with Great Fear"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* 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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Adagio"*

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

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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go forth into the world with hope,

Many: For no chain can bind and no tomb can contain the healing life Christ offers each of us.

One: Go and make room for quiet, still places amidst the chaos of everyday life,

Many: For there we will find God.

One: Go and dare to proclaim all that God has done for you,

Many: For there are many who need our good news.

One: Go, knowing that the light of God shall lead you, the presence of Christ shall guide you, and the power of the Holy Spirit shall uphold you, this day and always.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"*

#470

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Prelude in C"*

Bach





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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.  
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June 26, 2016

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"*

arr. Hustad

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Beloved of God, who have come seeking the Holy One, come and take refuge in the Lord. Come, for in God's presence there is fullness of joy.

Many: We come to know the presence of our loving God. We are here to be shown the path of life.

One: Let us bless the One who gives us counsel.

Many: Let us together celebrate the ways of our Holy God.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"How Great Thou Art"*

#51

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: In the shelter of your love, O God, we lay before you our troubles, our longings, our hopes, our mistakes. We confess that we struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit, and instead find ourselves bound by works of the flesh. We know the whole law is summed up in the single commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. Yet we create fences around ourselves to keep neighbors outside and tell ourselves we have no responsibility. Even in our own back yard we "bite and devour" one another. When Jesus calls us to follow him, we find every excuse to instead go home or to the workplace to finish something we think more important, first. We wish it were different. We yearn to be more centered on You. Forgive us, Holy God, and come and offer us your mantle of love and power in this place. Let its power open us to new ways through difficulty, struggle and loss into your Spirit's realm of joy and peace. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Despite our resistance, we can be assured that God's strong arm redeems us. No matter how often we forget, no matter how far we stray, we need but ask and we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"In This Very Room" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 9:51-62

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"*

#520

**SERMON**

*"Jesus Set His Face: Will We?"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* 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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"*

Matthews

\* 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 wearing the mantle given by our God. Go to part the waters of injustice, and to make a way for compassion to be offered to all that God loves. And may the love of God, the single-mindedness of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"*

#513

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Grand Choeur Dialogue"*

Gigout

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*For freedom Christ has set us free.*

*--Galatians 5:1*



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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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July 3, 2016

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Prelude on *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*" Innes

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let us sing praises to God, and give thanks to God's holy name.

Many: For God does not abandon us in our distress. God's healing presence restores us to life.

One: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Many: Indeed, God turns our mourning into dancing; God takes off our sackcloth and clothes us with joy.

One: Let us not be silent, but praise our Living God!

Many: O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to you forever!

\* OPENING HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #261

## \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

## \* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for all the blessings we experience—the freedom to worship you without fear, the bounty and diversity of your creation, and the precious gift of unexpected joy. O God, we know that Jesus sent out his disciples without purse, luggage, or sandals. Yet all too often, we find ourselves clinging to possessions we don't need, looking for safety by avoiding risk, and bearing heavy burdens that slow us down. Forgive us for our reluctance to trust in your provision and heal us of our lust for material things.

*Silent Reflection*

One: Holy One, the Apostle Paul encouraged the Galatians not to grow weary, but to use every opportunity to work for the good of all. And yet, hectic schedules,



competing demands, cynicism, and doubt erode our commitment and leave us feeling burned out.

All: Forgive us for squandering time on unimportant things instead of being devoted to the things that endure. Forgive us and immerse us in your healing presence, O God. Refresh and renew us that we might become faithful laborers in your harvest of peace, justice, and joy. We pray in the name of our great Healer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: There is no pain that God cannot heal. There is no wrong that God cannot forgive. Immersed in the healing waters of God's forgiveness, we are restored and made whole.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

#733

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MUSICAL OFFERING *"Even in the Valley" Solo by Diane Borkman*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

2 Kings 5:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Galatians 6:1-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

**\* HYMN**

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

#638

**SERMON**

*"Freedom, Pride and Humility"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection      *"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"*

Taylor  
Old 100th

\* Doxology

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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

**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go forth from this place refreshed and empowered to labor for the good of all, to notice God's presence in simple, everyday experiences, and to trust that you carry within you all that you need to do the ministry to which God calls you. And may the blessing and joy of God, our Creator, Healer, and Life-Giver go with you today and always.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"America, the Beautiful"*

#727

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Postlude on America, the Beautiful"*

Koulroy

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*The Good Samaritan after Eugène Delacroix*  
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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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July 10, 2016

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Blessed is our God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

Many: Blessed is our God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.

One: We are called to love and defend our brothers and sisters who suffer in silence.

Many: We are called to speak up for righteousness.

One: Blessed is our God, whose compassion is poured out on every single person.

Many: Come, let us celebrate together the power of God's love.

\* OPENING HYMN                    *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*                    #569

### \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: O God of mercy, we confess that we let ourselves get so busy that we forget the cause of the poor and the suffering. We confess that we allow the powers of this world to seduce us into selfishness and silence our witness. And we admit that we need your forgiveness. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh upon us; allow your presence to fill us with power from on high. Teach us to champion the cause for justice for all, strengthen us to love our neighbor and speak truth no matter the risk. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good News! We are forgiven; for God has rescued us and redeemed us from our sins, setting aside judgment to shower us with mercy.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Amos 7:7-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Colossians 1:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 10:25-37

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"*

#273

**SERMON**

*"Won't You Be My Neighbor?"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* 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**

#514

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

**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 from here empowered to love and speak truth each day. As we leave from this place, we leave not from God's presence, for God's grace goes with us, God's peace enfolds us, and God's love surrounds us as we travel.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"The Summons"*

#350

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

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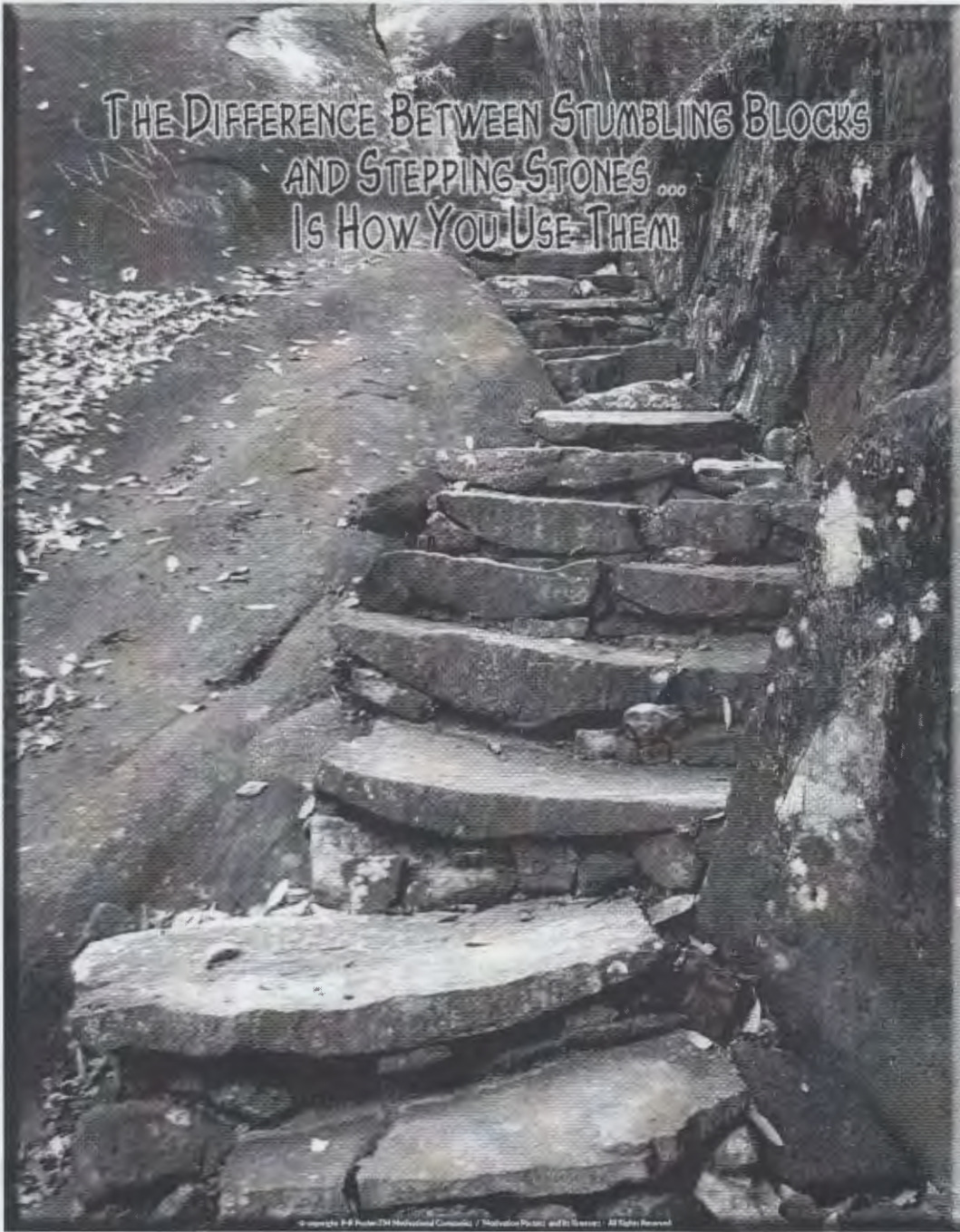


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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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July 17, 2016

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

*"We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit"*

Buxtehude

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Christ is in our midst! Let us make ourselves ready.

Many: We will throw open the doors to our hearts. We will lay down our burdens and set aside our distractions. We will delight in his presence.

One: Here we receive good news: Nothing is too wonderful for God!

Many: So let us laugh and sing, rest and listen, dance and praise—Let us worship God!

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

#48

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

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## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Gracious, inviting God, you continually provide us with opportunities to practice generous hospitality. But our fear of difference, our reluctance to share, and our desire to be in control makes our welcome appear weak and insincere. Because we long for what is familiar and comfortable, we have difficulty honoring the stranger as a sacred guest who bears the face of Christ. Worn out and irritated by the work we think we must do, we miss opportunities to receive the gifts that such guests offer us. Forgive us, O God, for focusing on the wrong things. Show us how to do what is right. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God hears the difficult truths we have named aloud and in the silence of our hearts. Know that God's wonderful forgiveness flows over you, setting you free to serve God with love.

Many: Thanks be to God!



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

#733

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"The Center of Your Will" Solo by Diane*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**READING:**

Amos 8:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 8:1-11

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

**Continuing Testament:**

"Isn't it strange how princes and kings, and clowns that caper in sawdust rings, and common people, like you and me, are builders for eternity?"

Each is given a list of rules; a shapeless mass; a bag of tools. And each must fashion, ere life is flown, a stumbling block, or a stepping stone." R. L. Sharpe (1809)

**SERMON**

**"Stumbling Blocks or Stepping Stones"**

**\* HYMN**

*"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"*

#486

**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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

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

Call for the Offering



Musical Reflection

"Adagio from Chorale No. 3"

Franck  
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 out into the world to serve God with love. Be ready to laugh with delight at the good news God has to offer. Make room at your table for unexpected guests. When the work of discipleship leaves you weary or frustrated, rest in Christ's presence and listen to what he is saying. And may the blessing of God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, go with you today and always.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Near the Cross"

#479

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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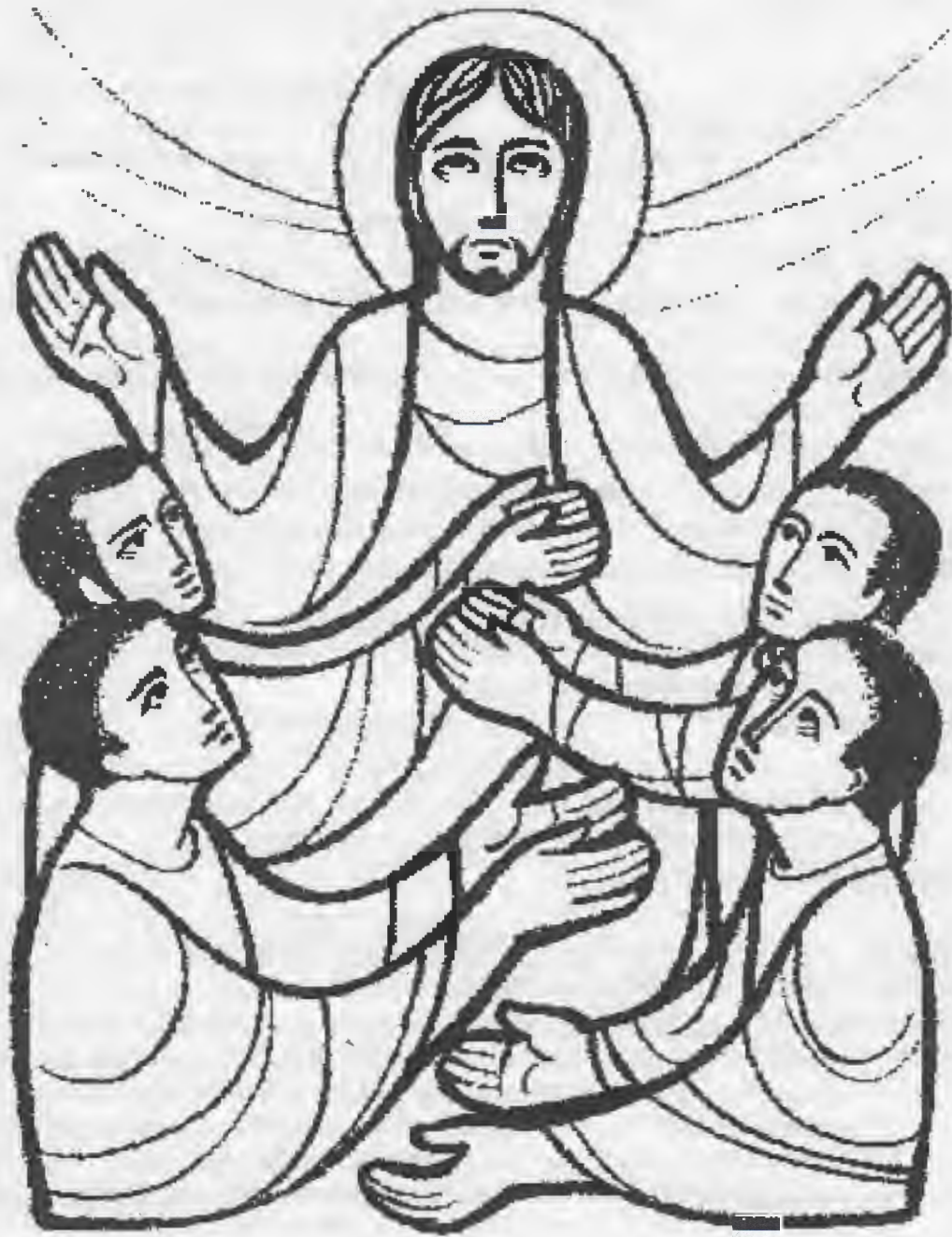
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July 24, 2016

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"The Lord's Prayer"*

Malotte

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: In this place of holiness we can come with our fears, our doubts; all the questions of our hearts.

Many: We come to this place to hear God speak to us words of peace, words of hope and of joy.

One: It is in this place of discovery that we can come searching.

Many: We come to this place to find the One who has been looking for us.

One: It is in this place of openness that we can come knocking.

Many: We come to this place to be embraced by the One whose heart is never locked.

One: Come let us worship God.

Many: We come to celebrate the mystery of God-with-us: Christ, who lives fully in us and in whom we fully live.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

#544

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God of goodness, we come before you with the sincere desire to be faithful. Yet we are often misguided and fail to reflect your image in our lives. We confess we are seduced by the lure of greater wealth and the accumulation of things. We confess our hard hearts in the face of the destruction of your creation. We acknowledge that we are sometimes overwhelmed with the disparity between rich and poor and that we do not know how to respond. Forgive and heal us, we pray. Help us to build your kingdom of peace and justice. Help us find true contentment in your presence and your grace. May we have the strength to repent, to turn around. We ask in your holy name, Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the Good News: God has made us alive with Christ, forgiving all our trespasses, and erasing the record that stood against us. God set our sin aside, nailing it to the cross. Rejoice for we are fully 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**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**     *"How Great Is Our God" Members of the Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Hosea 1:2-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Colossians 2:6-19

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 11:1-13

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Seek Ye First"*

#349

**SERMON**

*"Pray Like This..."*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* 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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"You Are My All in All"*

Jernigan

\* 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 out into the world with prayer and gratitude, to offer to the earth and its people the fullness of God's joy, justice and peace which we have in Christ. And may God's love, Christ's grace, and the Spirit's wonder go with you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"*

#589

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Prelude in C"*

Bach

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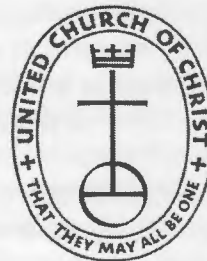
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*'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you.  
And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'*

*--Luke 12:20*

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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

July 31, 2016

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### PRELUDE

*Bell Tone*

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let us give thanks to our GOD who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever!

Many: We are the people God loves. God has gathered us in from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

One: Some have been wandering, hungry and thirsty; looking for safety and finding none.

Many: In our trouble we cried out to God who delivered us from distress.

One: Let us thank our GOD for steadfast love; for God satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things.

Many: Let us give thanks to our GOD who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever!

\* 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

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*Bell Tone*

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

All: O God, like a father who teaches his child to walk, like a mother who feeds and heals her children, you desire to nourish all people and rescue us from injustice. You call us into this work of justice-making and care; yet we confess that we follow other paths. We make choices that lead to violence and destruction. Forgive us and teach us how to put aside all temptations that lead to violence. With Christ as our guide, may we grow into "a new self" in your image:

generous, compassionate, and welcoming; with Christ's inclusive love that sees beyond difference and extends the hand of peace to strangers. We pray in the name of the One who was called the Prince of Peace, Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*Bell Tone*

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Bell Tone*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Hosea 11:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Colossians 3:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 12:13-21

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

**\* HYMN**

*"Seek Ye First"*

#349

*Bell Tone*

**SERMON**

*"Let It Go"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**\* APOSTLE'S CREED**

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*Bell Tone*

**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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

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

*Bell Tone*

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**

*Bell Tone*

One: Go now into the world, renewed in hope and dedication to serve God with all your heart and strength and to work for reconciliation among all of God's peoples. And may the love of God, the grace of Christ and the freedom of the Spirit direct your steps.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"*

#590

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

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For where  
your treasure  
is, there your  
heart will be  
also.

—Luke 12:34



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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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August 7, 2016

Twelfth 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: Come, listen to the One who speaks and summons the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Many: We have come to see the One who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.

One: Come, bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice that honors the One who shows the salvation of God.

Many: We have come ready for a new dawn to worship the God of our salvation.

\* OPENING HYMN

"*Rejoice in God's Saints*"

#531

\* 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 the prophet Isaiah and our God, you call us to righteousness and justice but we confess that our hands are stained with sins that are like scarlet; crimson red. Our hands need to be washed with your forgiveness to be like bright wool, as beautiful as fresh snow. God of mercy, remove the evil of our doings so we may learn to do good! God of mercy, remove confusion from our doings so we may seek justice! God of mercy, remove fear from our doings so we may rescue the oppressed! God of mercy, remove hopelessness from our doings so we may defend the orphan! God of mercy, remove complacency from our doings so we may plea for the widow! God of compassion, bring us back into true friendship with you through your boundless forgiveness. In Christ we pray. Amen.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good News: By grace, we are gathered to God, forgiven and restored.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

#733

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 12:32-40

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

**\* HYMN**

*"Find Us Faithful"*

#497

**SERMON**

*"Stumbling Block"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* NICENE CREED**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"By Faith"*

Getty

**\* 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**

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†(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: Let us go forth setting our hearts on the unfailing treasure in heaven. And may we go to follow the footsteps of Christ into the world, unconditionally serving in love all who dwell on this earth, that we may proclaim and live the Good News.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

#698

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Prelude in C"

Bach

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*... My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes...*

*-Isaiah 5:1-2*

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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August 14, 2016

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let us sing to the God of Hosts

Many: Who provides for us, and whom we worship in this space.

One: How awesome is our God

Many: Who created from nothing all that is beautiful in this world;

One: Who anticipates our every need; who loves us beyond measure.

Many: O God, our God give heed to our presence. Hear our voices lifted up to you in praise.

### \* 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

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

All: Most Gracious God, as we greet you once again in this sacred space, we know that our lives are like vines you have planted, watered and protected. How generous are your provisions for us! You provide for us out of your steadfast love and ask in return that we respond to your love by working for justice: nourishment and protection for all. You expect that we will seek righteousness as a way of life. But so often O God, we fail to live being mindful of others in a caring, just and righteous way. When your love and justice do not flow through our lives, our community withers, and so do we. Forgive us, O God! In your loving care, show us again the way to participate in your realm. May your Word speak to our hearts and reveal again your desires for us. In Christ we pray.  
Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: My friends, be assured that God hears our petitions and God loves us still! As God's forgiven people, we are free to live into God's vision for us.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 5:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 12:49-56

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

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

#248

**SERMON**

*"Passionate Farming"*

**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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

**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: This week look to Jesus as the perfecter of our faith – have faith in the work and power of the Holy Spirit through whom God’s work in us is accomplished. And may God’s blessings, Christ’s love and the Holy Spirit’s encouragement be yours.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

#96

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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*And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit  
that had crippled her for eighteen years.*

*--Luke 13:11*

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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August 21, 2016

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come into God's presence all who are thirsty and parched, like an unwatered garden:

Many: For the Divine One is a spring of water!

One: Come into God's presence all who are weary from worry and work:

Many: For the Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!

One: Come into God's presence all who are lost or confused:

Many: For the Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!

One: Come into God's presence all who are bent over with struggle or pain:

Many: For the Healing One empowers us to stand strong!

One: Come into God's presence and be refreshed and restored, enfolded and empowered.

Many: Let us worship our God of comforting 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

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

All: O God of all goodness, the prophets' words tell us what we are to do in order to build your realm: Offer food to the hungry, reach out to the afflicted, remove the yokes of oppression and injustice, overcome despair and complaint in struggle. We confess that we struggle with this prophetic guidance, and too often fail in our attempts to build your beloved community. Holy One, forgive us and heal us. Take from our hearts whatever holds us back from being your courageous people. Show us the way to confidence and generosity so that we

may be known as repairers of the broken places and restorers of streets to safety and peace. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Though we may have strayed, Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant, is faithful to forgive. Hear the Good News: we are restored, set free and healed.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Hebrews 12:18-29

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 13:10-17

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

**\* HYMN**

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

#638

**SERMON**

*"Healing One Another"*

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**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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

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: Now let us go forth in God's love, and with God's power to help all people to "stand up straight", offering all wholeness in the name of God. And may God's love, Christ's healing and the Spirit's wisdom guide our going.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

#559

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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*For all who exalt  
themselves will be  
humbled, and those  
who humble themselves  
will be exalted.*

*--Luke 14:11*

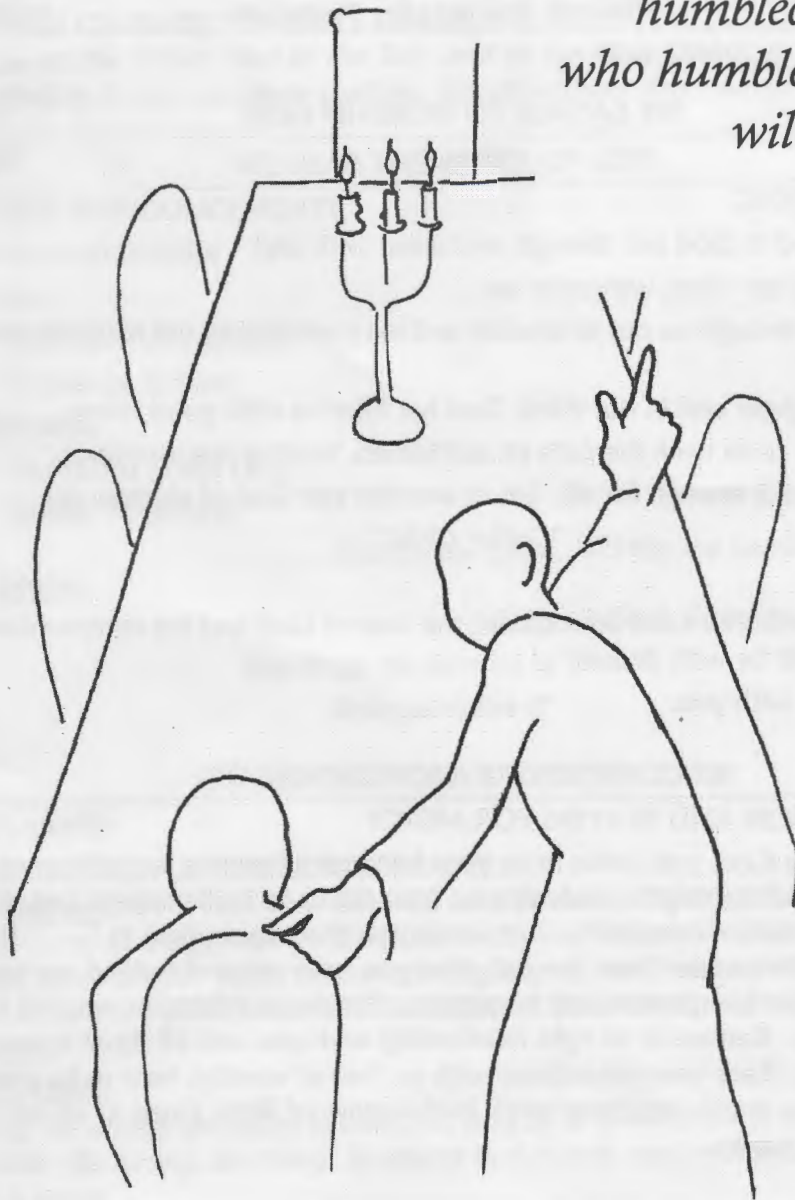


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August 28, 2016

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Elegy"*

Thalben-Ball

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Sing aloud to God our strength and shout with joy!

Many: For God, our Host, welcomes us.

One: God has brought us out of trouble and has provided all we have needed along the way:

Many: In our hunger and in our thirst, God has filled us with good things.

One: God calls us to walk the path of faithfulness, trusting the promise:

Many: That there is enough for all. Let us worship our God of abundance!

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Gather Us In"*

#649

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Hospitable God, you invite us to your banquet where the last is first, and the humble and the mighty trade places. You call us to invite others, showing them this same radical hospitality. Yet we confess that we struggle to live out your calling. We wander from the path that you have set, and instead are led away from justice, compassion and hospitality. Forgive our faithlessness and our arrogance. Restore us to right relationship with you and all those in our midst. Help us to share your abundance with no fear of scarcity; help us to greet strangers as angels you have sent! In the name of Jesus, Guest at all our tables, we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God is merciful and slow to anger. God seeks the lost and extends an invitation to come home again and again. God welcomes us when we return. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel,

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Jeremiah 2:4-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 14:1, 7-14

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"*

#651

**SERMON**

Being a Maître d'

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* 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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514



SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Make Me a Servant"*

Willard

\* 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 into the world renewed and restored to share the Good News that there is a place for everyone at God's banquet table. And may God's welcoming spirit go with you and guide you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"O Christ the Same"*

#433

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Tuba Tune in D major"*

Lang

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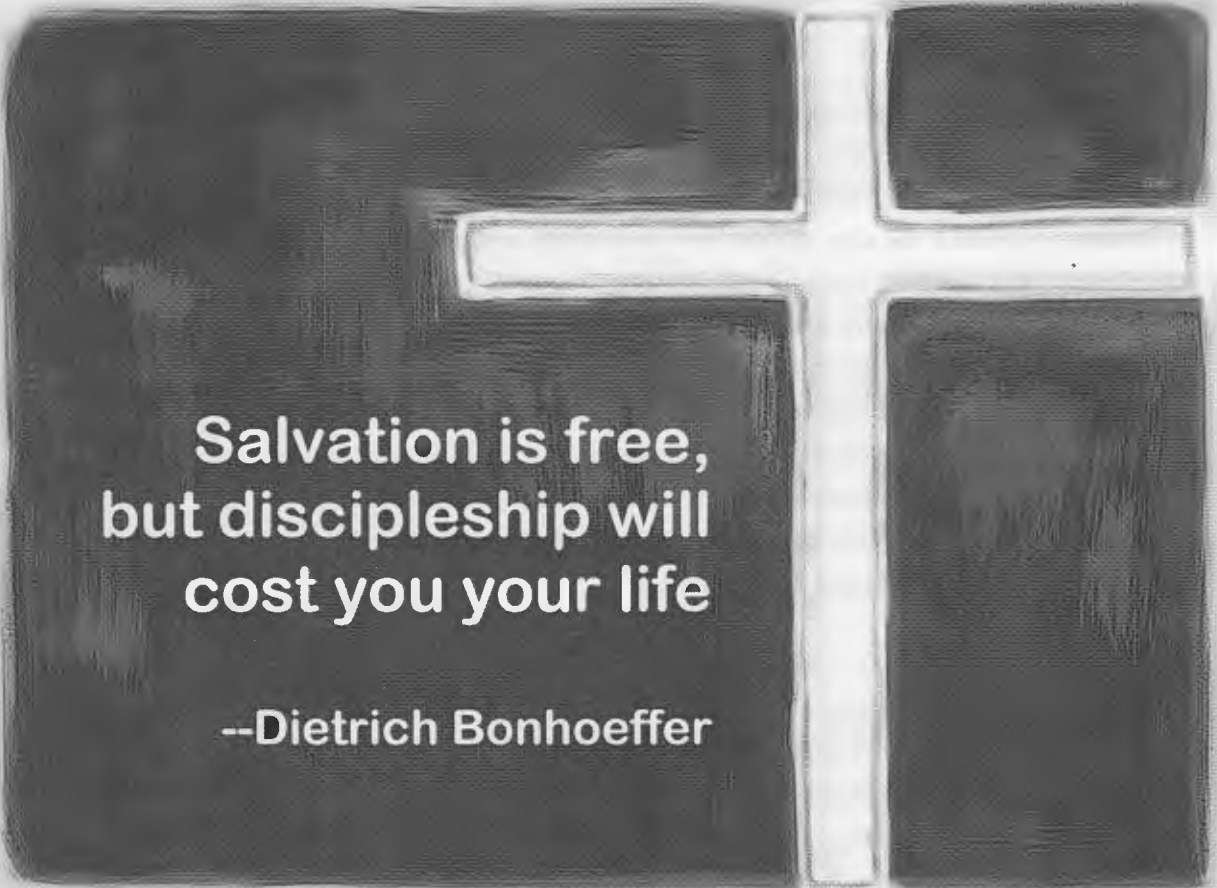
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**Salvation is free,  
but discipleship will  
cost you your life**

**--Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

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September 4, 2016

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Prelude on *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*"

Innes

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: God calls us to the Potter's House

Many: To take the clay of our lives, and shape disciples.

One: God calls us to the Potter's House

Many: To receive and mend those who are broken from life experiences.

One: God calls us to the Potter's House

Many: To love and heal those who are wounded from violence.

One: God calls us to the Potter's House

Many: To shelter all who are outcast and heavily burdened.

One: Let us enter this place of transformation:

Many: And worship our God the Potter!

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*

#486

\* 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 Great Potter, we confess that you are a God of love and peace. And we confess that we have watched those broken from life and war, suffer before us. Too often we have stood around returning veterans without extending a helping hand. Sometimes we have looked down upon those who are struggling to get by. You call us to work for justice for all, and to seek pathways to peace so that we may end war's destruction, yet we have not found the words or the wisdom to guide our leaders into the ways of healing and peace. You call us to minister to all your children, yet we have not developed ministries to touch those who are broken in



mind and soul. Forgive us. Put us on your Potter's wheel, mold us into the people you need to minister love and healing in your holy name. Create in us the spirit to serve those who are broken from laboring in life and war. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God has searched us and knows our inward being. The God who created us; the God who formed us, forgives us. This is the Good News - In Jesus Christ, we are reshaped, renewed, forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

#733

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Here I Am to Worship" Members of the Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Jeremiah 18:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Philemon 1-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 14:25-33

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Take Up Your Cross", the Savior Said"*

#351

**SERMON**

*"Counting the Cost"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Change My Heart, O God"*

Espinosa

Old 100th

\* Doxology

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

†(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: Now leave this place knowing that all things are possible in the Potter's House!  
And go to walk in love, to share the healing power of God with everyone, and  
to allow the peace of God that is beyond all understanding keep your hearts and  
minds in perfect peace.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"*

#731

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE

*"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"*

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*Just so, I tell you, there is joy in  
the presence of the angels of God  
over one sinner who repents.*

*--Luke 15:10*

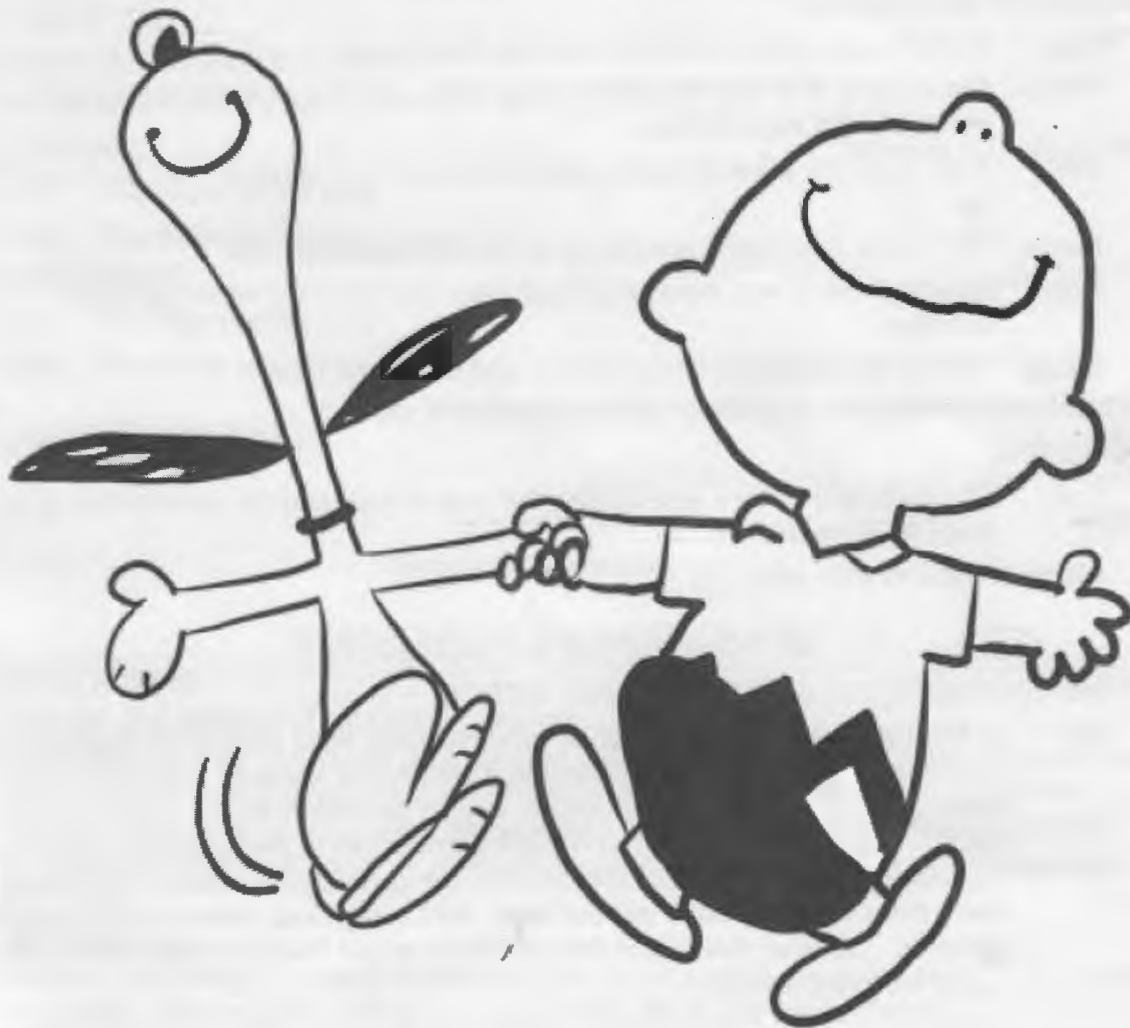


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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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September 11, 2016

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Amazing Grace*"

Bish

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come! Come, all you who are seeking God. Come!

Many: We come to this new day after a long week, carrying all kinds of feelings, emotions and expectations.

One: Enter in to this place of protection and comfort and discover that God is seeking us!

Many: We rejoice that God is seeking us, as we come seeking God!

One: Come! Come in and experience God's joy that is present when we come together.

Many: Here in this sanctuary let us worship and meet with God!

\* OPENING HYMN

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

#63

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O Most Patient God, we recognize how much we need you for life itself, yet we confess that often we have behaved as if we did not know or even care about you. We have not carried out justice; instead we have tried to dominate others even as you stand with them. We have participated in the desolation of your creation by our treatment of the heavens, the earth and its waters. Forgive us for these times when we have lost our way. All Loving God, shower your mercy upon us. Let your Holy Spirit find us, move us and lead us to faithfulness. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost. For God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around, and gather us into the fold of God. Rejoice in the mercy and forgiveness of God!

Many: We rejoice in God's unfailing love.

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Timothy 1:12-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 15:1-10

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Grace Alone"*

#436

**SERMON**

The Joy of Repentance

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**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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.* #514

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"God is So Good"*

Traditional African Melody

\* 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 from this place rejoicing; knowing that your relationship with God is secure. You are loved, sought after and cared for by your God who is the Creator, Christ and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"I Then Shall Live"*

#372

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Prelude in C"*

Bach

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September 18, 2016

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Cantabile"*

Dupre

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: God of Peace and Justice, you call upon us to look for your healing balm in  
Gilead...

Many: To reveal that your grace is always greater than our sin...

One: Is there no balm in Gilead?

Many: For all of the hurting people of the world...

One: To heal our wounds and to make us whole again... To lift us up when we have  
fallen...

Many: Is there no balm in Gilead?

One: Yes, Jesus is the balm in Gilead.

Many: Come, let us worship God!

\* OPENING HYMN

*"For the Healing of the Nations"*

#621

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy One, in our daily lives, we confess that we are involved in conflicts. We  
have tensions with friends and family, disagreements with coworkers, frustrations  
with neighbors. We are also involved in conflict on a large, even global scale, in  
the violence down the street and across the world. We often wish that those  
people would somehow be more peaceful -- that they would reach calm,  
reasonable solutions -- without seeing our own complicity in the violence. We  
admit that we apathetically pray for peace; we hope for justice while acting on  
prejudices; and we stand by waiting for others to take brave actions. Balm of  
Gilead, forgive us. Help us to realize that Just Peace begins with our own

decisions in our own conflicts that we experience every day. In your faithfulness heal our wounded spirit and make us whole again that we may have the strength for the journey ahead which we must all take part. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Jesus Christ said, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Do not let them be afraid." In the comfort of God's boundless love and peace, we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Balm in Gilead" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Timothy 2:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 16:1-13

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"There is a Balm in Gilead"*

#631

**SERMON**

The Tracks of My Tears

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

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

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



PRAYER RESPONSE

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"More Precious than Silver"*

DeShazo

\* 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 now in blessing and in peace, bringing love to each conflict that you encounter. May God, our Creator, comfort you. May Christ, our Redeemer, challenge you. May the Spirit, our Sustainer, move through you in Just Peace.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"*

#718

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Allegro from Symphonie VI"*

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*For the love of money is a  
root of all kinds of evil...*

*--1 Timothy 6:10*

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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

September 25, 2016

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

*"God Will Take Care of You"*

arr. DeCou

## WORDS OF GATHERING

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One: Come, be still, and find rest in the Fortress that is our God.

Many: We come to worship our God, who offers us a secure refuge in our life's storms.

One: Come and remember God's care of us throughout our life;

Many: We come to worship our God, who sustains us even in life's dark and shadowy times.

One: Come and give thanks for God's ever-comforting and guiding presence with us.

Many: We come to worship our God, who is always listening and answering our calls—the One who we know we can trust.

\* OPENING HYMN *"Come, All Christians, Be Committed"*

#459

## \* 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 need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives we have. Tempted by everything, we become insensitive to those who have far less. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we miss out on the chances to amass your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all which has no value, we do not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, and the gentleness you call us to. Forgive us, O God of Reversals. You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to hear in order to have life. Help us to remember how you have redeemed us, and in remembering, may we be humbled, grateful and filled with joy. We pray in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: This is the good news that comes from God: I will hear your prayers, I will answer with hope and peace, I will deliver you from your sins. Friends, God has covered us with grace; we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"A Mighty Fortress" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Timothy 6:6-19

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 16:19-31

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

**\* HYMN**

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

#438

**SERMON**

All Kinds of Evil

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* 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

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Poor Man Lazarus"*

Traditional Spiritual

\* 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 fight the good fight of faith; taking hold of the life that really is life. And may God, grant us all godliness combined with contentment. Through the love of Christ, may we be rich in good works, generous and ready to share. And by the power of the Holy Spirit, may we walk the path of righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness, both now and forevermore.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

#466

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Trumpet Tune"*

Johnson

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*Angel of Grief*  
William Wetmore Store, 1894

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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October 2, 2016

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"*

arr. Hayes

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: In the fullness of time, God gave us Jesus that we might understand God's love.

Many: Yet we turned our backs on him and went our own way.

One: God's loving presence continued in the disciples, bringing again the message of hope and reconciliation.

Many: Open our ears and our hearts, O Lord, to receive this message.

One: Let the bread and the wine we receive today give us strength and courage to do God's will.

Many: As we gather in worship, let our lives thus strengthened be a witness to God's eternal love for all God's people.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Gather Us In"*

#649

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Merciful and forgiving God, we need a spirit of love and acceptance to flood into our lives this day. Even though we celebrate World Communion Sunday with the giving of the precious bread and of the beloved wine, still we harbor anger and vehemence against others. We act out of frustration rather than love. We hoard your gifts and only grudgingly share our bounty with others. We find ways to turn our backs on you, claiming that other things are more important than our faith. And then in the midst of struggle and strife, we come back to you, awash in tears and sorrow. We plead for your help and salvation. Remind us again, O Holy Parent, that your love has always and will always be with us. You have called us to be witnesses to the good things that can happen when we follow your ways. You

have asked us to reach out, across our borders, our oceans, our fears to others with the reconciling love shown through Jesus. Heal us from our selfishness and our apathy. Give us courage and strength for the ministries in which you have placed us. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: There is nothing that can separate us from God's love. Know that hope will see us through, and God's steadfast love endures forever. Live into God's love, peace and justice knowing that we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

#733

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"On the Willows" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Lamentations 1: 1-6

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

2 Timothy 1:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 17:5-10

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

**\* HYMN**

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

#72

**SERMON**

*"Add to Us Faith"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* NICENE CREED**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"One Bread, One Body"*

Foley

\* 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

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†(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 bless the road before you that leads to grace, mercy and peace; may Christ fill you with the treasure of faith and love; and may the Holy Spirit help you to live in hope, now and forever.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"They'll Know We Are Christians"*

#595

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"*

Frescobaldi

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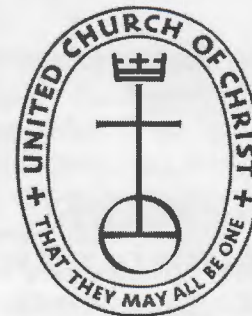
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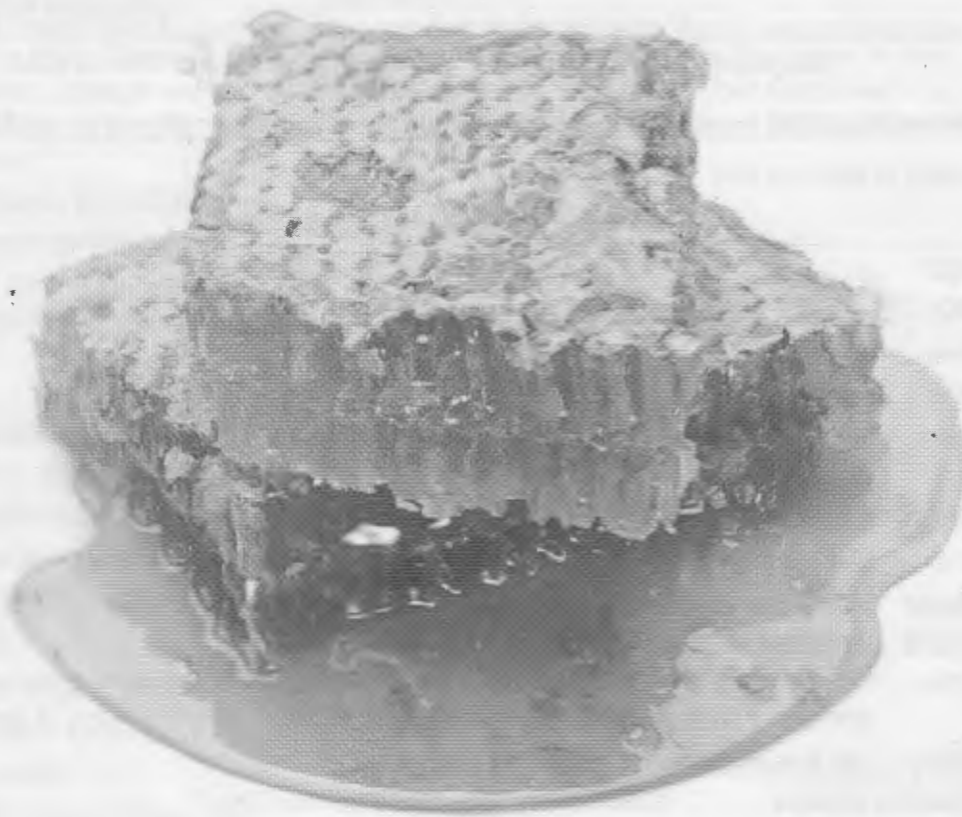
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*Your words are sweeter  
than honey to my mouth*

—Psalm 119:103

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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October 16, 2016

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

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

arr. Johnson

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Some of us come wondering what this faith is all about,

Many: Some come hoping to learn things useful and heart-full.

One: Some of us come confident in "what we have learned and what we have believed."

Many: And some come longing to share our heart-full knowledge.

One: We have all come to learn from each other and from the words of scripture:

Many: You write your sacred texts, O God, in scripture and on our hearts; you welcome us into depths of understanding.

One: Meet us here and lead us deeper into you; equip us for every good work. Join our desire to learn with your willingness to teach us your ways of justice and joy.

Many: For this purpose we gather, O Holy One.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"God's Holy Ways are Just and True"*

#663

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Divine One, we seek a way to live that honors you. We have the desire to respond to you in word and deed and love. Yet, even though you are beside us, within us, above us, and all around us, we still manage to ignore you. We are pleased to be in your family, but when it is time to do chores in your household we are busy with other things! We are satisfied to receive your gifts but when it comes to passing on your abundance and saying where we got it, we hesitate. We are happy to say an occasional prayer to you who are always with us, but when it comes to actually spending time with you, we are already scheduled up! Forgive us, O God. Come and remind us of the law you have written on our

hearts. Enter us by your Spirit and show us how sweet your words are. Help us to be your people as you are our God—always and forever. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The Holy One will not abandon: the Beloved is our grace, the healer of our lives. Though we sometimes grow weary, take heart, for our God is with us always to forgive us and remember our sin no more, to grant justice and to offer 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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"On Your Shoulders" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Jeremiah 31:27-34

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 21:5-19

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Change My Heart, O God"*

#373

**SERMON**

Sweet Love

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* 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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection            *"Standing in the Need of Prayer"*

arr. DeCou

\* 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 meditating on God's decree given in scripture and on our hearts. And may we find the Holy One day by day in "heart-full" knowledge; and may we listen for our covenanting God who calls us to keep our part of the bargain.

Many: We go certain of the presence of our good God.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"O Word of God Incarnate"*

#670

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Postlude"*

Cappalan

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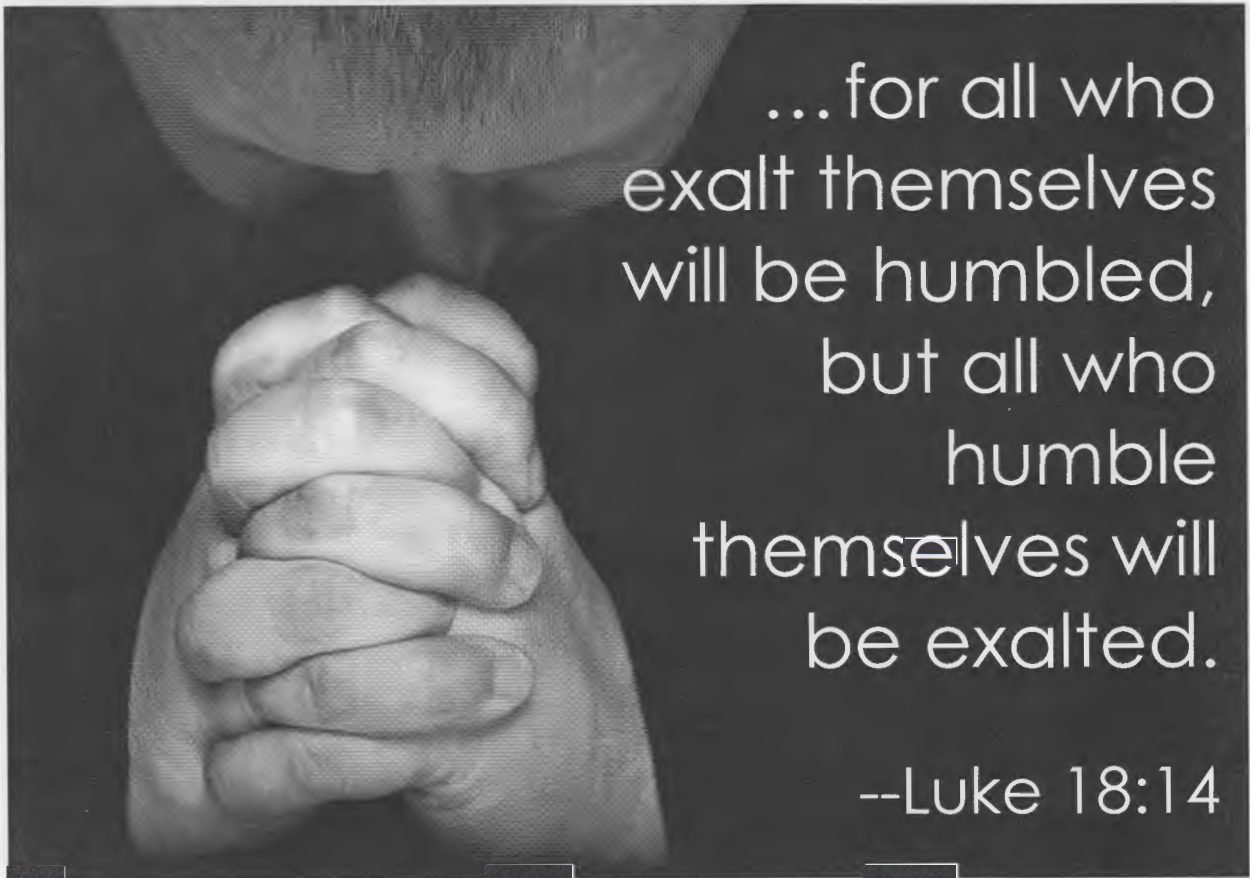
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... for all who  
exalt themselves  
will be humbled,  
but all who  
humble  
themselves will  
be exalted.

--Luke 18:14

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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October 23, 2016

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Spanish Hymn*"

Davis

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: This is the day the Lord has made:

Many: A day for praise and prayer; a day for gratitude and generosity.

One: This is the time God has given us:

Many: A time for singing and silence; a time for speaking and listening.

One: This is the life to which God calls us:

Many: A life of humility and service; a life of faith and trust.

One: Let us worship God:

Many: Who is gracious beyond measure.

\* OPENING HYMN

"*Be Thou My Vision*"

#502

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Loving God, we give you thanks for all the ways that you bless our lives: For the beauty and abundance of nature, for the love of family and friends, and for the joy of knowing you and hearing your word. Yet we confess that at times we are petty. We hold grudges over trivial things; we cling to anger instead of offering resolution; we refuse to accept the apologies of others. Forgive us for not seeing the bigger picture of your blessing in our lives. Forgive us that we forget you have forgiven us for our sins. Forgive us and help us to seek reconciliation. Restore us with humility and awaken us anew to your presence and your promise. We ask not because of our righteousness but because of your grace come to us in Christ Jesus. Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The God of creation is a God of mercy who is quick to forgive and whose promise of restoration is for all people. Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"I Will Never Be" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Joel 2:23-32

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 18:9-14

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Grace Alone"*

#436

**SERMON**

Dependent on Mercy

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* 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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.* #514

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Fight the Good Fight"*

Boyd

\* 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 into the world, renewed in hope and restored by God's vision.

Many: We go into the world to share God's grace and mercy.

One: Go into the world and proclaim the Good News of what God has done for you.

Many: We go into the world to share the love of God.

One: As you go, may the blessings of God be with you this day and forevermore.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"If My People's Hearts are Humbled"*

#383

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Allegro—Symphony VI"*

Widor

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Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."

--Luke 19:8

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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October 30, 2016

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

"Meditation on *Ein' Fest Berg*"

Kittel

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: O God, how righteous is your Word

Many: Lord, transform us by your Word!

One: Your judgments are upright

Many: Your precepts are unforgettable

One: Give us understanding and we will live

Many: Re-form us, reconcile us, transform us by your Word!

\* OPENING HYMN

"*We Have Come to Join in Worship*"

#647

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O Still Speaking God, we give thanks for all our ancestors of faith who have received your vision and shaped diverse and faithful communities to follow in your Way. We cry out to you today, O God, confessing that we have strayed away from your Word and have not allowed your Word to work in our lives. We have allowed the worries of this world to drive us away from your vision for our lives. There is strife and contention all around us which we have created and yet feel powerless to change. We have taken our focus off your Word and only cry out to you in times of trouble and need. Forgive us, O God. Create in us clean hearts and minds; that we may become transformed by the renewing of your Word in our hearts and grow in love for each other. Grant understanding and wisdom that we may see your vision and apply it in our lives. Hear our prayer, O God, and call us back to you. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The scriptures tell us that God's love will find us no matter how far away we are from the word. Just as Jesus found Zacchaeus hiding in a tree, God will find us and bring us home. This is the good news of the Gospel!

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"If We are Living" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 19:1-10

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Lord Be Glorified"*

#465

**SERMON**

Coming Into Alignment

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.* #514

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Interlude"

Stainer

\* 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 with the faith to walk in Christ's path and with the power to stand the test of life. Listen for God's voice calling us back whenever we go astray. And go in peace, knowing that God – Creator, Christ and Spirit – will never leave nor forsake us.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"O God in Whom All Life Begins"

#388

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on *Ein' Fest Berg*"

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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November 6, 2016

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Prelude on Ave Verum"*

Mozart

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: If you are feeling hopeless and heart sick,

Many: Come, hear God's word of peace, hope and unity.

One: If you feel like your voice is lost in the noise of the world,

Many: Come, and remember the covenant God has made to never leave us.

One: If political views and rhetoric have damaged your relationships,

Many: Come, to the table where all are forgiven and welcomed.

One: If the brokenness of the world, the nation, and the city seem beyond repair.

Many: Come, to learn to be repairers of the breach.

One: Come, brothers and sisters; mothers and fathers; to walk humbly with God.

Many: We come, to pray for the coming of God's realm here and now.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*

#507

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

One: God of the prophets, again and again you call us to care for widows and orphans, to advocate for those in prison, to welcome the strangers.

Many: We hear your call, O God, but all around us we hear the cry that there is not enough for all, and that some are undeserving.

All: Forgive us when we listen to these voices over yours.

*(Silent reflection)*

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.

Many: O God, we hear your call, but all around us are competing calls of worldly loyalties, political parties, and public acclaim.

All: Forgive us when we listen to these voices over yours.

*(Silent reflection)*

One: Again and again, you urge us to seek you first.

Many: We long to trust the path of love for you and our neighbors as ourselves. Yet we fear that our "land of milk and honey" has become a land of moral famine and economic hardship, and we wonder at times if you have abandoned us.

All: Forgive us for our lack of trust in you and in our neighbors.

*(Silent reflection)*

One: Again and again throughout this election season, we have seen the divisions in this nation grow wider and wider.

Many: We confess that at times, we have been more inclined to debate than pray.

All: Forgive us for our lack of grace and compassion for one another. Help us not to forget your statutes of compassion and your ordinances of justice. Prepare our hearts and minds to follow you that it may go well for us, our neighbors, our nation, and our world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us! Lifting us up when we are bowed down; upholding us when we stumble. Hear the word of God for this season and all seasons: Our God who began a good work in us is able to complete it. We are forgiven and loved.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

#733

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

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### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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#### CHILDREN'S TIME

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine" The Choir*

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 58:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God



One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

## \* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 20:27-38

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

## \* HYMN

*"Come, Share the Lord"*

#696

## SERMON

*"Repairs of the Breach"*

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 WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD
 

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## \* NICENE CREED

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## PRAYER RESPONSE

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

## SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

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

Kretzchmar

## \* 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*

Old 100th

## \* 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.)

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 GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD
 

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## \* 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. For the Source of all life and love is as close as your very breath.

All: Amen.

## \* HYMN

*"O God of Every Nation"*

#626

## CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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## POSTLUDE

*"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"*

Frescobaldi



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November 13, 2016

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Morning Litany"*

Smith

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We gather today as one as we thank God for a love that never lets us go and for the privilege of gathering in this space to worship.

Many: We do not come merely to open the doors of the church, but we come that our hearts might be opened to God and to one another.

One: As we worship God today, may we respond to the call of love – to love not just God but also our neighbors and ourselves.

Many: May we use this time to be transformed from individuals to members of God's one body.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Come and Find the Quiet Center"*

#477

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy Creator, although we are aware of the many ways we have been blessed, we confess that we have not consistently sung of your steadfast love, or proclaimed your faithfulness that instead we have sought power, and have not lived out the faithfulness and justice which you ask of us. We confess that we have become alienated from our neighbors over petty differences. We have sought to protect our own interests ahead of those of the weak and vulnerable. We have made false distinctions based on geography, race, religion, gender and even political affiliation, and have not shared your good news and your justice with all people. We ask that you forgive us in your unending love and mercy. Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Jesus reminds us that we are to be resolute in our lives of faithfulness and service. The good news is that God is steadfast in filling us with love and grace. We are forgiven people. May we live as one in Christ, God's children in word and deed, in hope and joy.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Day By Day" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 65:17-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 18:1-8

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Open Our Eyes Lord"*

#491

**SERMON**

A Just Outcome?

A Reflection on the Unjust Judge and the Widow

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**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

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

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: May God keep watch over us and all nations. May Christ restore us, body and soul, and may the Holy Spirit help us to remain faithful, giving thanks to God our whole life long.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Let All Things Now Living"*

#22

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Trumpet Tune in D"*

Johnson

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*God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.*

*--Psalm 46:1*

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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

November 20, 2016

Reign of Christ Sunday

10:00 am

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\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

arr. Smith

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Holy God, you are the One who forms the rhythm of our lives.

Many: You are the One who is present in the beginning and ending of each day, of each season; of each life.

One: We gather to worship you, giving thanks for this day, for this season, and for the preciousness of life.

Many: May we recognize your presence in our midst, O God, our refuge and our strength.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

#317

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of Eternity, we confess that we have lived in one part of time and not another. We have either lived in the now, or we have lived in the past, or we have lived in the future. We have lived to have pleasure and satisfaction now. We have longed for the good days of the past. We have saved away everything for a future we do not hold yet. Forgive us for not living present in all times, in thankfulness for the past or in gladness that the past is gone. Forgive us for not living in mindfulness in this time of our neighbors around us, or the repercussions of our actions in the future. Forgive us for putting all our hope into the future instead of seeing the beauty that is around us now. Help us to live as eternal people, Your children, who belong to heaven and earth, past, future, and present. In the name of Jesus, who was and who is and who is to come, the Almighty, Redeemer, and Sovereign of All, we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Our God is the God who speaks hope through the prophets, and who loves us through the person of Jesus. Know that we are loved, we are forgiven, and we are part of the reign of God, now and throughout eternity.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"I See the Lord" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Colossians 1:11-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 23:33-43

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

#438

**SERMON**

Be Still and Know

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**TOTENFEST LITANY PRAYER**

see insert

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

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**PRAYER RESPONSE**

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"He is Exalted"*

Paris

\* Doxology

Old 100th

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host:*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go from here knowing the contentment which humility brings. Go with the grace to be thankful for whatever this new week brings. Go to be glad for those who encourage you and to be civil to those who offend you. And may God bless us all with the wisdom to know when to speak and when to be silent, when to move into action and when to be still and pray.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"For All the Saints"*

#529

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Fanfare on Sine Nomine"*

White

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ORDER OF WORSHIP  
NOVEMBER 23, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

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**WELCOME**

**Rev. Derek Miller**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Rev. Cathy Oatman**

**All: The Lord has done great things!**

One: Wilderness sands have become green pastures;

**All: Barren trees have yielded good fruit.**

One: Bitter grapes have turned sweet on the vine;

**All: Empty vats are brimming with oil.**

One: The birds of the air are feasting on manna;

**All: The lilies of the field are robed in white.**

One: Yes, be glad and rejoice, O people of God!

**All: The Lord is doing great things!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**"SPIRIT SONG"**

**\*GATHERING PRAYER**

**Rev. James Hamilton**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR THANKSGIVING**

**Fr. Joe Bochenek**

**One:** In the midst of our thanksgiving,  
let us pause in silence  
to recall how we so often  
lose sight of the gifts of each day  
and of their Giver.

*(a moment of silence)*

One: Let us pray.

**All: O God, we know that we forget about you,  
we forget to love you,  
we forget to help our neighbors,  
we forget to thank you.  
Forgive us.**

*(a moment of silence for private confession)*

**All:** Grant us clear minds to know you,  
new hearts to love you  
strong hands to serve you  
Help us live this day, this week, and always  
so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. Amen.

**SONG OF REPENTANCE** "COME, O LORD AND SET US FREE"

**[Assurance of Pardon]**

**One:** God did not send Christ into the world  
to condemn the world,  
but to be its Savior.  
We can trust God's word.  
We are a forgiven people.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

**SCRIPTURE READING** Deuteronomy 26:1-11

**SEQUENCE HYMN** "GIVE THANKS"

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35

**STORIES OF GRATEFUL HEARTS**  
United Evangelical UCC  
Gallery Church Patterson Park  
Church on the Square  
St. Brigid Catholic

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "PEOPLE GET READY"

**HOPE SPRINGS STORY** Mr. Rob Bullock  
*Co-Director of Faith Community Outreach*



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** 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 in support of HopeSprings. Please make any checks payable to "HopeSprings.")*

## \*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

**Rev. James Hamilton**

## \*BENEDICTION

**Rev. Derek Miller**

**One:** As our time our worship concludes,  
our time of service begins.  
We return to our living and working  
amidst a world of need  
As you go from this place,  
carry with you the knowledge  
that you are recipients of God's gifts.  
As we go, we vow to share those gifts  
with the world around us.  
And may God walk with you as you travel life's road.  
Grace and peace be with you...

**All:** And also with you...

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THE NIGHT  
IS ALMOST OVER,  
AND THE DAY  
IS NEAR

*Romans 13:12*





# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* WORDS OF GATHERING

(to be sung) *O Come, O Come Emmanuel—u—el*

One: In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

(to be sung) *And ransom captive Is—ra—el*

Many: Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

(to be sung) *That mourns in lonely ex—ile here*

One: God shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

(to be sung) *Until the Son of God—appear*

Many: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

(to be sung) *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel—u—el shall come to thee, O Is—ra—el!*

(The candle of Hope is lit)

### \* OPENING HYMN

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

#154

### \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.



WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Loving God, we give you thanks for the season of Advent that reminds us that your love stopped at nothing to save us and claim us as your own. Forgiving God keep us awake during this season because we know, and confess to you, that there are times when we would rather stay asleep in sin instead of awakening to live in your light. We confess that we do not trust that your armor of light is sufficient for us, and hide in the shadows of greed and quarreling. Speak to us by your Holy Spirit in this hour of worship. Fill us with your power and your grace. Give us courage, O God, to trust in your ways, in your peace, and in your good. Let us leave here a changed people willing and ready to be your light in the world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The good news of Advent is Christ's love and forgiveness. Rejoice! For in Christ we are forgiven!

Many: Thanks be to God.

\*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

*Sing out, my soul. Sing out my soul. Sing out and glorify the Lord who sets us free. Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glorify the Lord God!* #173

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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## A Reflection on Luke 2

\* HYMN

*"Here I Am to Worship"*

see insert

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND TIME OF OFFERING

Theme I

The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in

God I trust, in God I trust.

Theme II

The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in

God I trust, in God I trust.

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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.*

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

see insert

\* HYMN

*"All Earth is Hopeful"*

#163

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Here I Am to Worship"*

Hughes

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# Peace

GRACE TO YOU  
AND PEACE  
FROM GOD

*Romans 1:7*





# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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December 4, 2016

Second Sunday after Advent

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"A Lovely Rose Breaks into Bloom"*

Brahms

## LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

*(Candle of Hope is re-lit)*

One: Today, we light the second candle in our Advent wreath, the candle for peace, and remember that God lights our path.

Many: Awaken our hearts to your peace, O God.

One: Through the prophets, God tells us about a child who will lead the way into peace.

Many: The Reign of God is drawing near: The prophet calls us to change our lives!

One: We remember John the baptizer as a voice crying out in the wilderness to "prepare the way of the Lord!" And so we prepare our hearts and minds as we wait for the blessed gift of Christ's birth.

Many: Let us prepare the way for the Lord: A just and peaceful path!

*(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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God, you call us to turn our lives around, and work with patience and diligence to prepare the way for your Reign. We long for your peace, and trust in your promise, yet we confess that we get discouraged and give up too soon. You call us to collaborate in community but we confess that sometimes we see only our differences, and we often fail to be open-hearted and welcoming of one another. You call us to be full of joyful confidence in your love, but we burden ourselves with anxiety and fear.

*(a moment of silent prayer)*

One: Holy One, have mercy.

All: Forgive us, 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 our worship together may open us 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.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

#173

*Sing out, my soul. Sing out my soul. Sing out and glorify the Lord who sets us free. Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glorify the Lord God!*

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 11:1-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 15:4-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 3:1-12

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

#232

**SERMON**

*"Growing Out of a Stump"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is*

#514



*your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

## SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Pastorale"*

Sponge

\* 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:** Let us go forth with eyes to see and ears to hear and voices to proclaim the vision of God. And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

#### \* HYMN

*"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"*

#156

#### CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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#### POSTLUDE

*"Savior of the Nations Come"*

Bach

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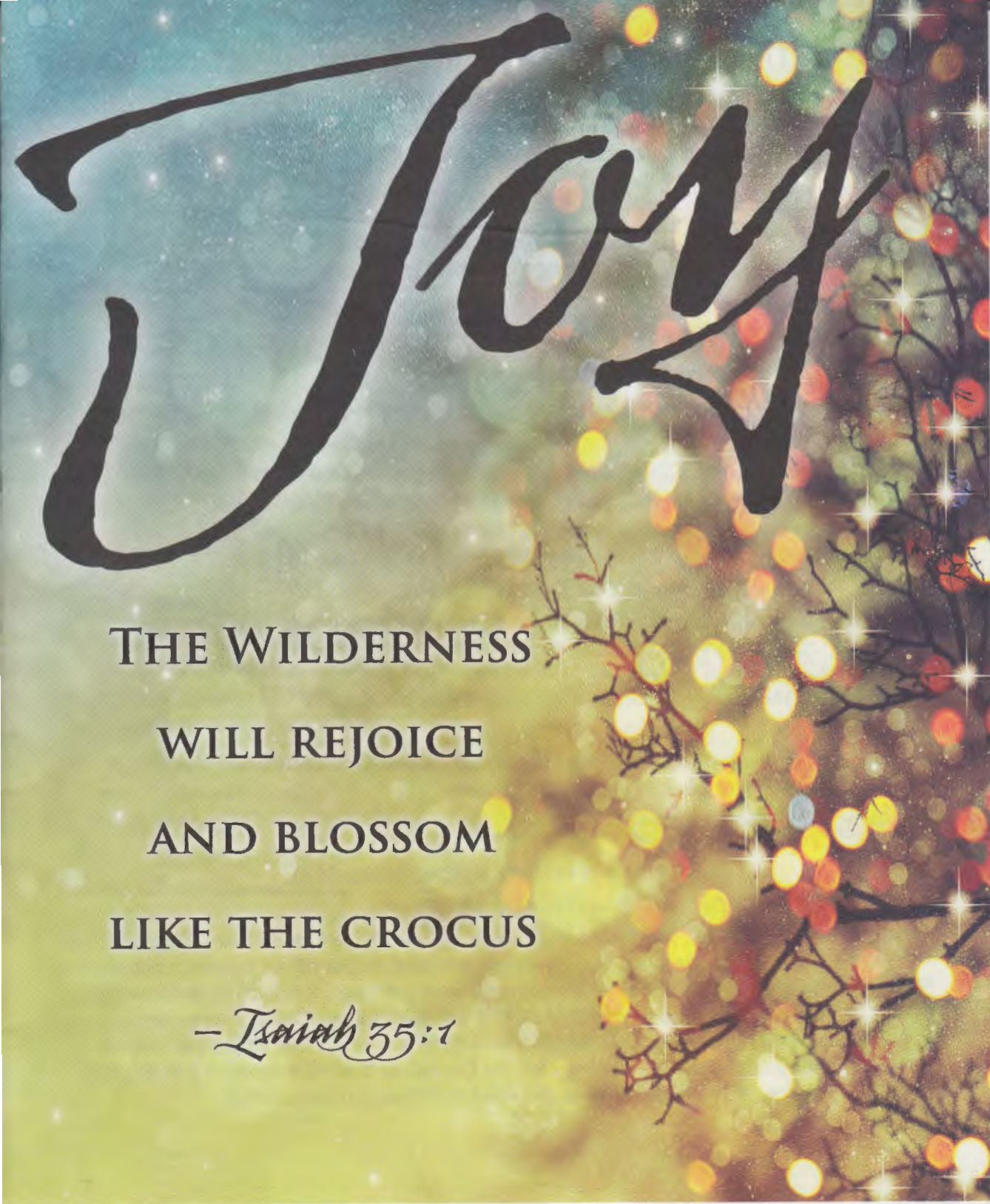
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THE WILDERNESS  
WILL REJOICE  
AND BLOSSOM  
LIKE THE CROCUS

*-Isaiah 35:1*

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## OUR MISSION

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December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"An Advent Prelude"*

Callahan

\* LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

*(candles of Hope and Peace are re-lit)*

One: This third Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of joy and remember God is the light on our path.

Many: We will travel the Highway of God with joy for God's way leads to life.

One: Let us strengthen our hearts, for the coming of the Christ is near.

Many: We join our hearts with that of the desert gushing with life. We join our joy with that of Mary who sings with excitement for the child to come.

One: Rejoice! Be strong! God is with us!

Many: With open hearts and joyful spirits, we look for the One who is to come.

*(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

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Almighty God, we confess that we struggle with the Good News. We want to be good people and live good lives but it is hard to put others before ourselves. It is hard to see the places where we may have privilege. It is hard to see how the way we live may have a direct effect on other's lives. Call us into awareness. Call us into right-living. Call us into the ways of justice, so that all people may be lifted up, so that all may receive the Gospel, so that all may rejoice in you our Savior. In the name of Jesus the Anointed One, we pray. Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, God is hopelessly in love with each of us. Even in our brokenness and imperfection God never leaves us. May we sing praise as Mary did, steeped in the assurance of this truth: We are forgiven and cherished through and through.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

*Sing out, my soul. Sing out my soul. Sing out and glorify the Lord who sets us free. Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glorify the Lord God!* #173

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"While We Are Waiting Come" 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**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.* #514

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 35:1-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

James 5:7-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!*  
Matthew 11:2-11

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"* #190

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Pajama Party Christmas



WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Andante Pastorale"*

Sponge

\* 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: Let us go from here to live in the light of God, by working for justice, by practicing mercy, by bringing Good News to the poor and by bringing God's vision of peace to the world. And may the God of joy fill our hearts with joy and goodness.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"*

#176

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

POSTLUDE

*"Come, Savior of the Nations"*

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# Love

GOD  
SO LOVED  
THE WORLD

*-John 3:16*





# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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Becoming living examples. Bonding all with the love of God

December 18, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

*"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

Held

\* LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

*(candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy are re-lit)*

One: The prophet Isaiah said these words long ago "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light:

Many: These words resonate in our lives even now. The four candles of Advent stand as a reminder that the deepest darkness of our world will not overcome the light of God's love.

One: The light has not yet come.

Many: We wait and watch for the dawning of God's glory!

One: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Love. The welcome beauty of Love is found, woven into the simplicity of every moment.

All: Angels surround us proclaiming that peace is near, the waiting ends soon and God's realm of Love will be revealed.

*(candle of Love is lit)*

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Once in Royal David's City"*

#183

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy Creator, we are easily distracted and slightly weary, and cannot believe the day we celebrate Jesus' coming is almost here. There are still presents to be bought—never mind wrapped. There are parties to attend, cookies to be baked, trees to be trimmed. Sometimes we cannot wait until all this hubbub is over. Where is the time to sit, to sleep—never mind to dream? We can get so caught up in the busyness of the season that we miss the gift the season is meant to be. We have heard the scriptures and stories so often that they have become white noise.



For our frenetic pace, for our exhaustion, for our tunnel vision, for our missing the wonder and awe of a baby born to fulfill promises made long ago, forgive us. Restore to us the sense of surprise that came to us as a little baby, unexpected, yet longed for. God of the visioners and dreamers, may we always be ready to receive your gifts. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God comes to us in dreams and visions, in prophecies and affirmations, in longing and in hope, in salvation through a little child. We claim this promise for ourselves, and let God's healing love fill us.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "Welcome to Our World" The Choir

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 7:10-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 1:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 1:18-25

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

**\* HYMN**

*"There is a Longing"*

see insert

**SERMON**

What Did You Dream?

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* 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

*There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us. There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God. Lord save us, take pity, light in our darkness. We call you, we wait: be near, hear our prayer, O God.*

## SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"I Wonder as I Wander"*

arr. Innes

\* Doxology

Greensleeves

*So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him; The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

## GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

### \* SENDING FORTH

One: The time of waiting is almost over. Go forth with a dream in your soul and a song in your heart, prepared to do the unexpected, knowing that God's promises are always fulfilled.

All: Amen.

### \* HYMN

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

#180

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### POSTLUDE

*"Savior of the Nations, Come"*

Bach

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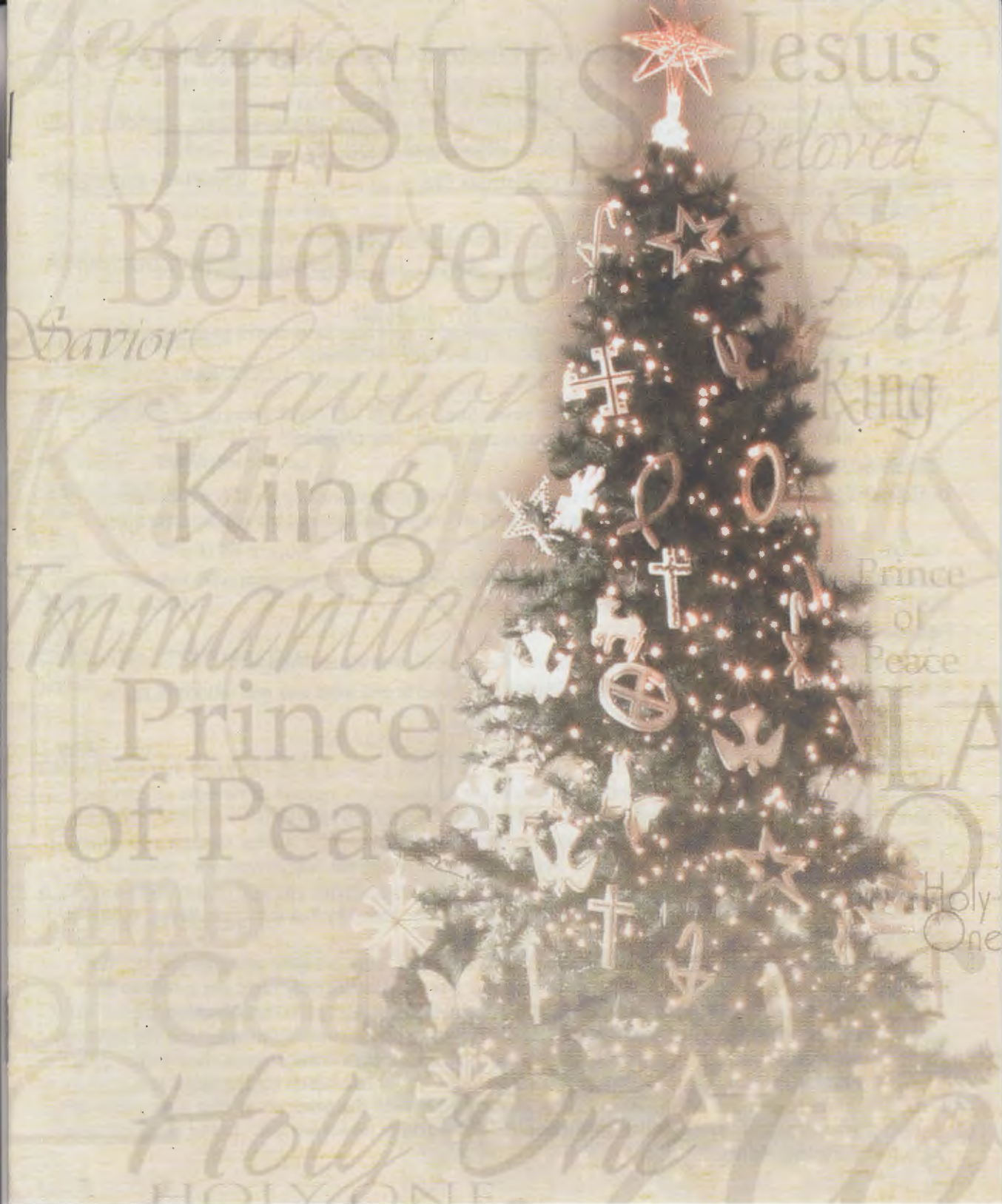
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HOLY ONE



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December 24, 2016

Christmas Eve

7:30 pm

\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### PRELUDE

*Christmas Selections for Cello and Piano* Katie Chambers, Cello

### \* LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The Prophet Isaiah said: the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

#### *Candle of Hope is lit*

Many: 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, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

#### *Candle of Peace is lit*

One: The LORD is King! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! For the heavens proclaim the righteousness of our God; and all the peoples behold the glory of the Lord.

#### *Candle of Joy is lit*

Many: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

#### *Candle of Love is lit*

One: Christ has come. The Word has become flesh. Jesus, Immanuel, God With Us.

Many: This night we celebrate and rejoice in the One who is and who was and who is to come.

*Christ Candle is lit and 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

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All: O God of Glory, your grace has appeared in the child Jesus, bringing salvation for all. We rejoice in your light which has penetrated our gloom. On this holy night we gather to be amazed with shepherds and to sing with angels. And yet we know that like Mary and Joseph, many have no warm place in which to rest, children wander through the city looking for shelter, while the empires of this world continue to exploit the poor of the earth. Forgive us, Holy One, for making no room in the inn of our hearts for the weak and vulnerable in our midst. Help us to raise our voices with the prophets so that your vision of goodness and loving kindness may become the world in which we live. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



\* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Hear the glad tidings of great joy brought to Joseph by the angel: "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for she will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Glory to God in the Highest, whose salvation reaches to the ends of the earth.

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

\* CHRISTMAS GREETING OF PEACE

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"How Beautiful This Silent Night"* 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!*

Luke 2:1-20

\* GOSPEL LESSON

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TIME

HYMN

*"Away in a Manger"*

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

CHRISTMAS EVE 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

*"He is Born"* Katie Chambers, Cello

\* 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: O God of the Heavenly Host, we give you thanks for the gift of life we have received at this table. May we go from here clothed with your compassion so that others might find hope in us; may we be swaddled in your humility that we might lift up the fallen and walk with the lonely. And may we sing canticles of your grace till the day you come again. In the Child born in Bethlehem we pray. Amen.

## GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

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### \* CELEBRATION OF THE LIGHT

A prayer in the darkness

The coming of the Light into the world

#### Silent Night

*Silent night! holy night! All is calm, all is bright;  
Round yon virgin mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild;  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night! holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia,  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!*

*Silent night! holy night! Son of God, love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

### \* BENEDICTION

### \* RECESSIONAL HYMN

#### Joy to the World

Antioch

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room.  
And heaven and nature sing;  
And heaven and nature sing;  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth! The Savior Reigns;  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains;  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy;  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.*

POSTLUDE

*"Postlude on Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

Johnson





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*For unto us  
a child is born*

...AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED

WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR,

*The mighty God,*

THE EVERLASTING FATHER,

THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

ISAIAH 9:6



# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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December 25, 2016

Christmas Day

10:00 am

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### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Silent Night*"

Innes

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come, and sing a new song to God!

Many: For God has done wonderful things!

One: God brings justice and salvation,

Many: God's faithful love is for everyone.

One: Let everyone sing songs of joy in praise of God!

Many: Let us make music and celebrate!

One: For unto us a child is born:

Many: Jesus, the Light of the World, has come.

\* OPENING HYMN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

#185

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

### WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: On this day of days, loving God, we gather to celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, born long ago and still today, Child of the universe present among us. Yet we confess that we easily forget that Christ is amongst us. Our songs of joy cease, our amazement at your glory wanes and we lose sight of all you have done for us. Forgive us, O God, for the times we easily forget the miracle of Christ's peace, love, compassion, and justice born and growing to the ends of Earth. May we, in the things we do and say, continue to give birth to the presence of the living Christ in our world today and always. In the name of Emmanuel, God With Us, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Let all the earth praise God. Let the seas roar and the hills sing together in joy, for God has come. All of you on earth, make a joyful noise, break forth in joy, for the God of peace has come.

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

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

Gloria

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"By Candlelight" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 62:6-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Titus 3:4-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 2:1-20

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*

#191

**SERMON**

*"Becoming Human"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* NICENE CREED**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

#514

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Coventry Carol"*

arr. Innes

\* Doxology

Greensleeves

*So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him; The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go, and proclaim God's message of peace, good news, and salvation. Sing for joy and say to the world "Your God reigns."

Many: We go to proclaim it on the mountains, in the valleys, in the city streets, beside the oceans and streams, in the forests and the open fields, in the schools and parks and workplaces.

All: We go to tell the good news: Jesus Christ is born!

\* HYMN

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

#188

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Noel"*

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