



*It is time to*  
**seek**  
*the* **LORD**

# 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 1, 2017

New Year's Day

10:00 am

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\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Away in a Manger*"

Innes

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Christmas Day has come and gone, New Year's Day is upon us.

Many: The Word has become Flesh and lived among us; but the world does not notice.

One: Come, turn away from the pace of the world, and tune your hearts to Christ,

Many: We come to worship the Messiah who has been born, Emmanuel, God with us.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Joy to the World"*

#179

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy God, in this Christmastide, we proclaim the gift of your son Jesus to the world. Emmanuel, God with us. God who knows us, who knows our lives, who knows our joys and sorrows and our burdens, our suffering and pain and fear; we proclaim you our Savior. Loving God, we confess that we ignore the sufferings of others; we brush over the pain of others, and at times hide our own pain. Forgive us, and show us how to love ourselves and others. Help us to follow you, letting go of our fear, our guilt and shame, and taking on the power of your love and forgiveness; knowing that you also have lived into our own story, our own fear and pain, and have triumphed on the cross, defeating death forever. In the name of Jesus, who was born, who lived, who died and was resurrected for us, we pray. Amen.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear this Good News: We cannot be rejected, we cannot be forgotten, for we are loved. We are children of God and we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*  
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Gloria

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**                    *"To Everything a Season" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-13**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

**Revelation 21:1-6a**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**Luke 2:15-21**

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"O Come All Ye Faithful"*

**#182**

**SERMON**

*"He Shall be Called..."*

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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                    *"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"*

arr. Innes

**\* Doxology**

Greensleeves

*So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him; The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.*

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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: There is a time and a season for everything: A time to gather together

Many: And a time to depart.

One: A time to make promises

Many: And a time to bring those promises to life.

One: A time to receive

Many: And a time to share what we have received.

One: Go enfolded in the love of God, emboldened by the call of Christ, and  
empowered by the Spirit to embrace the year ahead.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Hymn of Promise"*

#515

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

POSTLUDE

*"The Old Year Has Passed Away"*

Bach

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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January 8, 2017

First Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Shall We Gather at the River"*

arr. Johnson

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come, all who are gathered to worship God: Come and give our God glory and strength!

Many: The voice of our God is over the waters. The God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

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

Many: Let us worship God in holy splendor!

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

#733

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**                    *"God is on the Move" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 42:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Acts 10:34-43

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

Matthew 3:13-17

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

**\* HYMN**

*"When Jesus Came to Jordan"*

#241

**SERMON**

*Trusting in the Mystery of God*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

**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

*"Borning Cry"*

Ylvisaker

\* Doxology

Old 100th

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

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

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"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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A black and white photograph showing a hand on the left side, pointing towards the right. The hand is wearing a dark sleeve. The background is a misty or foggy landscape with tall grass in the foreground. The text "Come and see" is overlaid on the right side of the image in a simple, sans-serif font.

Come  
and see

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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January 15, 2017

Second Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

*"Air: Suite in D"*

Bach

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let us worship the Lord who hears our cry; who lifts us out of the slimy pits and sets our feet on solid ground.

Many: Our mouths are full of praise for the One to whom none can compare.

One: Blessed are we when we make the Lord our trust; when we delight to do God's will.

Many: We sing of all your many wonders, O God, too many to declare them all.

One: Let us tell of the glad news of deliverance. Let us speak of God's faithfulness and salvation.

Many: We will not hold back but will shout out, telling all nations of the steadfast love and saving help of our God.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Great is the Lord"*

#50

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: There is none like you, O God of infinite patience. You listen to us, always. You speak words of hope and grace, and offer us mercy and hope, more times than we can count. We are shaped, formed, born to be servants, and yet we spend so much time focused on ourselves. Called to follow, we often trip over our temptations; called to be saints, we dislike those with whom we disagree. Challenged to testify about the good news, we keep silent, hoarding stories of joy and hope for ourselves. Forgive us, Merciful Lamb. Give us open ears, that we might hear your words of pardon; give us open eyes, that we might see those you would have us serve; give us open hearts, that we might welcome the One who takes away our sins, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Do not keep silent. Tell and sing; whisper and shout: God is faithful! God has called us by name, claiming us as God's child. We are loved, 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** "Now Behold the Lamb" The Choir

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 49:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 1:29-42

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

"Lamb of God"

#281

**SERMON**

Come and See

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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

*"Behold the Lamb of God"*

Warren  
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 be with those in the bleak midwinter of their lives.

Many: We will go to see where Jesus wants us to serve in faith.

One: Go to light a way for all hidden in the shadows of life. And may God strengthen you with power equal to the tasks.

Many: May our work be no miracle, but may Christ be the miracle in our work.

All: Amen!

\* HYMN

*"The Summons"*

#350

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Prelude in C"*

Bach

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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January 22, 2017

Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Jesus Calls Us"*

arr. Lovelace

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

Many: We will follow Jesus.

One: Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

Many: We will leave the past to follow Jesus.

One: Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

Many: We will walk in the present to follow Jesus.

One: Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

Many: We will follow Jesus.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Sing a New Church"*

#577

\* 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 God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste to the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding and forgiving. Receive the forgiving love 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**      *"We Are Marching in the Light of God" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 9:1-4

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 4:12-23

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

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

#347

**SERMON**

It's Relational - Introducing the Jesus Movement

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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

*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" Alliten

\* 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: Jesus, the light of the world, calls us to follow. Go and tell the news of God's love. Cast the nets of grace wide, that all may see the glory of God. May God—Source, Word, and Spirit—bless you with the radiance of love.

All: Amen.

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

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE "Allegro Maestoso from Sonata II" Mendelssohn

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*Love never gives up...*

*--1 Corinthians 13:4*



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## OUR MISSION

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January 29, 2017

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

arr. Innes

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: God has called us to this place. What is the offering God has asked us to bring?

Many: God wants us to do justice.

One: God rejoices over us. What is the response God asks us to offer?

Many: God wants us to love kindness.

One: God loves us extravagantly. How do we respond in gratitude to God?

Many: By walking humbly with our God.

One: God has called us to this place to rejoice over us and to show us extravagant love.

Many: Let us worship the Almighty One.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Be Not Afraid"*

#430

\* 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: You gather us from our separate lives, Great God, to hear your word and respond to your revealing. O Most High, we confess that we are not always willing to listen to your guidance or walk in your way. We speak falsehoods, hurt our friends, and insult our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us to love as you love. Guide us to value one another as you value each of us. Enlighten us, so that our words and deeds may be acceptable to you. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Blessed are you, for you are God's child. God loves you. God desires the best for you. Know that you are forgiven. Go and live for others, loving and forgiving.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Almighty" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Micah 6:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

Matthew 5:1-12

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Blest Are They"*

#666

**SERMON**

Keeping Covenant

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL**

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

*"With What Shall I Come Before the Lord"*

Beck

\* Doxology

Old 100th

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go your way, united as one Body, rejoicing in the fulfillment of God's word among you. Share the gifts you have with one another and with all creation. And may the joy of the Lord be your strength this day, and every day.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"The Gift of Love"*

#397

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Postlude in C"*

Buxtehude

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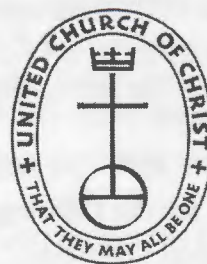
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LET THERE BE LIGHT

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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

February 5, 2017

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Lead Kindly Light"*

Perry

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come and celebrate the blessedness of being claimed by God.

Many: We come to lift our praise for God's steadfast and faithful love for us.

One: Come and rejoice in the blessedness of listening to God's word.

Many: In faith, hope and trust we gather to listen for the Wisdom of God.

One: Come to sing and pray; and to let the Mystery of God draw you in.

Many: Let us worship our Beautiful, Just and Merciful God!

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Gather Us In"*

#649

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Wonderful God, Isaiah reminds us that our prayer, fasting and pious rituals must be lived out in compassion and justice. Hear us as we confess how we have not always been the salt or light you call us to be.

*(silent reflection)*

One: When we forget the fast you desire—To do justice, and stand up for the powerless:

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: When we forget the prayer you love—To show compassion, and care for those in need:

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: When we forget the rituals you require—To create relationships of righteousness and peace:

All: Lord, have mercy; and show us your way. Open our ears to hear your words; open our eyes to see your wonders anew and fill our hearts with the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, hear the Good News: the love of God revealed in Jesus forgives us, heals us and sets us free.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** *"Together We Serve" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 58:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 5:13-20

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

**\* HYMN** *"You Are Salt for the Earth, O People"* see insert

**SERMON** *"Salt and Light; the Elements of Life"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* NICENE CREED** Back page of Hymnal

**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 *"You Are the Light of the World"* Card

\* 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: Called to be light,  
Many: We will carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.  
One: Called to be salt,  
Many: We will enhance the lives of those around us, with joy.  
One: Called to live in God's reality,  
Many: We will welcome everyone as sisters and brothers in faith.  
One: And may God's presence, God's love, and God's favor go with us, and remain with us always.  
All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Renew Your Church"*

#462

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

POSTLUDE

*"Postlude"*

Couperin

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*“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment...”*

*--Matthew 5:21-22a*

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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February 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"L'Adoro Te"*

Boellmann

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We find happiness by walking in the way of the Lord.

Many: Our happiness comes by seeking God with our whole heart.

One: O people of the plains, the cities and the mountains, we of all colors, theologies and life choices, come into God's sanctuary with joy!

Many: O, we of mustard seeds and wheat, we of little faith and great, we come.

One: Come to the Living Waters and drink in the words of God.

Many: We come to worship you, O God. As those who have been planted in faith, we turn our open hearts to you.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

#59

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

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## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God of our lives, we confess with sorrow that often we make the wrong choices. There are times when we look at others through the prism of prejudice, distorting who they really are. We can let our anger feed us with bitterness and hurt. We toss about harmful words and insult those around us, neglecting to lift them up as you call us to do. Have mercy on us, Righteous God. May we set aside our squabbling natures to be united in common worship, common service, and a common purpose, as we follow Jesus the Christ. Amen.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Despite the mistakes we make, the missteps we take, God remains forgiving and gracious. Hear the Good News, we are forgiven and loved.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "Give Me a Clean Heart" The Choir

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 5:21-37

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

**\* HYMN**

"Refiner's Fire"

#374

**SERMON**

Ethics

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

see insert

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

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

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*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

"Fugue"

Buxtehude

\* Doxology

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Let us go to offer kindness and welcome to the stranger.  
Many: We go to be people of life and blessing.  
One: Let us go to serve others in God's name.  
Many: We go to walk in God's way.  
One: Let us go to forgive those who have hurt us, and to reach out to those we have harmed.  
Many: We go to be reconciled to our sisters and brothers.  
One: Go now, with God's love, with Christ's hope, and with the Spirit's peace.  
All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"We Are Called to Be God's People"*

#580

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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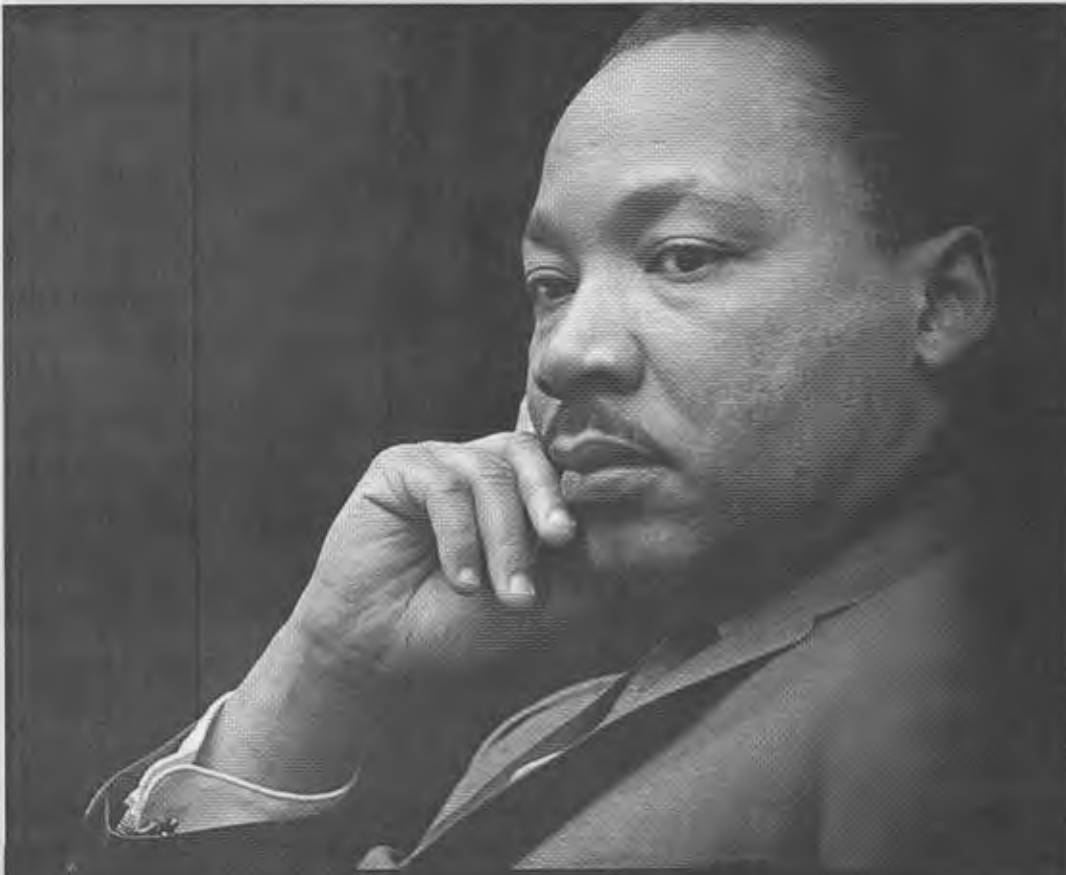
POSTLUDE

*"Allegro: Sonata II"*

Mendelssohn

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*There's another reason why you should love your enemies, and that is because hate distorts the personality of the hater. It is more tragic, it is more ruinous and injurious to the individual who hates... For the person who hates, the true becomes false and the false becomes true. That's what hate does.*

*--Martin Luther King, Jr.*

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

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

Binckes

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Teach us, O Lord, all of your ways,

Many: That we may follow you.

One: Give us understanding, that we may keep your covenant,

Many: And trust it with our whole heart.

One: Lead us in the path of your commandments,

Many: For there we will find joy.

One: Turn our hearts to your decrees,

Many: And away from selfish gain.

One: In this time of worship, lead us to draw closer to you.

Many: Open our hearts and minds to you in this hour of worship.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"*

#389

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy God, you long for us to hear that the heart of your commandments is truthful love. Even more than that, you long for us to embody this way of integrity in all facets of our lives, dealing justly with our neighbors and even the strangers among us. And so we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us. But we are here because we know that nothing is impossible in you. We come to you, seeking healing and wholeness. Help us to

live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness, that our lives may be transformed into living testaments of your grace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear this good news: God offers us grace. This is not of our own doing, but comes as a gift from the very center of God's being. Receive this gift, and know that we are loved, forgiven and made whole.

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**

*"Love the Lord" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 5:38-48

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Take Time to Be Holy"*

#483

**SERMON**

Resistance Through 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 "Sanctuary" Thompson/Scruggs

\* Doxology Old 100th

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

\* Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Let us go from here to love our enemies, to confront injustice, and to share bountifully with the poor. And may God bless us with a faithful spirit, a willing heart, and the fellowship of grace.

All: Amen!

\* HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be" #466

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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POSTLUDE "Postlude on Aurelia" Innes

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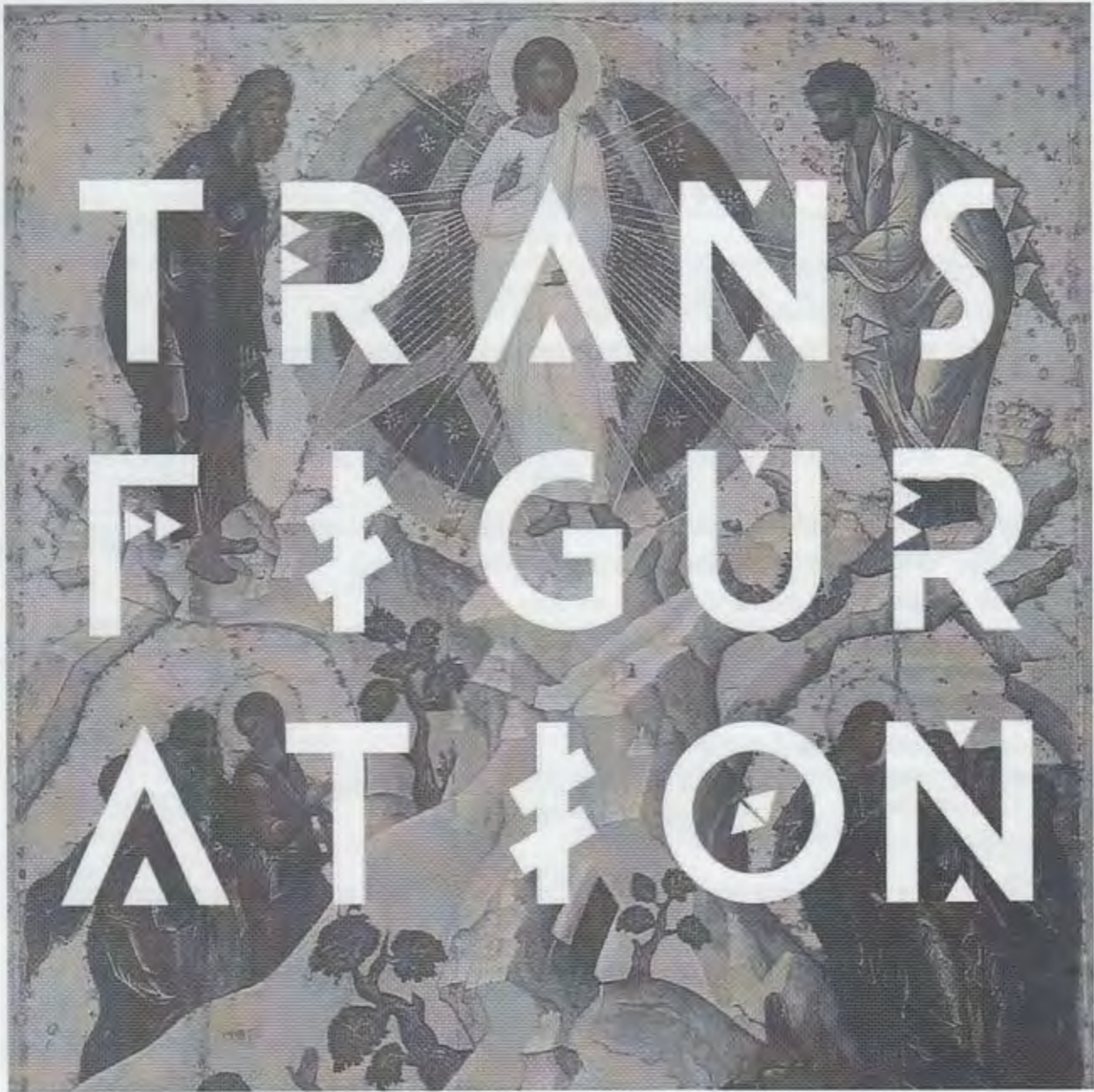


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February 26, 2017

Last Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

arr. Innes

## WORDS OF GATHERING

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

Many: We come to this holy place to meet with God, away from the distractions of the world.

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

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

One: Come! Receive instruction in holiness, righteousness, compassion, and peace.

Many: We come to regain insight to see the least among us.

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

Many: Open our eyes and our ears and our hearts to receive your Word.

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

Many: Come! Let us worship God!

\* OPENING HYMN

*"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"*  
(use Tune: HYFRYDOL)

#245

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of Mercy and Grace, you come to us in Jesus of Nazareth to break down the dividing walls of hostility between us; yet we confess that we maintain walls that separate and isolate. You give us the ministry of reconciliation; and yet we nurse our wounds and withhold mercy and forgiveness. You ask us to acknowledge and share our wealth; and yet we refuse to recognize and relieve the poverty around

us. You bless our lives with boundless love; and yet we fail to witness to that love, and so keep others from knowing you. Forgive our selfishness, we pray. Transform us by your Spirit and your Word into that which pleases you, the image of Christ. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Let us tell of what we have seen and heard of God's glory! Here there is good news! For we are forgiven and we are loved!

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Transfiguration" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Exodus 24:12-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

2 Peter 1:16-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 17:1-9

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Holy Ground"*

#654

**SERMON**

Transfiguration=Transformation

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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

*"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

Lemmel

\* Doxology

Old 100th

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host:*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

\* Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: The time has come to depart this holy place. Be not afraid.

Many: We go as God's anointed people, to minister to those who live on the margins - the outcasts, the lonely, the ignored.

One: May the Spirit of the Living God go ahead of you, with you, and guide you.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

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

#99

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Vision"*

Rheinberger

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**REPENT**

*in dust  
and ashes*



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March 1, 2017

Ash Wednesday

7:00 pm

\* indicates to stand as able

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

*"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"*

Bach

GREETING

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

Many: And also with you

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* LITANY OF JOURNEYING TO THE CROSS

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

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

\* GATHERING HYMN

*"Amazing Grace"*

#422

### WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*(moment of silent reflection)*

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: 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

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 58:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

#### SECOND READING:

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

### \*GOSPEL LESSON

*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

### 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

*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. For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.*

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Musical Reflection

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

arr. Johnson

\* 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 Then Shall Live"*

#372

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"O Savior Blest"*

Bach

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*Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*

*--Matthew 4:1*



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## OUR MISSION

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March 5, 2017

First Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

\* indicates to stand as able

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### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Forty Days and Forty Nights"*

Gesangbuch

### WORDS OF GATHERING

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

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

One: Be present in our struggle, Holy One, and help us to rest in your eternal promises,

Many: In this hour may we be fed both with the bread of the world and the nourishment of your word.

One: Come, let us drink deeply from the wellspring of God's Spirit, which has all we need to live fully, love deeply, and serve faithfully;

Many: And the strength to resist temptation and be faithful in our worship.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"As We Gather at Your Table"*

#695

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

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### WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy God, we come to you confessing that too often we give in to temptation. We have clamored for worldly success, while leaving behind your ways of justice and righteousness. We have put our desires above our neighbor's needs. We have excused ourselves from helping the marginalized and oppressed. We have not sought what you desire for us, but instead desire what others have. Forgive us our foolish and selfish ways. In this season of Lent, help us heed your call to repentance, to turn back to you, and to renew our commitment to live according to your ways of justice, righteousness, peace-making, and most of all, love. In the name of Christ, our Savior, Redeemer and Friend, we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the Good News: God's mercies are new every morning and this is a new day. Rejoice for we are forgiven, loved and restored.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "Grace Like Rain" The Choir

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING** Romans 5:12-19

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 4:1-11

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

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

*(Use Tune: ST. FLAVIAN)*

**SERMON** "Temptation and Morality"

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* NICENE CREED** Back page of Hymnal

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "You Are My Hiding Place" Ledner

\* 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: Beloved of God, go now into the vast universe to be the people of God by resisting temptations that lead to destruction.

Many: We go to create more beauty.

One: Go resisting temptations that lead to isolation.

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

One: Go resisting temptations based on false promises.

Many: We will rest only in the hope of God.

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

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Rock of Ages"*

#384

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"O Savior Blest"*

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*2017 Lenten Series*

*Wednesday, March 8*



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March 8, 2017

Second Wednesday in Lent

7:00 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

One: God of compassion, we know that we live in a hurting and broken world that needs your touch of comfort.

Many: We know that wars rage, countries are laid to waste and your people long for peace to settle upon them.

One: We know that we are called to embrace diversity and celebrate our differences.

Many: We know that violence creates alienation and separates people and we are called to work for unity and against fear and division.

One: Money, power, materialism and success seem to rule the day and simple acts of kindness are neglected for fear of one another.

Many: We search for justice as we watch the gap between the haves and the have-nots grow wider each day and too many of the world's children die of malnutrition.

One: Sometimes life seems overwhelming and despair engulfs us as we try to bring hope into our world.

Many: Depression, loneliness, guilt, envy, greed, anger and hatred reveal the brokenness in our lives and how deeply we need your wholeness.

*(silent reflection)*

One: Lord of Light, help your church be a model to the world of a better way.

All: As we pray for compassion, peace, unity, wholeness, kindness, hope and justice we know that you have shown us how to live these things. Help us to light the way. Amen.

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\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1-2:42

MESSAGE

*"Birthed by the Spirit"*

\* HYMN

*"Surely the Presence"*

#131

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.

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Musical Reflection

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Hamburg

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*Love so amazing, so divine,*

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* SENDING FORTH

\* PARTING HYMN

*"I Surrender All"*

#474

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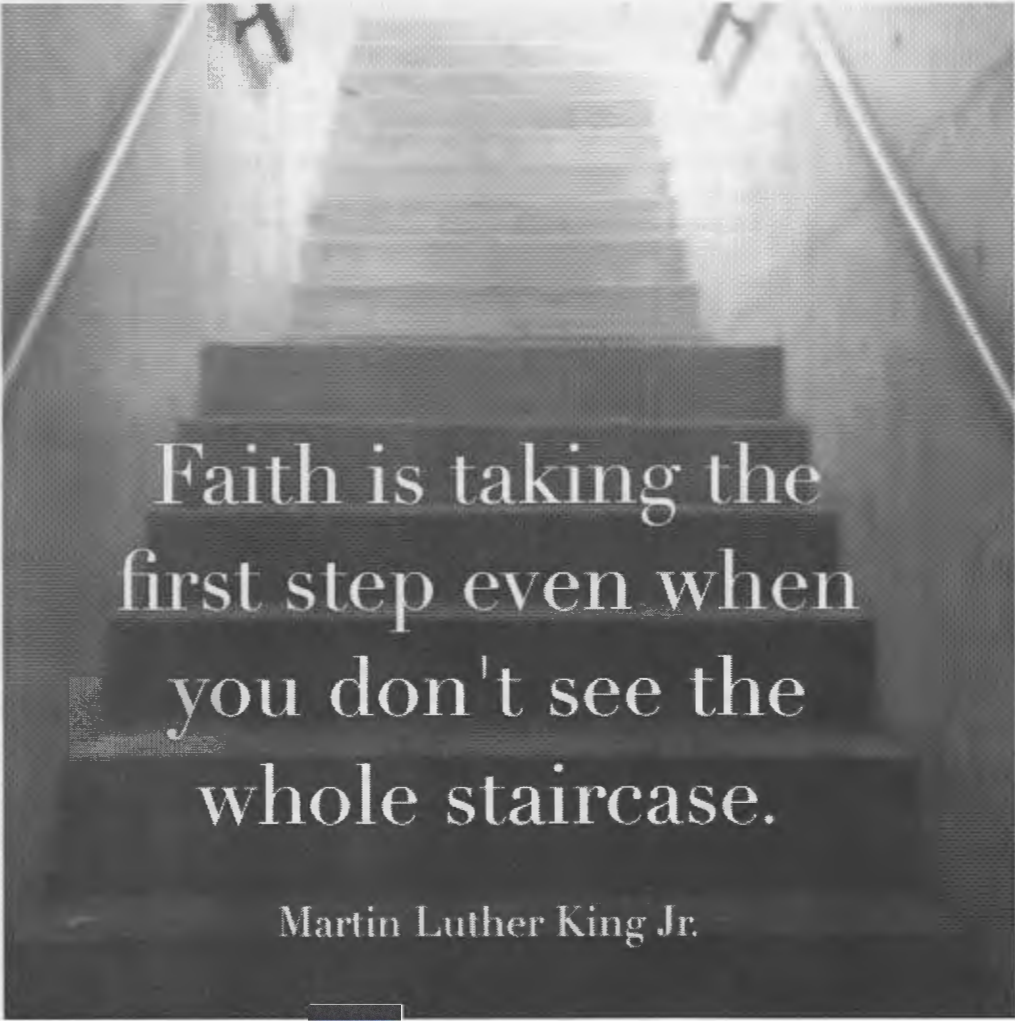
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Faith is taking the  
first step even when  
you don't see the  
whole staircase.

Martin Luther King Jr.

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March 12, 2017

Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"God So Loved the World"*

Stainer

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Christ of the comfortable, you call us from our security and sameness, down that unknown path which leads to God's heart.

Many: With trust, we place our hands in yours, and follow.

One: Companion of our sleepless nights, you beckon us out of the shadows of our fears, calling us to bring our doubts and questioning hearts along.

Many: With humility, we've come to listen to those answers we do not expect, or even understand.

One: Word which creates out of nothingness, you would fill us with life where we see only emptiness, you would keep your promises when all ours lie littered on the ground.

Many: Let your grace transform us into faithful disciples.

One: Keeper of every moment,

Many: Walk with us.

One: Watcher in the night,

Many: Stay with us.

One: Spirit of new life,

Many: Be in us, as we worship you.

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

All: Beckoning God, in these days of information overload, we confess that we get discouraged in seeking your Truth in the midst of the bewilderment. Sometimes

witnessing to your Truth takes more courage than what we have. We need to look and listen deeply for the call of the Spirit in our midst, and yet we make no room for you. Forgive us when we settle for half-truths in building your Beloved Community. Enlightening Love, have mercy upon us and clear our eyes, strengthen our determination and show us a better way. Bless us so that we may become a blessing in your world; doing your work of justice, hope and truth, among all people. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The love of God knows no bounds. Jesus, the Only Begotten, has been given to be our Way, our Truth and our Light. Know that we are forgiven to go forth with renewed courage.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Believe the Son" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Genesis 12:1-4a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

John 3:1-17

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

**\* HYMN**

*"To God Be the Glory"*

#66

**SERMON**

An Unfolding Journey

**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*

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Musical Reflection

*"My Tribute"*

Crouche

\* 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

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#### GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

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#### \* SENDING FORTH

One: God's love calls us into community to bless us.

Many: God's love sends us out into the wider community to be a blessing!

One: Let us go forth from here in peace, bringing the blessing of God our Creator, Jesus Christ, our Wounded Healer, and the Uncontainable Holy Spirit to all families of the earth.

All: Amen.

#### \* HYMN

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

#264

#### CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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#### POSTLUDE

*"Postlude on The God of Abraham Praise"*

Innes

# *The Holy Spirit and the Church*

*2017 Lenten Series*

*Wednesday, March 15*



*Boldness in the Spirit*

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March 15, 2017

Third Wednesday in Lent

7:00 pm

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### GREETING

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

Many: And also with you

### GATHERING IN SONG

#### \* LITANY PRAYER

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Many: Greed, envy, anger and hatred reveal the brokenness in our lives and how deeply we need your wholeness.

*(silent reflection)*

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\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:1-4:23, 5:12-42

MESSAGE

*"Boldness in the Spirit"*

\* HYMN

*"Grace Alone"*

#436

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.

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Hamburg

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*Love so amazing, so divine,*

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* SENDING FORTH

\* PARTING HYMN

*"Spirit of the Living God"*

#492

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*“... those who drink of the water that I will  
give them will never be thirsty.”*

*--John 4:14*

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March 19, 2017

Third Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### PRELUDE

*"Fill My Cup Lord"*

arr. Innes

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: O come, let us sing to our GOD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our Salvation!

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

One: Our God is great, Sovereign above all powers and principalities.

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

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

Many: We re-dedicate our hearts to you O God, and strain our ears to hear your voice; for you are our God, and we are your people.

\* OPENING HYMN *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*

#93

### \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: God of grace and truth, as we come to your house today to worship you, we bring all of ourselves to you, all of the good, the bad, and the ugly. We entrust our hidden, fearful, and fragile selves to your transforming power and gentle, loving care as we confess our sins to you. For every time we have attributed your miracles in our lives to our own hands alone; for every time we promised to trust you but turned to our own way when your response did not come soon enough or in the way we expected, forgive us. For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness that we have refused; for each time we resist your command to be reconciled with those who believe differently from us, have mercy on us. For all the ways we put our own understandings above your wisdom, grant us your

grace. For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence, and our indifference to the suffering round us, forgive us, Loving One, and show us what it means to love, again. Remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. For Christ's sake we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

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**

*"Living Waters" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Exodus 17:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 5:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

John 4:5-42

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Come Away From Rush and Hurry"*

#655

**SERMON**

Turning Point

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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**

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Musical Reflection

*"All Who Are Thirsty"*

Brown/Robertson

\* 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: Restored and refreshed by the living water from Jesus, the Rock of our Salvation, go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit to be witnesses of God, ambassadors of reconciliation and to praise God's holy name.

All: Amen.

### \* HYMN

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

#261

### CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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### POSTLUDE

*"Sonata II: Allegro"*

Mendelssohn

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# *The Holy Spirit and the Church*

*2017 Lenten Series*

*Wednesday, March 22*



*Growing Pains*

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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 22, 2017

Fourth Wednesday in Lent

7:00 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

One: God of compassion, we know that we live in a hurting and broken world that needs your touch of comfort.

Many: We know that wars rage, countries are laid to waste and your people long for peace to settle upon them.

One: We know that we are called to embrace diversity and celebrate our differences.

Many: We know that violence creates alienation and separates people and we are called to work for unity and against fear and division.

One: Money, power, materialism and success seem to rule the day and simple acts of kindness are neglected for fear of one another.

Many: We search for justice as we watch too many of the world's children die of malnutrition.

One: Sometimes life seems overwhelming and despair engulfs us as we try to bring hope into our world.

Many: Greed, envy, anger and hatred reveal the brokenness in our lives and how deeply we need your wholeness.

*(silent reflection)*

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\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 6:1-7:2a, 7:51-8:3, 11:19a

MESSAGE

*"Growing Pains"*

\* HYMN

*"Grace Alone"*

#436

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

*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. For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.*

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Musical Reflection

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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\* SENDING FORTH

\* PARTING HYMN

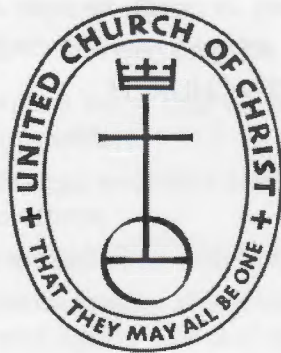
*"Spirit of the Living God"*

#492

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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# A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

*Jill Louise Noffsinger*

December 31, 1977 - March 5, 2017

March 25, 2017

1:00 p.m.

\*indicates to stand as able:

## PRELUDE

*"Saturday in the Park"*

\* Chicago

## GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WORDS OF GATHERING

## TIME OF SILENCE

## OPENING PRAYER

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

## READING

## MEDITATION

## WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

SONG OF REMEMBRANCE *"You Are Not Alone"* Michael Jackson

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## \*COMMENDATION

## \*SENDING FORTH

## \*TRAVELING MUSIC

*"Three Little Birds"*

Marley

## POSTLUDE

*"Glitter in the Air"*

Pink

## The Forest of Peace

by Jill Noffsinger

I want to run off to a place  
Where there is no pressure, no worry.

I want to run to the forest -  
The forest of peace.

I want to sleep like the owl, on the willow  
Comfortably and restful.

I want to fly like the eagle, soaring  
Freely and high.

I want to swing like the monkeys, bouncing  
Gracefully and carelessly.

I want to swim like the fish, moving  
Happily and swift.

I want to hunt like the tiger, preying  
Silently and calm.

I want to sing like the lark, chirping  
Beautifully and sweet.

I want to rest like the bear, laying  
Peacefully and quiet.

I want to play like the chipmunks, frolicking  
Speedily and happy.

I want to run off to the forest -  
The Forest of Peace.



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*The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want*

He maketh me to lie down in  
green pastures

*He leadeth me beside the  
still waters*

He restoreth my soul

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

*Yea, though 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*



*"...the Lord does not see  
as mortals see;"*

*--1 Samuel 16:7*

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March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

arr. DeCou

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Here, in this place, with each other,

Many: We encounter the One who leads us like a Shepherd.

One: Here, with our Shepherd, we find the peace that restores our souls.

Many: Even in the darkest of places our Lord comes to reassure us,

One: To anoint us with healing love;

Many: To pursue us with steadfast mercy.

One: Here, in this place, with each other,

Many: Let us worship our God.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

#440

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy God, we confess that we fail to question our own blindness. Being so sure that we "see", we miss the truths you would teach us. Our lips are filled with bitter words even as we proclaim that love conquers hate. We lurk in the shadowed corners of the world even as we talk about letting your light shine through us. With the anointing oil of your love, cure our blindness. Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings, our own failures and our own faults. Make our "shadow side" known to us and help us to diminish it with the light of your grace. For it is only when we see ourselves clearly that we can worship you truly. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Believe in this Good News: With the gentle anointing touch of the Holy Spirit,  
God come to us where the night is deepest, and reaches out to forgive us and  
make us whole.

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 Believe" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Ephesians 5:8-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

John 9:1-41

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

**\* HYMN**

*"What the Lord Has Done in Me"*

#360

**SERMON**

*A Study in Humanity*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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

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## SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection

*"Open Our Eyes"*

Cull

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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\* Prayer of Dedication

## GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

### \* SENDING FORTH

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

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

#468

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POSTLUDE

*"Récit de Cromorne en taille"*

Calvière

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*2017 Lenten Series*

*Wednesday, March 29*



*Following the  
Spirit's Lead*

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March 29, 2017

Fifth Wednesday in Lent

7:00 pm

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### GREETING

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

Many: And also with you

### GATHERING IN SONG

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\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:1-11:18

MESSAGE

*"Following the Spirit's Lead"*

\* HYMN

*"How Lovely Lord How Lovely"*

#545

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.

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\* Prayer of Dedication

\* SENDING FORTH

\* PARTING HYMN

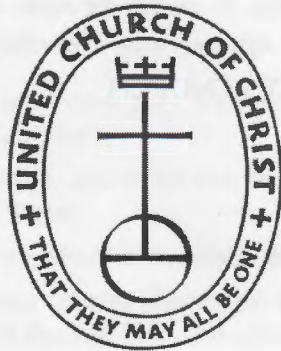
*"Here I am Lord"*

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April 2, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Out of the Deep I Cry to Thee"*

Boehm

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: The prophet asks: Can our soul-weary bones live again?

Many: O God, you know!

One: We ask: Can we dance again after mourning, loss and grief?

Many: O God, you know!

One: The gift is sure and unmistakable:

Many: God's breath poured out as new life for weary souls!

One: Let us celebrate the gift of God's new life,

Many: And come to worship God in laughter and dancing!

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

#461

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: "Come out," Jesus calls, and his word unbinds us from the oppressive weight of our past and pushes away the rocks that close us off from love. We are made free in the spirit of God, and forgiven all our sins.

All: May God's name always be praised from our lips!

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "God Already Knew" The Choir

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 37:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING** Romans 8:6-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON** John 11:1-45

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

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

**SERMON** "Imagine the Possibilities"

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

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Musical Reflection "When Jesus Wept" Billings

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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\* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: May God raise you up and give life to your bodies; May Christ Jesus dwell in  
you in righteousness; And may the Holy Spirit be the life in your every breath.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"As We Gather at Your Table"*

#695

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POSTLUDE

*"Fanfare"*

Lemmons

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# *The Holy Spirit and the Church*

*2017 Lenten Series*

*Wednesday, April 5*



*Receiving Power and  
Witnessing to all the World*

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April 5, 2017

Sixth Wednesday in Lent

7:00 pm

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### GREETING

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

Many: And also with you

### GATHERING IN SONG

#### \* LITANY PRAYER

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\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:1-30, 11:19-26, 15:1-16:3, 17:1, 18:1, 11, 18-23, 19:1-10, 21

MESSAGE

*"Receiving Power and  
Witnessing to all the World"*

\* HYMN

*"Lord, Speak to Me"*

#593

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

*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. For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.  
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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

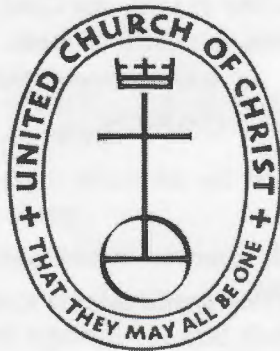
*"Near the Cross"*

#479

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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HOSANNA  
TO THE SON OF DAVID!

- MATTHEW 21:9

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April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

10:00 am

\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

*"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*

Bach

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We gather together in this place.

Many: Raising our branches in joy shouting:

All: Hosanna to the Son of David!

One: Joining with all who wish to see Jesus

Many: Eager for a healing touch, a blessing received.

One: We gather together in this place.

Many: Raising our branches in hope shouting:

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

One: Joining with all who wish to hear Jesus

Many: Longing for a message of welcome and acceptance on our journey.

One: We gather together in this place.

Many: Laying down our branches in fear, wondering:

All: Are we able to walk with Jesus through the week ahead, through anguish, accusations, despair?

One: We gather together in this place.

Many: Waving branches of prayer, saying:

All: O God in the highest, be with us as we walk toward the Cross, and the empty tomb.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

#267

\* 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 triumphal entries and lowly crosses, you come to us in ways we never expect. You are a King on a donkey, you are a Savior on a cross, and we struggle to recognize you in the world around us. Loving God, we confess that we work against you; against your hopes and dreams for creation, against your love poured out in flesh and blood. We admit that we mask our callous indifference and lukewarm faith with parade mood. Forgive us when our faith is often more show than substance. Forgive us our inability to see you in the meek of this earth, and our unwillingness to notice you in those who challenge our faith. May your Spirit guide us through this Holiest of Weeks, that we may be transformed into a new people, a gentle people, a people of love and compassion, born anew from our deepest sorrow through the breadth of your forgiveness and love. In Christ we pray. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Where and when we fail, God is there to make all things new. Rejoice in the knowledge that we are forgiven and cherished.

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 *"In the Name of the Lord" 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!*

Matthew 21:1-11

\* GOSPEL LESSON

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

\* HYMN

*"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*

#265

SERMON

*"It's Complicated"*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

ORDER OF CONFIRMATION

see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

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Musical Reflection        *“The Lord’s Prayer” Solo by Mary Strassner*

\* Doxology

Hamburg

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Many: Hosanna!

One: May this blessed word remain with us in the week ahead as we journey through the shadows of betrayal, the night of Gethsemane, and the afternoon darkness of Golgotha. And may God grant us all the courage to follow faithfully where Christ leads us.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN        *“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” (Tune: St. Drostan)*

#268

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE

*“Postlude on Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”*

Innes



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April 12, 2017

Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00 pm

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PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Rhosymedre*"

Edwards

OPENING SENTENCE

\* GATHERING HYMN

*"Spirit Song"*

#352

\*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

#633

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:1-10, 5:12-16

MESSAGE

TIME OF HEALING PRAYERS



\* SENDING FORTH

\* PARTING HYMN

*"What the Lord Has Done in Me"*

#360

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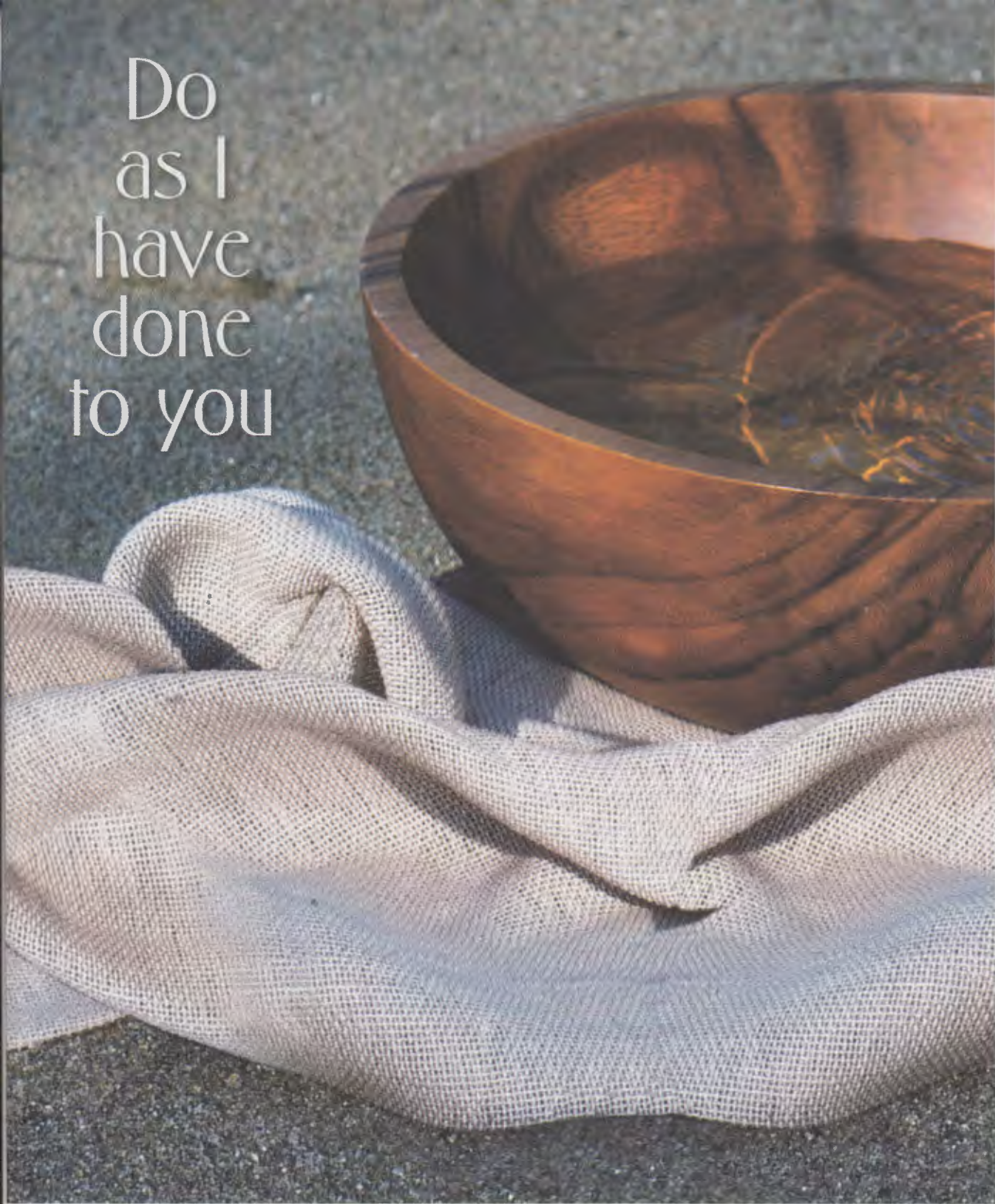
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Do  
as I  
have  
done  
to you



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April 13, 2017

Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Ah, Dearest Jesus"*

arr. Middleton

WELCOME

### \* GATHERING WORDS

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

Many: We gather tonight to recall the story of the night Jesus was betrayed.

One: Are you prepared to come to the feast of Jesus, the Christ, whose life was poured out for you?

Many: By the grace of God, we are.

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

Many: By the grace of God, we are.

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

Many: God of all grace and steadfast love, bring us to this feast of remembrance with open hearts!

### \* 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.

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## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Jesus, Lamb of God, today we remember what you have done for us. You poured out your life to show us the love of God. We celebrate your gift of life as we somberly recall your death, a death cause by our own sinfulness. From time immemorial, O God, you have called us to yourself, yet in ways too numerous to mention, we fail to respond. Forgive us, we pray, for the ways our limited understanding of culture gets in the way of fellowship with those different from ourselves. For when our limited vision of community gets in the

way of your call to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to seek justice and peace for all. Replace our arrogance, Merciful One, with the humility and caring service Jesus modeled, for truly we are not greater than our Teacher and Savior, in whom we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

**\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Wondrous Love

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

**\* PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Break the Bread, Pour the Wine" 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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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

**\* HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*"Lamb of God"*

#281

**MEDITATION**

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"*

Bach

## \* Doxology

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

## \* Prayer of Dedication

## \* SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Consecration and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: We thank you, O God of compassion, that you have nourished us with the bread of life and the wine of hope. As in Christ your love flowed out to those around him, so let your love flow through us to others. As in Christ your life was broken, so let your life meet us in our brokenness and release hope in us and others, through Jesus our hope and our life 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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April 14, 2017

Good Friday

7:00 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: On this day we look at the cross, and we remember...

Many: The betrayal of friendship and its consequences...

One: The casual cruelty of Roman authority and execution, and how unreliable others proved to be in a crisis.

Many: On this day may we also remember that religious bigotry, cruelty and unreliability are still a part of our everyday lives.

One: So let us come to the courts of justice,

Many: Where the Righteous One was found guilty.

One: Let us approach the hill outside Jerusalem,

Many: Where the innocent suffered and died.

One: Come, let us bow down in awe,

Many: For what happened there was done for us.

\* 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

All: Lord Jesus, we confess that we have abandoned and denied you. Those around us do not always see you through the way we live and by what we say. We are sorry for mocking you by being silent when others need us to speak up. Forgive us for the times we have avoided the chaos of our world instead of showing your grace. We are sorry for the suffering our sin has caused. Help us to draw from your



strength when the world frightens us, or lures us to do things we know are wrong.  
In your name, Holy Savior, we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**One:** Hear these words from the cross and know that you are forgiven: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

**All:** Thanks be to you, O God, of grace.

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

Wondrous Love

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**CASTING SHADOWS – A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE**

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

*The Arrest and Trials*

John 18:12-14, 19-23

*Meditation*

*Hymn--#251: I Come to the Cross*

*Silence*

*The Denial*

John 18:15-18, 25-27

*Meditation*

*Hymn--#437: Jesus Loves Me (Verse 1)*

*Silence*

*Pilate*

John 18:28-40

*Meditation*

*Hymn--#262: Ah, Holy Jesus (Verses 1-2)*

*Silence*

*Death Sentence*

John 19:1-16a

*Meditation*

*Hymn--#261: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Verses 1-3)*

*Silence*

*Crucifixion*  
*Meditation*  
*Hymn--#283: Were You There (Verses 1-2)*  
*Silence*

John 19:16b-27

*Death*  
*Meditation*  
*Hymn--#263: Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed*  
*Silence*

John 19:28-37

*Burial*

John 19:38-42

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHRIST LIGHT

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ALLELUJIA!  
*He is Risen*



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April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday

6:00 & 10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Christ Arose*"

Innes

## ***SYMBOLS OF LIFE***

Light—John 1:1-5

Radiant Garments—Luke 24:1ff

Bread of Life—1 Corinthians 11:23-24

Wine of Forgiveness—Revelation 7:9-10

One: Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Many: Christ is Risen indeed.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*

#288

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God of Good News, your angels appeared to the faithful women at Jesus' tomb, bringing them news more wonderful and awe-inspiring than they could imagine – Christ is Risen! And yet O God, we confess to you that while we know well the story of your victory over the grave, it is not a story we always live. We are dragged down by all manner of death – fear suffocates us, sorrow walls us off like a grave, isolating us with anger, frustration, and grief. Surely your angels can interrupt our lives, too, breaking into our losses and sorrows and offering a message of tremendous joy to change our lives! Come this Easter morning, we pray, and fill us with the joy of those first witnesses to your resurrection, that our lives may also be renewed in hope and glory. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Cast off the yoke of sorrow and instead raise up the scepter of joy – Christ lives! And we live a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. No matter what we have done, know that God forgives us and loves us.

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 "Rise Again" Solo by Diane Borkman \* 10 am "Alive Forever Amen" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Acts 10:34-43

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Colossians 3:1-4

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 28:1-10

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"*

#289

*(Tune: HYFRYDOL)*

**SERMON**

*"Earth Shattering"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

Back page of Hymnal

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

arr. Hustad

\* 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: Christ is Risen!

Many: Christ is Risen Indeed!

One: But do not look for the risen Jesus only here, in the confines of this church building, nor in the comfort of the familiar. Do not cling to all the old, expected notions about God, Jesus, Spirit, but go forth and celebrate this truly new Good News:

Many: Because Christ lives, new possibilities are ever before us!

One: Christ is Risen Indeed!

All: Alleluia and amen!

\* HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection"

#298

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on *Easter Hymn*"

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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

April 23, 2017

Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### PRELUDE

*"Adagio"*

Mozart

One: We come as we are:

Many: We come like Thomas, fearful disciples, suspicious of the Good News told by the women

One: You come as you are:

Many: Comforter, Redeemer, Holy Spirit, Spirit of forgiveness, God of life, God of new birth!

One: Today banish our fears with the memory of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Many: As we gather this morning we are reminded of the many times we have doubted and feared. Savior of the World, remind us again that through all our doubt, anxieties, and fears, your power, mercy and love are with us always.

### \* OPENING HYMN

*"The Gift of Love"*

#397

### \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: Holy God, we listen to the news, read the newspapers, browse FaceBook, and wonder if peace will ever reign in your world. Today we have been invited to be with the disciples in that hidden place where they also wondered about peace and hope. You broke through. You shattered the darkness and they were astonished again. Help us to understand that you will bring peace to each one of us. Forgive all those times when we treat this moment of revelation as though it was impossible. Give us the courage to reach out to you and invite your healing touch into our hearts once again. Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Open your hearts and ears, beloved people of God. You are loved, forgiven and chosen to be called disciples. Be at peace!

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

Hyfrydol

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Peter 1:3-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 20:19-31

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

**\* HYMN**

*"Grace Alone"*

#436

**SERMON**

*"Now What?"*

**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

*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. For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.*

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## SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*

Handel

\* Doxology

Old 100th

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

## GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

### \* SENDING FORTH

One: You have given yourself to us, Lord.

Many: Now we give ourselves for others.

One: You have raised us with Christ and made us a new people.

Many: As people of the resurrection, we will serve you with joy.

One: Your glory has filled our hearts.

All: Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

#496

### CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Toccata on Easter Hymn"*

Young

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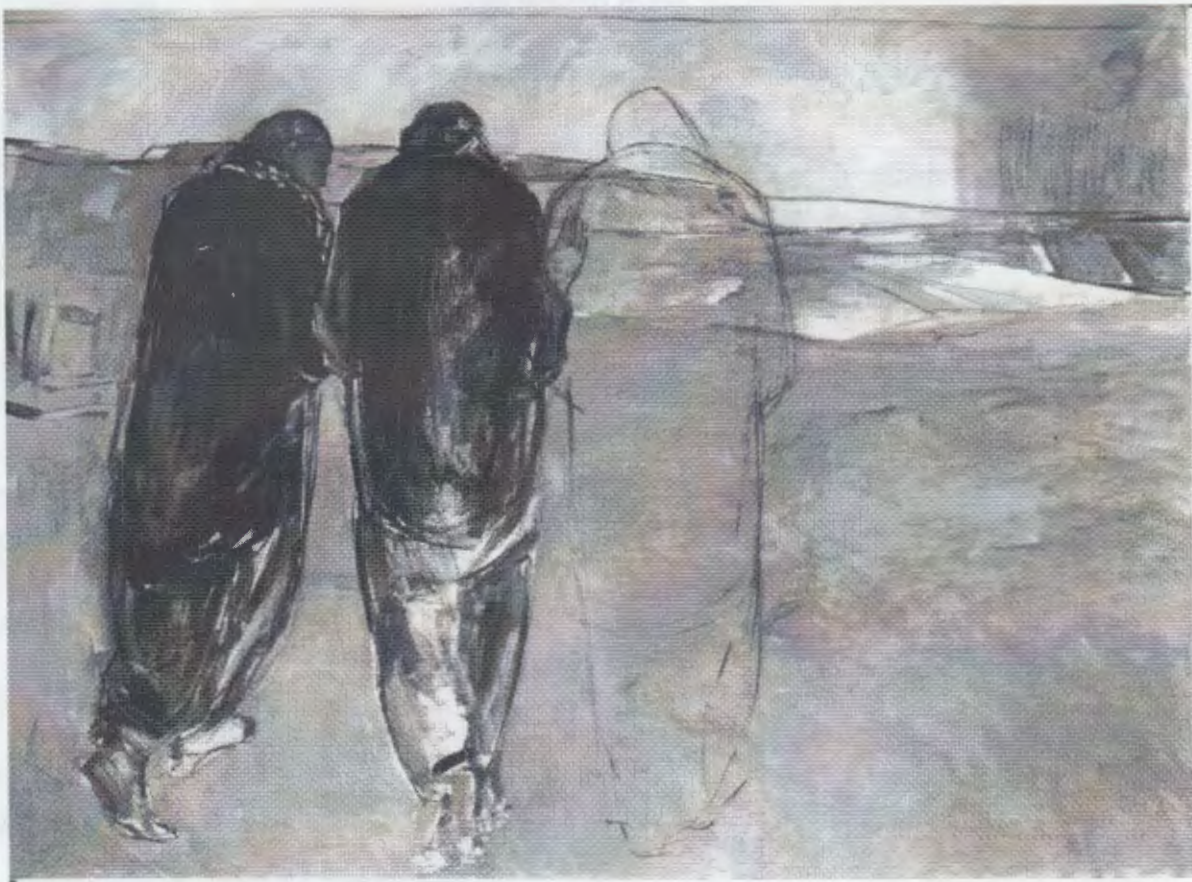
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*While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them; but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.*

*--Luke 24:15-16*

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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April 30, 2017

Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

#### PRELUDE

*"Air from Suite in D"*

Bach

One: Let us lift our voices to God.

Many: Let us call on the One who promises to hear us.

One: Let us praise God who hears our prayers,

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

One: In life, in death, in every moment, God deals graciously with us.

Many: We rejoice in the One who saves us.

#### \* OPENING HYMN

*"Thine is the Glory"*

#310

#### \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

### WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: Loving God, you are our Companion on the Way. We come here because we yearn for your love and grace; and we seek your wisdom and guidance. We relish the joy which burns within our hearts when you are with us. Yet, sometimes we hoard the blessings of relationship with you, and do not share your love with others. Forgive us, Heavenly Stranger. Remind us that your love is to be carried throughout the world. Press us to share the hope and joy of your love, so that someone who hungers for spiritual food may be filled by our witness to your grace. Shine the light of your Spirit through us, so that we may show your Way to those who long for peace, and help to revive those in whom hope has died. In the Risen Christ we pray. Amen.

#### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The Risen Christ reaches out to us in unexpected ways as we travel our own Emmaus roads. May these Word of our Stillspeaking God burn in our hearts: you are loved, you are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

Hyfrydol

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Take, O Take Me As I Am" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Peter 1:17-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 24:13-35

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Alleluia No. 1"*

#291

**SERMON**

*"On the Journey"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

see insert

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

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**PRAYER RESPONSE**

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Open Our Eyes Lord"*

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\* 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: Friends, may our lives praise the Lord! May our love of God embrace our children,

Many: Our family

One: Our enemies

Many: Those who are afar off

One: Those who are strangers met on the road

Many: We go, to live in the love of Christ! And to serve in the name of Christ!

One: And go rejoicing in the love of God, in the victorious life of our Risen Savior, and in the power of the Spirit.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Lift High the Cross"*

#287

#### CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"How Thank We All Our God"*

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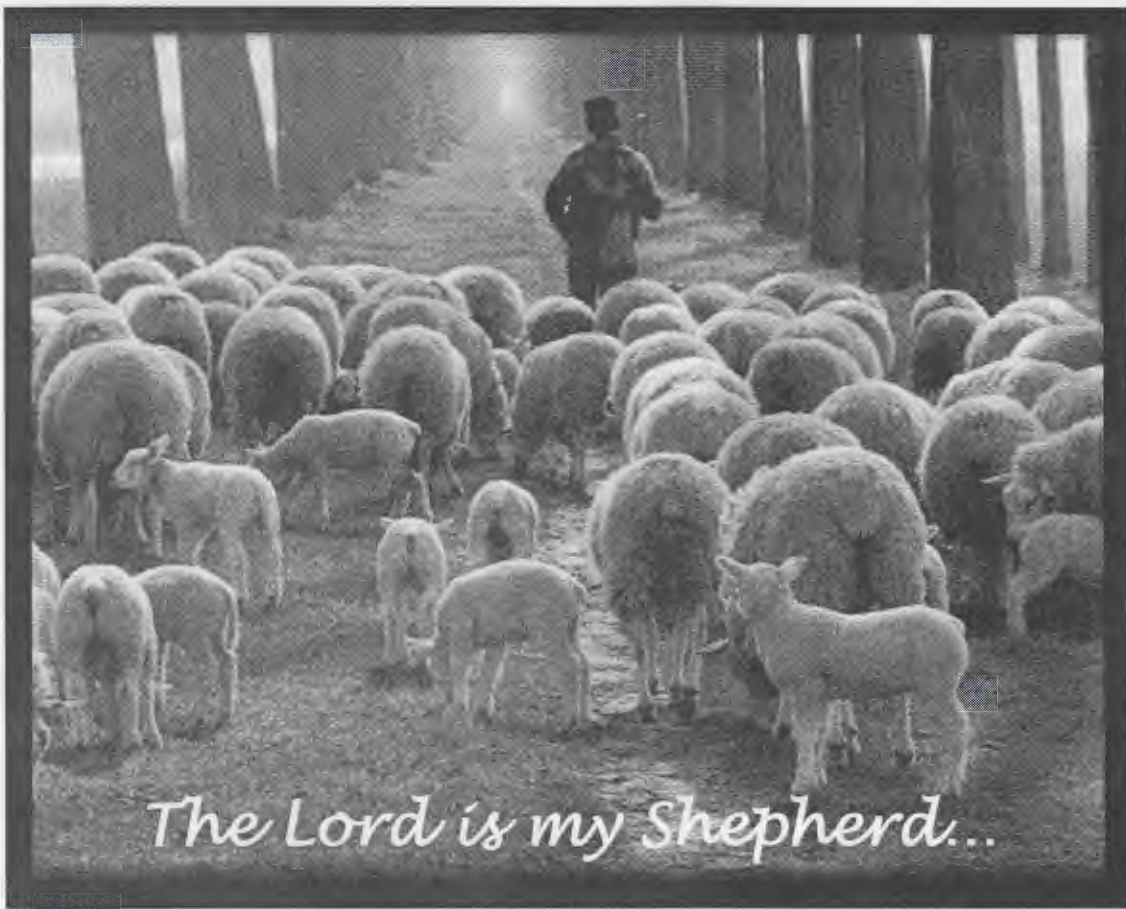


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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Brother James' Air*"

Wright

One: We are called here for a purpose:

Many: For the sake of knowing and drawing close toward God

One: We are not here by chance.

Many: We are chosen and precious in the sight of God

One: Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me;"

Many: Jesus, we are the sheep of your pasture. You have chosen us. We have chosen you. We are not here by chance, but to worship you in awe and wonder.

### \* OPENING HYMN

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

#86

### \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: Holy and Forgiving God, we are your sheep. And like sheep we are in need of your grace. We read of the early disciples gathering and doing things with glad and generous hearts. Yet that is not always the case with us. Hear the silent confessions of our hearts.

*(silent reflection)*

One: The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to shared meals, and to prayers.

Many: And yet when we disagree with others' teachings we put them down; we think they are wrong; we do not want to join them in a meal, or pray with them.

*(silent reflection)*

One: A sense of awe came over everyone.

Many: And yet we are too often skeptical or reluctant to see God's presence in our everyday lives.

*(silent reflection)*



One: The believers were united and shared things. They would sell property and possessions and distribute them to those who were in need.

Many: But how can we tell who is really in need? So many people want to rip us off. They might say they are in need, but I'm not so sure.

*(silent reflection)*

One: They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone.

Many: But sometimes we forget that we are a reflection of your image. and I don't want to live in a way that models your goodness.

*(silent reflection)*

One: Forgive us, God, when we are more concerned with ourselves than with our wider community.

All: Forgive us for our narrow and selfish ways. Save us from cheap grace with your amazing grace. Help us to enter by the door when we hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear these words from scripture: "Though you were like straying sheep, you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your lives." Friends, know that in the presence of our Shepherd and Savior Jesus the Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God!

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

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

Hyfrydol

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### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Psalm 23" The Choir*

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING:

Acts 2:42-47

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

#### SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

\* GOSPEL LESSON

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

John 10:1-10

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

\* HYMN

*"The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well"*

#73

SERMON

*"Hope and Trust"*

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Back page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

*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. For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.*

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Gentle Shepherd"*

Gaither

\* 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.)

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GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go out in peace to follow Jesus, our Shepherd. Receive the shepherd's care, and care for others. Model the grace of God in our world so that others will want to be a part of God's flock. And may the loving kindness of God, the peace and mercy of Christ, and the shepherding presence of the Holy Spirit guide you in your going.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"*

#440

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

POSTLUDE

*"Lord God"*

Pachelbel



*like living stones, let yourselves be built  
into a spiritual house...*

*--1 Peter 2:5a*

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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May 14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### PRELUDE

"Prelude on *My Jesus, I Love Thee*"

Hustad

One: The Lord is our refuge, whose righteousness delivers us from shame.

Many: The Lord is our rock; a strong fortress to save.

One: Our God leads and guides us, rescuing us from hidden snares.

Many: Our God is our faithful redeemer.

One: Let your face shine upon your servants, O God,

Many: And let your steadfast love enfold us as we worship you.

### \* OPENING HYMN

"*Faith of Our Fathers*"

#530

### \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: Ever-gracious God, from generation to generation you call forth faithful women and men to be willing servants of truth. You fill us with strength and hope, yet we find it is often not enough. We pray both for great faith and for easy lives, but we know these things seldom exist together. We pray only to avoid the time of trial when we need also to pray for strength and confidence to face the challenges that come with faithfulness. Forgive us, God, for our limited vision and our feeble trust. Make us strong like Stephen, so that we may rejoice in your unending grace even in the times of deepest suffering. In Christ we pray. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved in Christ, hear the Good News: Once we were not a people, but now we are a people bound together in God's mercy. Rejoice! For we are forgiven of all that separates us from the Holy One.

Many: 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**

*"Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Acts 7:55-60

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Peter 2:2-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 14:1-14

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

**\* HYMN**

*"As a Fire is Meant for Burning"*

#551

**SERMON**

*"The Growth of a Child"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

see insert

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

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Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Depart from this place in peace and confidence, to take up the mantle of justice and to follow wherever faith leads. And may God fill you with strength and hope as you go to love and serve in the name of Jesus the Christ, the living representation of God – our way, our truth, our life.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

#99

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Aurelia"

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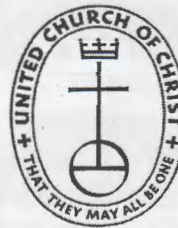
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May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### PRELUDE

*"Recitative"*

Guillaume

One: People of God, come into the presence of the One who calls us into this sacred space.

Many: We come to hear the stories of the One who loves us.

One: Here, the doors to grace are thrown open so all may enter.

Many: Here, we rejoice in the peace and hope which are ours.

One: Come, let us worship God with praise on your lips.

Many: Let us glorify the One in whom we live and move and have our being.

### \* OPENING HYMN

*"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"*

#31

### \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: Holy Advocate, we confess that at times we forget that you know us at our very depth. We become anxious and afraid that you are not with us, and that our lives have lacked meaning and purpose. You have called us to great things, but we focus instead on what we lack, rather than on Whose we are. By your mercy, help us to live out the commandments of Christ beyond these walls, beyond this hour, and in so doing, may we become for the world the very presence of justice, hope and peace. In Christ we pray. Amen.

### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: As God's children we are loved and forgiven. Know this truth: we are held in the grace of God.

Many: Thanks be to God.



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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Power of Your Love" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Acts 17:22-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Peter 3:13-22

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 14:15-21

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Refiner's Fire"*

#374

**SERMON**

*"The Advocate of Love"*

**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**

*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. For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.*

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

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

#358

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Fugue in G Minor"*

Bach

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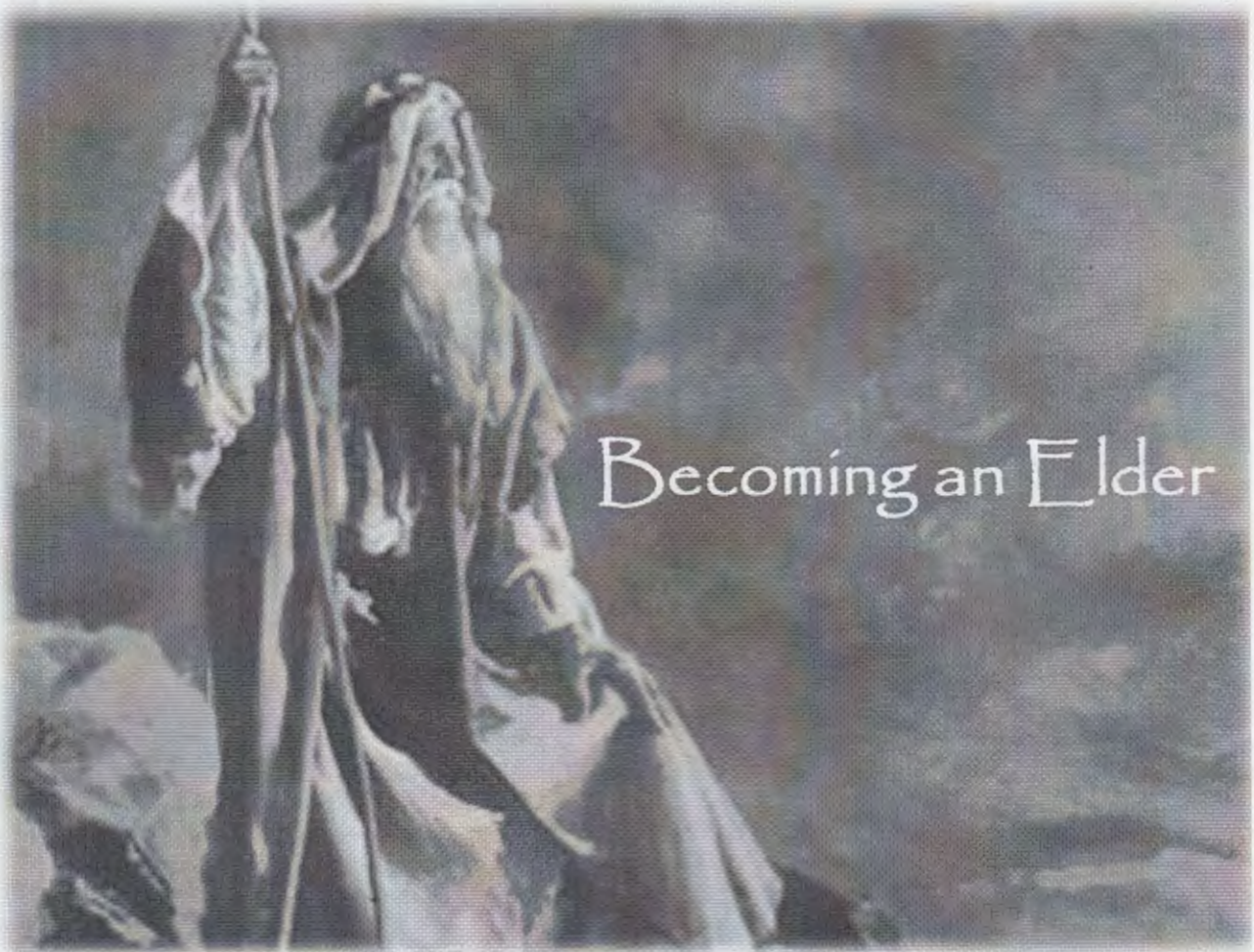
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# Becoming an Elder

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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Becoming living examples. Bonding all with the love of God

May 28, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Trio"*

Rheinberger

## WORDS OF GATHERING

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

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

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

Many: God leads captives to freedom and breaks the yoke of oppression.

One: Sing praise to God, the Rider of the ancient skies, who dwells in holiness.

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

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"*

#323

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved, our God is gracious, restoring us to new life. This is the good news: We are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

*"Lord Most High" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Acts 1:6-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 17:1-11

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Cares Chorus"*

#374

**SERMON**

*"Becoming an Elder"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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

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Musical Reflection

*"He Is Exalted"*

Paris

Old 100th

\* Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host:*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Continue to be faithful, remain committed, be witnesses for Christ. For the God of all grace has called you to eternal glory through Jesus Christ, and will fulfill, restore, strengthen, and establish you through suffering and struggle. Go forth from this place, with God's love in your hearts, with Christ's name on your lips, and with the Wisdom of the Holy Spirit in your mind.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*

#317

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Postlude on Materna"*

Smith

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Divided tongues, as of fire,  
appeared among them,  
and a tongue rested on each of them.

--Acts 2:3



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June 4, 2017

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: When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

Many: Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

One: They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

Many: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

One: O God, you have called us together as a church.

Many: Breathe into us your Spirit so we may live!

One: You have called us to be your people.

Many: Set us on fire that we may worship you with passion!

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Spirit of the Living God"*

#492

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of every tribe and nation, you have invoked our presence here this morning through the power of your great gift, the Holy Spirit. We confess that our vision is dim and our dreams are too small. Our body is broken, and our unity is breached. Our lives are cluttered and our souls are clogged. Forgive our cold hearts and feeble faith. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire and revive us. May the Spirit's reign in our hearts turn to fire in our lives so we might glow with the light of your love and show forth your justice and power. In Christ we pray. Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The Holy Spirit is our promised Helper and Advocate. Receive the Spirit of God who brings the fresh wind of forgiveness from above.

Many: We are filled with the Spirit, filled with God's forgiveness. 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.* #733

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Holy Spirit Rain Down" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Acts 2:1-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

John 20:19-23

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Come Share the Lord"*

#696

**SERMON**

*"The Manifestation of the Spirit"*

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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**

*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. For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.*

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Musical Reflection

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

Akers

\* 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: There are varieties of gifts,

Many: But the same Spirit.

One: There are varieties of service,

Many: But the same Lord.

One: There are varieties of activities,

Many: But it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

One: Go with the power of the Holy Spirit to be the body of Christ.

Many: We go, on fire for you, Holy Spirit, into a world that hungers and thirst for an awareness of your presence.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"On Pentecost They Gathered"*

#334

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Come Holy Spirit, Creator Blest"*

Bach

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June 11, 2017

Trinity Sunday

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

"Meditation on *Nicaea*"

Post

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Many: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

One: In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

Many: In the beginning God said, "Let us make humankind in our image."

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

Many: We come to worship our one, holy 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.

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## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

One: Holy Mother you have birthed us into life;

Many: Holy Father you have nurtured us along our way.

One: We were created in your image, an image of mutuality and respect for one another; an image of community with shared blessing and mission.

Many: Forgive us Holy One when we defile your image, when we regard some of your children as "other" and therefore beyond the reach of your love and care.

*(Silent reflection)*

One: You have given us dominion over the work of your hands. You have charged us to be fruitful and multiply, to make disciples of all nations.

Many: Forgive us when we have denied our purpose by abusing the earth's resources for our own selfish gain and the consequences have wreaked havoc upon the fish of the sea, the birds of the air and every living thing that moves upon the earth.

*(Silent reflection)*

One: Forgive us God; for we have sinned.

All: Fill us with resolve and purpose, to be your community and to expand our boundaries until all of creation is renewed and all people are welcomed and blessed. This we ask through the risen and ascended Christ who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

**\*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.* #733

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"The Image of God" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 28:16-20

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"How Majestic is Your Name"*

#42

**SERMON**

*"In The Big Inning"*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* APOSTLE'S CREED

First page of hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Musical Reflection

*"Morning Has Broken"*

Gaelic melody

\* Doxology

Old 100th

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Created and called to be faithful stewards,

Many: We are sent forth by our God.

One: Called and commissioned to be faithful disciples,

Many: We are sent forth by Jesus, Word of hope.

One: Called and filled with the very breath of peace,

Many: We are sent forth by the Spirit, God's grace.

One: Go and may the deep, deep peace of God in Community, Holy in One,  
be with you this day and for always.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"This is My Father's World"*

#21

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Postlude on Nicaea"*

Post



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June 18, 2017

Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Recitative"*

Calviere

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: As Abraham welcomed the strangers, so God welcomes us here.

Many: God greets us with joy and says, "rest here for awhile."

One: For here we hear good news and learn more about being God's people.

Many: Here we find the goodness of God that we need.

One: Here we receive guidance and deliverance from what holds us back from living full and vital lives.

Many: We come as strangers and friends, allies and outsiders, all welcomed into the circle of God's compassion and kindness.

One: Come, for God longs to encounter us and enfold us in love.

Many: Let us worship our God, who has done wonders in our lives.

\* 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.

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### WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy One, we confess that we are not always at our best. We get tired and burned out. We wear down by overextending ourselves. Sometimes we are short-tempered, snapping at others easily, allowing anger to bubble up and explode rather than calmly responding. We confess that at times we are even downright rude to others. Forgive us our temper tantrums. Forgive us for not taking time to rest and reconnect with you. Remind us of the call to extend hospitality as you have extended hospitality to us. Call us back into your rhythm of life, which calls for a day of rest, a Sabbath practice that honors you. Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God always looks at us with the eyes of compassion. Here, in this moment, we encounter the eternal mercy of God and our transgressions are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Amazing Love" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 5:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 9:35-10:8-23

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Amazing Grace"*

#422

**SERMON**

*"Is Anything Too Wonderful?"*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* APOSTLE'S CREED**

First page of hymnal

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

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Musical Reflection

*"Adagio"*

Franck

\* Doxology

Old 100th

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*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go out into the world with eyes open to seeing the lost, with ears that hear the cry of the forlorn, and with hands willing to touch the broken. And may God fill your hearts with joy, may you be strengthened by Christ's love and may the Spirit equip you to serve God's people and all of creation with gentleness and peace.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

#712

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Postlude on The God of Abraham Praise"*

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There are two  
ways to be fooled.  
One is to believe  
what isn't true; the  
other is to refuse to  
believe what is true.

—Søren Kierkegaard

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## OUR MISSION

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June 25, 2017

Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

*"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"*

arr. Innes

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Welcome in the name of the One who calls us beloved.

Many: We come to worship the One who listens to our hearts.

One: For there is none like our God who is filled with steadfast love.

Many: Our God is great and does wondrous things.

One: Come, find rest, hope, and nourishment from the hand of the Lord.

Many: We lift up our hungering souls as we worship our Trustworthy God.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

#30

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Most wonderful God, we praise you for the richness of your love that gathers us together in this hour of prayer. We come before you, confessing that we have not welcomed others as you have welcomed us. We have turned away those that beg, we have ignored the cries of the poor and the hungry, and we have not met the needs of those who have come before us. We have put our own desires above the needs of our neighbors. Like Abraham and Sarah we confess that there are family and friends we have cast out. Forgive us, O God. Call us back to your ways of mercy, compassion and love. Lead our wandering minds away from petty concerns to larger commitments, away from tiredness or apathy towards a sense of community. Help us to see our neighbor as ourselves, to love our neighbor as ourselves, to know our neighbor as Christ knows us. In the name of the One who loves us, we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, let guilt and remorse slip from your shoulders and fall away into the abyss of God's forgiveness. For God is merciful, and can be trusted to forgive us of all unrighteousness.

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.* #733

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Jesus, I My Cross have Taken" The Choir*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Genesis 21:8-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 6:1b-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 10:24-39

\* GOSPEL LESSON

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

\* HYMN

*"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

#83

SERMON

*"Broken Truth and Holy Healing"*

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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

*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. For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.*

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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: As we go, may God strengthen our hands and hearts to mend the broken relationships in our lives. And may you know the fullness of God's steadfast love, the depth of Christ's deep peace, and the power of the Spirit's presence.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

#344

### CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Fugue in G Minor"*

Bach

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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July 2, 2017

Fourth Pentecost after Sunday

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"God Hath Provided the Lamb"*

Almond

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: People of God, we are welcomed here by our loving God, who is both Redeemer and Friend.

Many: God's word of grace is offered to us like a cool cup of water offered to parched people on the hottest day.

One: God's grace stands ready to revive and restore us. How blessed are we?

Many: Come, let us worship the One who offers us rest and hope.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"As We Gather at Your Table"*

#695

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Author of Life, you have written your covenant into our hearts, claiming us as your own. You have called us to welcome the stranger, to show compassion to those who are in need, to care for those who mourn. We confess that we have not always been hospitable to others. It is so simple to offer a cup of cold water to a thirsty person, and yet we hesitate, worried about our safety or our money. Forgive us, Generous One. Help us to mold our lives to be more in tune with your call to welcome others as you have welcomed us. May we witness your welcome in all that we do. In Christ we pray. Amen.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: When we are lost, Christ will help us find the way. We are loved, we are welcomed with open arms, and we are embraced by God. Share this good news and know that you are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.



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

#733

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"How Great is Our God" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Genesis 22:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Roman 6:12-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 10:40-42

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Now it is Evening"*

#627

**SERMON**

*"Practicing Hospitality"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* NICENE CREED**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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. For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.*

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Musical Reflection

*"Adagio"*

Franck

**\* Doxology**

Old 100th

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: As we leave this time of worship, go ready to shower God's love, goodwill and welcome on all you encounter on your way. And go in the knowledge that you are, and always will be, loved by God.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

#614

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Postlude on America"*

Koulroy

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July 9, 2017

Fifth 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 to our God, all who hunger for life:

Many: For it is God who nourishes us at the Table of Grace

One: Come to our God, all who are worn out by life:

Many: For it is God who provides the rest we need.

One: Come to our God, all who are weighed down:

Many: For it is our God who carries our burdens with us.

One: Come to our God, and offer your hearts:

Many: For it is our God we have come to worship.

\* OPENING HYMN *"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"*

#9

### \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: Holy One you breathed into us the breath of life, and yet we confess we do not always acknowledge your presence. We get caught up in the ways of the world and are concerned only for ourselves. We busy ourselves with all sorts of things and have no time for you. We put our wants above the needs of others. We put our ways above your ways. Forgive us, O God, when we have turned away from you, or from a brother or sister in need. Help us to let go of our distractions so we might hear your call back to the path of right-living. Turn us away from the control of sin, and fill us with your love, so that it might guide our path. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: We are God's beloved people; God delights in us and loves us always. God's grace is eternal and we are restored to life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 7:15-25a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

**\* HYMN**

"Cares Chorus"

#493

**SERMON**

"Take a Load Off"

**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**

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Musical Reflection

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Old 100th

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*Praise God above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go into the world rejoicing, to show others the way to grace and hope. Step out with joy and gladness and listen for the cries of the lonely and the voices of all who are ignored, to be bearers of goodwill and kindness. Go knowing that God delights in the all Earth, and in you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

#473

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July 16, 2017

Sixth 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 shout and sing together for joy as we gather to worship our Holy God!

Many: We come to celebrate God's word given to us in literal words, and in God's Word made flesh in Christ Jesus.

One: Come and find peace in God's presence.

Many: We come seeking wholeness in God's Spirit.

One: Come as you are to worship God.

Many: We come searching for an authentic and genuine relationship with our God.

### \* 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.

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## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: Compassionate God, we marvel at how open you are to us. You know us as we are. You understand all the ways we bring pain into our own lives. You see all the ways we bring pain into the lives of others. We acknowledge that too often we take for granted your gifts to us: gifts of our lives, this world, and your word to us. Yet you listen to us without judgment. You love us unconditionally. You accept us as beloved children. Help us to accept our own reality. Help us to be generous with ourselves and with others. Help us to love ourselves and others as you love us. Let us be good soil, receiving your word, understanding it, and acting upon it, that we may be not just hearers of the word, but doers also. In Christ we pray. Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: We claim what the apostle Paul teaches: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The Spirit of God dwells in you, and you are forgiven and freed.

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.* #733

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Genesis 25:19-34

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 8:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

**\* HYMN**

*"Thy Word"*

#664

**SERMON**

*"Sowing Seeds"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* APOSTLE'S CREED**

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\* Doxology

Old 100th

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Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go to tend the word of God within yourself, being a voice for justice in the world. And may you go in the joy of God, secure in God's presence around you and within you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Hymn of Promise"

#515

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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July 23, 2017

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

*"Prayer"*

Boelleman

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: The Creator has planted seeds in all of us.

Many: May we nurture good deeds and loving-kindness.

One: Jesus calls us to bear spiritual fruit.

Many: May we bless and build up others to serve our God.

One: The Holy Spirit moves in us, encouraging us to grow.

Many: As we gather today may we be nurtured, may we be blessed and may we be a blessing to others.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

#721

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Creator God, we confess that we do not follow the ways of the world You created but instead follow the ways of the world we created, putting ourselves above others and making our needs more important than anyone else's. We care more for our own success and satisfaction than those that are in need, especially those people we do not see. Forgive us, God. Call us back into your intentions for us, to love you, to love others and to be good stewards of this world and all that you have given us. Help us to turn away from the temptations of the world we have created. In the name of Jesus, who leads us into the ways of your world, we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: There is no place we can go where we will be forgotten by God. There is no place we can fall into that God cannot find us. God restores us, and sets our feet back on God's paths. In God's infinite mercy we are forgiven, we are loved and we are restored to new life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Genesis 28:10-19a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 8:12-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

**\* HYMN**

*"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"*

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**SERMON**

*"Good Plant or Pesky Weed?"*

**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.*

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Stainer

\* Doxology

Old 100th

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Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: As you leave this place, leave fear behind, leave with a glad heart, leave with the conviction that all people you meet in the coming days are beloved of God as you are, also. And may the love of God, the grace of Christ and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you and yours always.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

#719

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Postlude"*

Couperin

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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July 30, 2017

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Consolation"*

Mendelssohn

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: From the mustard seed a great and mighty shrub emerges.

Many: Good things can come from something that seemed so insignificant!

One: The spore of the yeast can leaven the whole loaf of bread.

Many: We can be those people who bring hope and peace to God's world.

One: Come, let us praise the God of great and mighty wonders.

Many: Let our spirits soar in gratitude for the opportunities God gives us to serve.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"*

#549

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

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## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Diligent God, who watches over us at all times, be with us all these days. We confess that we have allowed a host of worries and frustrations to crowd out your word for us. As you give us peace and your transforming love, also forgive all those times when we have been less than faithful disciples. Gently visit us again with your healing powers. Restore our hope and courage and joy for all the times ahead. We ask this in the name of the Master Healer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God is working mighty things in our lives. We have been given the spirit of hope and courage. God is with us. Let us place our trust in God's absolute care, absolute love and absolute forgiveness.

Many: Thanks be to God.



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

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

1 Kings 3:5-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 8:26-39

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

**\* HYMN**

*"Seek Ye First"*

#349

**SERMON**

*"Seeds, Weeds and Yeast:  
Subversive Tools of the Kingdom"*

**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**

*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. For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.*

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Interlude"*

Mozart

\* Doxology

Old 100th

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: As you leave this place, leave fear behind, leave with a glad heart, leave with the conviction that all people you meet in the coming days are beloved of God, as you are, also. And may the love of God, the grace of Christ and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you and your, always.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"I Am Thine, O Lord"*

#408

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

POSTLUDE

*"Postlude"*

Caplan

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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

August 6, 2017

Ninth Pentecost after Sunday

10:00 am

\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

*"Here, O My Lord, I See Them Face to Face"*

arr. DeCou

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: The day breaks

Many: And God does not let us go.

One: The hour calls

Many: And God does not let us go.

One: The evening falls

Many: And God holds us fast.

One: Let us turn to God in worship

Many: The God, who never turns from us.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

#111

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God, you see us. You see our struggles, you see our difficulties. We confess that though you are always present to us, we don't always feel it; though you are always good to us, we can't always accept it. We know that our hearts are not entirely yours, that our love of neighbor falls short. Hear the confessions of our hearts of the sins that grip us; the acts done and undone that get in the way of our relationship with you and create distance between us.

*(silent reflection)*

One: Have mercy upon us, O God.

All: Grant us your renewing forgiveness. Lead us on your paths of righteousness, that we may delight in you and follow you, giving glory to your holy name. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The God who gives, gives all. The God who loves, loves all. The God who forgives, forgives all. Through Christ, our sins, every single one of them, are all 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.* #733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Genesis 32:22-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 14:13-21

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

GOSPEL LESSON

HYMN

*"Break Thou the Bread of Life"*

#665

SERMON

*"You've Got to be Kidding Me"*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.*

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go to feed the masses with the loaves and fish that you have received. And may  
God's peace: carry and keep you. May God's love: nourish and bless you. May  
God's spirit: inspire and lift you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"The Church of Christ in Every Age"*

#623

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"*

Kretchmar

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When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver.

—Genesis 37:28a

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August 13, 2017

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: God of Presence, as you walked upon the water to meet the disciples,

Many: Meet us here in the midst of the storms in our lives.

One: God of Renewal, as you lifted Peter from the water,

Many: In this hour of worship lift us from despair to hope, from distraction to focus,  
from death to life.

One: God of the Journey, direct us in your way, work out your purpose in and through  
our lives.

Many: For we are here to surrender our lives to you.

One: Let us worship the One who meets us where we are.

Many: We open ourselves to the God who lifts us up.

### \* OPENING HYMN

*"Praise to the Lord Almighty"*

#71

### \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: Triune One, we know that you are always near, that Christ is always present, and  
that the Holy Spirit surrounds us. And yet we have turned our eyes to the  
challenges of this life, and lost our focus on you and are sinking in sin. We have  
ignored our neighbors in need and forgotten the cries of the poor and hungry  
around us. We have cried out in anger to you when we are lacking our desires,  
and claim you have not heard us. Forgive us for our shortcomings. Forgive us for  
not acting in faithfulness to our neighbors and to you. Turn us back to your ways.  
Lift us from the waves of doubt and rescue us from currents of insecurity and  
alienation. In the name of Christ, we pray all things. Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Take heart, do not be afraid. Everyone who calls upon God's name will be saved.  
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.* #733

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 10:5-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 14:22-33

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*

#74

**SERMON**

*"Ties That Bind"*

**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**

*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. For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.*

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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: You have been raised with Christ, so go to do the work of Christ in the world:  
Extending a hand to those in need,

Many: Speaking up for those others would cast aside,

One: Building bridges of reconciliation,

Many: Strengthening bonds of community,

One: And extending the invitation of life, community and purpose to others  
knowing that the God who created you, the Christ who redeems you and  
the Spirit who empowers you will be with you this day and ever more.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

#393

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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August 20, 2017

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: How very good and pleasant it is when sisters and brothers live together in unity.

Many: It is like a summer rain which restores the parched earth.

One: Here we remember that we are family.

Many: Sisters and brothers on a journey of faith, called to be light and salt, and bringers of restoration and peace.

One: Here we are embraced in the loving hospitality of God.

Many: Who knows us as beloved, and holds us in kindness and care all the days of our lives.

One: God meets us here.

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

### \* OPENING HYMN

*"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: Restorer of Our Souls, for every opportunity where we choose not to follow you; for every word that flows from our hearts to our mouths that hurt others, for every thought that leads us away from you, forgive us. Lead us in the ways of your love. Guide us to live lives that are a blessing to those around us instead of a hindrance to their daily needs. Help us to include rather than exclude, to break down walls rather than build up, and to welcome instead of turn away. Help us to live into the ways you taught us, and to learn from our mistakes. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God welcomes us as we are, and challenges us to let go of our guilt for we are forgiven, renewed 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.* #733

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Genesis 45:1-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 15:10-28

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

**\* HYMN**

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

#638

**SERMON**

"Ties that Bind Part 2: Forgiveness and Grace"

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* APOSTLE'S CREED**

First page of hymnal

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

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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

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go, to live into your fullest self, while helping others to do the same. And may God, the mother and father of us all; Christ, the one who travels with us; and the Spirit, who binds us together, bless you in your going.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands"*

#389

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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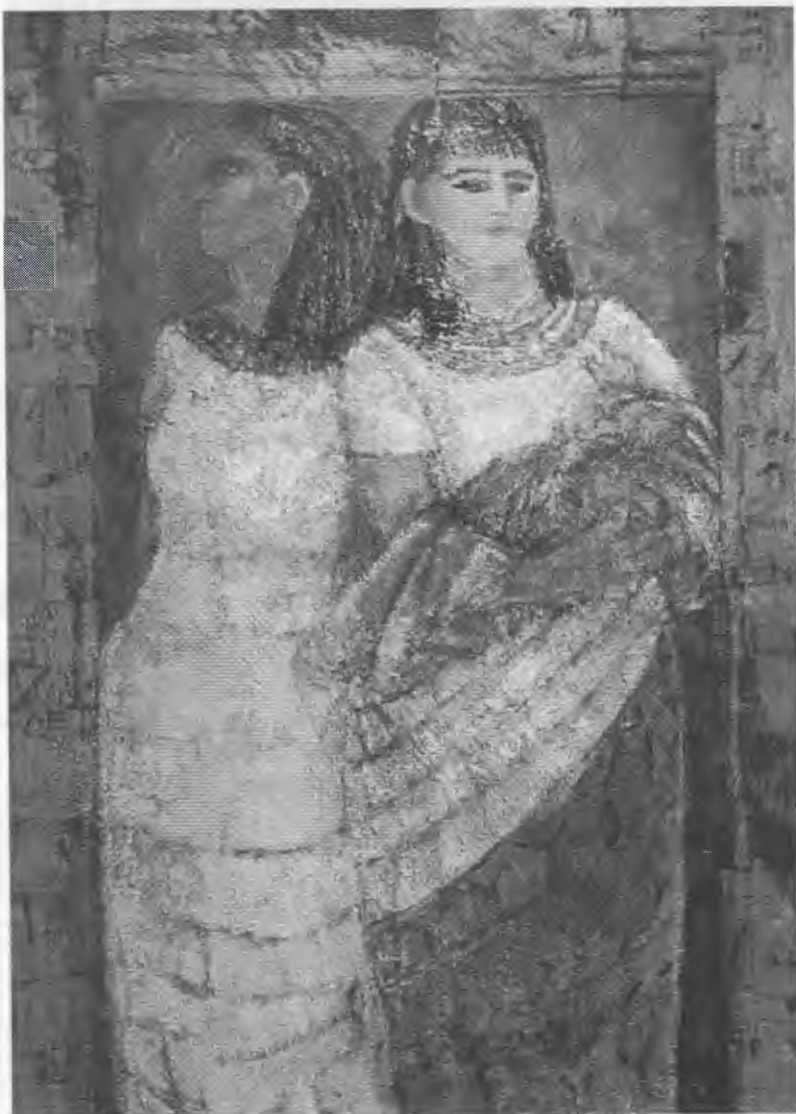
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*The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah,*

*"When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live."*

*But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live.*

*--Exodus 1:15-17*

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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August 27, 2017

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Elegy"*

Thalben-Bell

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Our help is in the name of the living God who has made heaven and earth.

Many: Stretch out your hand, Faithful One, and deliver us.

One: Our God is our truest Friend, we are the people fed by Divine love, the family under the care of Holy hands.

Many: We have come to bow down and quiet ourselves in the presence of God our Creator and Redeemer.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"The God of Abraham Praise"*

#16

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

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### WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of Mystery, we confess that we are so much like Peter. We struggle to be transformed into disciples. Our hearts get pulled by our culture that values the rich, the powerful, the successful; all the while we know that you are on the side of the weak, the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Forgive us, Merciful God, for letting our world shape us into people you do not recognize as yours. Reawaken us with your voice that calls us to service; revive and refresh our fatigued spirits that we might boldly proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior, in all we say and do. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The God of Moses and Miriam, makes a way for us where there seems to be no way. Know that we are loved, rescued and forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.



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

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

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

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Exodus 1:8-2:10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 12:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 16:13-20

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Christ, You Call Us to Service"*

#571

**SERMON**

*"Resist"*

**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**

*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. For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.*

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Trio"*

Rheinberger

\* Doxology

Old 100th

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go out as God's people, willing to do God's work in the world.

Many: We go out as Christ's disciples, ready to serve wherever we have the chance.

One: Go out with the Spirit of hope, eager to proclaim peace to all. And may you go knowing God's goodness in your heart, and being assured that you are loved.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

#411

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Trumpet Voluntary"*

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*For those who want to save their life  
will lose it, and those who lose their  
life for my sake will find it.*

*--Matthew 16:25*

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September 3, 2017

Thirteenth Pentecost after Sunday

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"In Remembrance of Me"*

Red

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come, seek God here.

Many: We come seeking to dwell in the shelter of the Most High.

One: Come, seek God's Spirit here.

Many: We come seeking to be inspired and changed.

One: Seek God's Word here.

Many: We who know how little we know, come seeking God's wisdom.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Come, Share the Lord"*

#696

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God's mercy extends beyond the bounds of our imagination. God's love seeps through any wall we could ever put up. God's goodness holds more power than the sum of all sin. Because of this extensive, seeping, powerful love, I declare to you that God forgives us all our sins.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Exodus 3:1-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 12:9-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 16:21-28

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

#559

**SERMON**

*"More Than What We Bargained For"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* NICENE CREED**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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. For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.*

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Holy Ground"*

Davis

\* Doxology

Old 100th

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host:*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go, and let your love be genuine, hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good.  
Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer. And may the  
blessing of Almighty God: Source, Word and Spirit, One, be with you now and  
always.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Community of Christ"*

#615

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"God Bless Our Native Land"*

arr. Johnson

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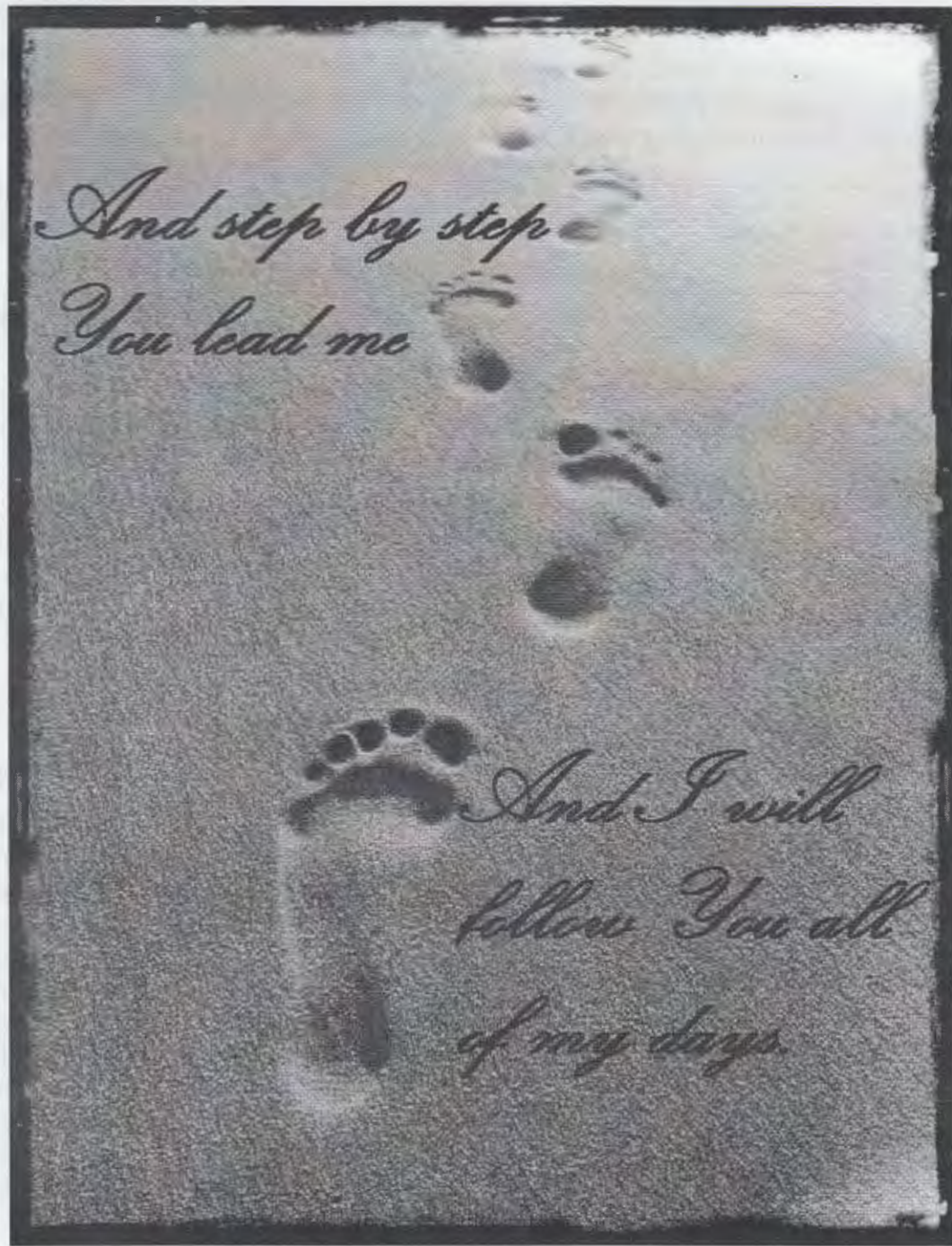


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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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Becoming living examples. Bonding all with the love of God

September 10, 2017

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

*"Prelude in G Major"*

Mendelssohn

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Jesus said: "Wherever two or three are gathered in my name,

Many: There I am there in the midst of them."

One: In the name of Jesus we have gathered here:

Many: To rejoice with the Spirit who inspires us,

One: To worship the God who utterly loves us,

Many: And to celebrate the Lord who lives among us still.

One: Let us praise God!

Many: Let us rejoice in our Faithful God.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"God is Here"*

#1

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

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## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: As we gather here in your name, O Christ, you are already among us, aware of all that separates us from you. And so we confess, Gracious God, that too often we take you for granted. When you call us to leave situations that are not good for us, we are too complacent to hear your voice, and too timid to leave what is familiar. Forgive us our stubbornness; heal us of our faintheartedness. Make us ready to go where you lead us. Keep us open to your presence in us and around us that we may grow closer to you. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God grace is abundant, God's love is never-ending. As children of God, know that we are loved 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.* #733

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Where Two or Three are Gathered" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Exodus 12:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 13:8-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 18:15-20

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Step by Step"*

#494

**SERMON**

*"A Perpetual Ordinance"*

**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**

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Adagio"*

Mendelssohn

\* Doxology

Old 100th

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host:*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth into the world to meet all creation with the Spirit of Hope and Justice!  
And may the love of God, the grace of Christ and the peace of the Holy Spirit go  
before you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

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

#429

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POSTLUDE

*"Tuba Tune in D Major"*

Lang

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Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

--Matthew 18:21-22

# 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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September 17, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"At the Name of Jesus"*

Berry

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let us bless the Lord with all our strength, and bless the holy name of God.

Many: Let us bless the Lord and never forget God's gifts of forgiveness and healing.

One: For God redeems our lives from despair and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Many: The Lord renews our strength like the eagle's and works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

One: For the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Many: As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is GOD's love toward those who are faithful;

One: As a parent has compassion for children, so our GOD has compassion for us.

Many: Let us bless the Lord with all our strength, and bless the holy name of God.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"At the Name of Jesus"*

#321

\* 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: Compassionate, Lover-of-Goodness, we confess that our compassion is lacking. We put up walls and barriers, and refuse to forgive though others have forgiven us. We refuse to help though we have been helped. We see the speck in the eyes of others and fail to see the log in our own. We want things our way, and cannot see outside of the box that there may be other ways. Forgive our shortcomings, our short-sightedness, and when we become stumbling blocks for others. Open our hearts to receive your compassion; and then show us how to forgive, so that

we may be vessels of resurrection hope in our troubled world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: As with the Israelites standing before the Red Sea, God makes a path to freedom for us when none was there before. God leads us back when we have walked away, time and again. Calling us by name saying, "You are forgiven, you are loved, you are restored to life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Come, Now is the Time to Worship" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Exodus 14:19-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 14:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 18:21-35

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Amazing Love"*

#259

**SERMON**

*"Forgiveness: The Path to Freedom"*

**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

*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. For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.*

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## SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"*

Herklots

\* 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 forgive as we have been forgiven; to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk confidently, and humbly, with God.

All: Amen.

### \* HYMN

*"Grace Alone"*

#436

### CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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### POSTLUDE

*"Fanfare"*

Lemmens

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***If you work for God,  
you better expect the  
unexpected.***

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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 24, 2017

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

\* indicates to stand as able

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

*"Adagio in D Flat"*

Liszt

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We gather here to worship God;

Many: Guide our minds to focus on You, O God.

One: We gather here to follow Jesus;

Many: Guide our actions, that they might fulfill your commandments, O Christ.

One: We gather here to serve God;

Many: Open our hearts, Holy Spirit, that we might be filled with your love and compassion.

One: Come, let us lift our voices in praise, making God's goodness known throughout the world.

Many: We rejoice in your wonderful presence, O God.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

#501

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

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## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Author of Salvation, we confess that we tune you out when your word is inconvenient for us. We put ourselves first and ignore the needs of others. We seek worldly success and fame, and forget your commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to become servant of all by becoming least of all. Holy God, guide us away from the ways of the world to hear your call to follow you. Guide us away from the temptation to put ourselves first, and help us to see that you desire for us to reach out in love to all. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the Good News: Love Wins! Christ is Risen, life triumphs over death. And we are restored; we are loved; 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.* #733

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"To Live is Christ" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Exodus 16:2-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 1:21-30

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 20:1-16

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Give Thanks"*

#359

**SERMON**

*"Your Ways are Not My Ways," says the Lord.*

**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**

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Musical Reflection

"Trio"

Rheinberger

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: Let us go to continue in our work.

Many: To live in manner worthy of the gospel of Christ; to be in one spirit,  
striving side by side.

One: And may the strength of Christ sustain us, may the joy of the Holy Spirit  
surprise us, and may the love of God guide us in all our ways.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"When We Are Living"

#415

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Procession Allegre"

Cornell

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*Be of the same mind,  
having the same love,  
being in full accord  
and of one mind.*

*--Philippians 2:2b*

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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October 1, 2017

Seventeenth Pentecost after Sunday

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Jesu, Word of God Incarnate*"

Mozart

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let there be no divisions among us,

Many: For Christ is one body, and we are the body of Christ.

One: Let us come together to share in this holy meal,

Many: Around the world, of all languages and peoples, we eat together;

One: Of all denominations and creeds, we follow one Savior who died for all;

Many: This meal, may it be for remembrance, and may we remember we are called to be one.

One: Come, let us worship God, with one voice, with one heart.

Many: For Christ is one body, and we are the body of Christ.

\* OPENING HYMN

"*One Bread, One Body*"

#689

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Almighty God, you call us to follow the path of humility that Jesus walked, but we confess that we have not been humble. We have been certain of our own truth, that our own point of view is the only point of view, or at least the correct one. We have dismissed others and turned up our noses. Forgive us, O God, for putting ourselves above others, because in the end, we all came from you, and we all return to you. Forgive us for thinking we are better than others. Forgive us for not seeing our places of privilege and advantage. Give us humble hearts to serve others, O God, and to see one another as siblings, all children of you. In the name of Christ, our Brother, Redeemer, and Savior, we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God's love is at work in us, stripping away the chaff, and renewing us in the Spirit.  
Know that our sins are forgiven, for we are loved by God.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

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

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Banquet" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Exodus 17:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 2:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 21:23-32

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands"*

#389

**SERMON**

*"Unity"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* NICENE CREED**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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. For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.*

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Thy Table I Approach"*

Bender

\* Doxology

Old 100th

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: As we go may we look not to our own interests but to the interests of others.  
May we do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit but be of the same mind as  
Christ Jesus. And may the love of God, the grace of Christ and the unity of the  
Holy Spirit enfold us.

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"*

Kretchmar

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*Then God spoke all these words:*

*--Exodus 20:1*



<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/the-ten-commandments/>

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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

October 8, 2017

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

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

Innes

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

Many: May our worship reflect God's glory.

One: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

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

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

Many: As we worship, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

\* 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

\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy and gracious God, as we open our hearts to your presence we recognize that there is much within us that needs your forgiveness. We confess that we elevate the gods of money, sports and politics ahead of you. We misuse your name yet won't call on your name for prayer. We are guilty of telling half-truths when it is convenient for us. We pine after things that others have, unsatisfied with the many blessings in our own lives. Forgive us. Redirect our thoughts and actions to love you and the ways you call us to follow. Teach us how to receive you fully and respond to you wholeheartedly. In Christ we pray. Amen.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, healing our brokenness, and forgiving our sin. By the life and love of Jesus, we are forgiven and freed.



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.* #733

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"The Heavens Are Telling" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 3:4b-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 21:33-46

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Knowing You"*

#357

**SERMON**

*"Laws"*

**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**

*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. For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.*

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Fugue"*

Pachelbel

\* Doxology

Old 100th

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: You are a blessed people.

Many: We will go to be a blessing in the world.

One: You are the face of Jesus.

Many: We will go to be love and compassion to all.

One: You are the family of God.

Many: We will go to serve our sisters and brothers wherever we may find them.

One: May the blessings of God, the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"There Is a Balm in Gilead"*

#631

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

POSTLUDE

*"Procession Alegre"*

Cornell

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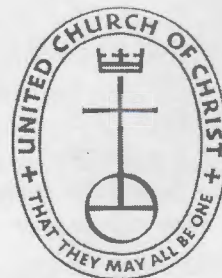
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A black and white photograph showing the silhouette of a person in a dynamic, joyful dance pose. The person is standing on a small patch of grass, with one leg raised and bent, and arms extended. The background is a cloudy sky.

*Rejoice  
in the Lord  
always;  
again  
I will say,  
Rejoice.*

*--Philippians 4:4*

Image found on: <http://centralwoodward.org/sermons/2012/2/13/from-mourning-to-dancing.html>

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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October 15, 2017

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Rejoice the Lord is King*"

Innes

## WORDS OF GATHERING

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

Many: Today is a day to celebrate God.

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

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

One: Let us gather and rejoice in God's presence.

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

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"*

#113

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Living God, we confess that when you seem distant, we turn to idols of our own desire. At times we stray and fail to be gentle. We decline your invitation to the banquet of love and justice, and fail to extend your invitation to others. We adorn ourselves with worry rather than joy. For all these things, and so many others, forgive us. In this hour of worship, draw near and bring your healing and wholeness to us all. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God pours blessings upon us, even as we choose to go our own way. Praise be to God, our sins are forgiven, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

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.*

#733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Come to the Table of Grace" The Choir*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Exodus 32:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 22:1-14

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

\* GOSPEL LESSON

\* HYMN

*"We Come as Guests Invited"*

#702

SERMON

*"Rejoicing"*

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.*

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Interlude"*

Haydn

\* 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, strengthened to do the work of Christ, standing in the gap, extending the invitation to the eternal banquet; rejoicing in God. Let your gentleness be known to everyone and don't worry about anything. And may the God who created you, the Christ who redeems you and the Spirit who empowers you be with you today and ever more.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"The Trees of the Field"*

#710

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

Karg-Elert

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*...Then he said to them,  
"Give therefore to the emperor  
the things that are the emperor's, and  
to God the things that are God's."*

*--Matthew 22:21*

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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October 22, 2017

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Rock of Ages*"

Bish

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let us give thanks to our God who is so good,

Many: Whose love stands firm forever.

One: Let us give thanks and proclaim among all peoples of the earth our Savior's deeds.

Many: With our best songs and sweetest music we delight in all that God has done for us.

One: Let us glory in the Redeemer's name, rejoicing from the bottom of our hearts.

Many: With our praises let us celebrate God's Presence.

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



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the Good News: We have found favor in God's sight. We are loved. We are worthy. 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.* #733

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Show Me Your Ways" The Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Exodus 33:12-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 22:15-22

**\* GOSPEL LESSON**

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

**\* HYMN**

*"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*

#384

**SERMON**

*"Caesar"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**\* APOSTLE'S CREED**

First page of hymnal

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

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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: Now go with abandon, holding nothing back, to give to the world the things of God which have been given to you. And may the love of God, the grace of Jesus and the generosity of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Take Me Life and Let It Be"*

#466

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Fanfare"*

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# GOING ALL OUT!



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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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October 29, 2017

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Meditation on *Ein' Fest Berg*"

Kittel

## WORDS OF GATHERING

One: You, O God, know our hearts.

Many: Guide our hearts, O God.

One: You, O God, see our ways.

Many: Shape our ways, O God.

One: You, O God, call our spirits.

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

\* OPENING HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

#84

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God, the wisdom of the scripture tells us that our happiness is found by turning away from the counsel of the wicked, but we confess that we allow that counsel to seduce us. We allow our priorities to be distracted and our love to be obstructed. We are sorry for so much – for words we cannot bear to repeat, for memories we cannot bear to relive, for thoughts we cannot bear to admit. God of mercy, grace, reconciliation and goodness: forgive us. Bind our hearts not to the unbearable but rather to you, so that, in all ways, we may live in the joy of your salvation and the delight of your loving embrace. In Christ we pray. Amen.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Happy are we, holy people, when we walk in the ways of our God. Happy are we, beloved ones, as we receive God's forgiveness.

Many: Happy are we, God's own, for we are made whole, through Jesus Christ.

\*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Just Let Me Say" The Choir*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:34-46

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

\* HYMN

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

#273

SERMON

*"Climbing the Mountain"*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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\* APOSTLE'S CREED

First page of hymnal

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Musical Reflection

*"Interlude"*

Stainer

\* Doxology

Old 100th

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Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: And now go forth, to love God with all your heart, your mind, your soul:

Many: With passion, with prayer, with intellect;

One: To love your neighbor:

Many: With forgiveness, with service, with love;

One: And to love yourself:

Many: With hope, with joy, with peace.

One: Almighty God bless and keep us, may our merciful God's face shine upon us.  
And may the blessed and Holy Trinity be with us now and forever.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*

#507

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Postlude on Ein' Fest Berg"*

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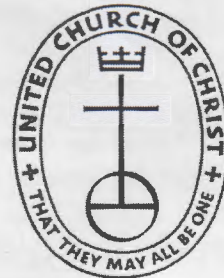
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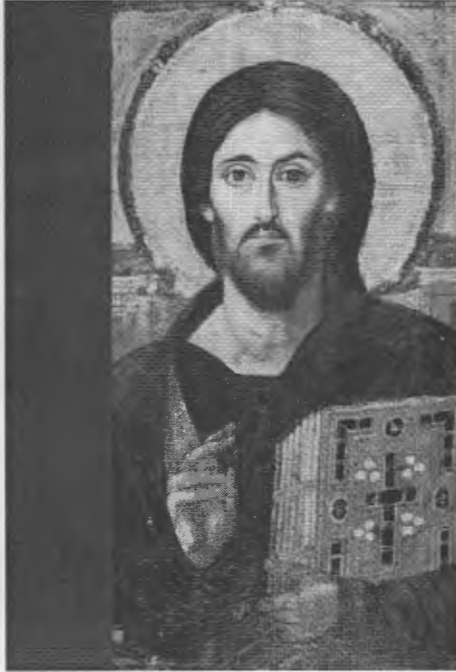
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You have  
one  
instructor,  
the Christ.

Matthew 23:10

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November 5, 2017

Twenty-second Pentecost after Sunday

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### OPENING SENTENCE

#### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"How Majestic is Your Name"*

#42

*"Open Your Hearts"*

#124

*"Our God is Greater"*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

#### \* CENTERING PRAYER

All: O Holy One, we gather to hear your Gospel, and sing your praises. Open your words of life for us today as we open our hearts before you. Show us the way to justice and peace that we may follow you joyfully into the future you hope for our world. Help us to draw on all you would give us that we might be more fully yours. In Jesus' name. Amen.

#### \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around.*

#654

*Let us praise Jesus now; We are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING:

Joshua 3:7-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

#### SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" The Choir*

### GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 23:1-12



SERMON

"Leading the Way"

\* HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

#699

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

arr. DeCou

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* 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: God calls us

Many: To be thankful for the Word of truth we have received.

One: God calls us into the world

Many: To witness in truth to the reign of Christ.

One: God calls us to let the Gospel of Christ work through us,

Many: To bless the world.

One: Let us go forth as leaders into this troubled world—honest, courageous and  
hope-filled—to love and serve our God.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"A Place at the Table"

#617

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Lamb of God"

Bach

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**CHOOSE THIS DAY**

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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 12, 2017

Twenty-third Pentecost after Sunday

10:00 am

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\* indicates to stand as able

## 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.

### OPENING SENTENCE

### CHORAL INTROIT

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"The Family Prayer Song"*

#605

*"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"*

Insert

*"Sanctuary"*

#482

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* CENTERING PRAYER

All: We delight, O God, to be here, together, worshiping and singing your praise. We come to hear your wisdom in Jesus, the One you sent to dwell in our midst and lead us to abundant life. As Jesus' words challenge any complacent comfort, help us to see that our worship must be accompanied by works of justice in our community. As your grace flows through our lives, refreshing and making all things new, keep us alert to your call to follow, ready to respond with justice and joy. In Christ we pray. Amen.

### \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come;*

#19

*Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**FIRST READING:**

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**MUSICAL OFFERING***"This Kingdom" The Choir***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 25:1-13

**SERMON***"Choices"***\* HYMN***"Find Us Faithful"*

#497

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#614

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God, our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this moment be now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"We Shall Behold Him"*

Rambo

**\* Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.***\* Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go to keep your lamps filled and your hearts open, ready for the call of God.  
And go in peace, counting on the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

#466

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Trumpet Tune"*

Stanley

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*“To You I lift up my eyes...”*

*--Psalm 123:1*

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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November 19, 2017

Twenty-fourth Pentecost after Sunday

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.

### OPENING SENTENCE

### CHORAL INTROIT

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"I Stand in Awe"*

#53

*"My Tribute"*

#363

*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

#721

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Knowing how richly you have blessed us, O God, we have come to give you thanks and praise. You are the One who holds us in our weakness, fills us in our hunger and finds us when we are lost. Before you now, we wonder why we let fear hold us back in our lives. In this time together lift up our eyes beyond our anxieties and ills to see your glory that exceeds the starry skies. Inspire us by your richness and grace that we may go to build others up in faith and joy. Amen.

### \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come;*

#19

*Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING:

Judges 4:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God



SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"When It's All Been Said and Done"*

The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON

"Resisting Fear"

\* HYMN

"Give Thanks"

#359

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

#614

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God, our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this moment be now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"To You I Lift Up My Eyes"*

Schreiner

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

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

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"We Praise You, O God"

#726

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Trio Sonata"

Bach

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"But when the Son of Man comes in his glory,  
and all the holy angels with him,  
then he will sit on the throne of his glory."

—Matthew 25:31

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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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November 26, 2017

Reign of Christ Sunday

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.

### OPENING SENTENCE

#### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Open the Eyes of My Heart*

#656

*"King of Kings"*

#338

*"I See the Lord"*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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#### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy and Loving God, we join our voices this day with the great host of heavenly souls whose praise and love fills the universe and flows far beyond all time and space. We have come because we long to know you better. Open us to recognize your presence more fully, that we may be ready to follow your leading. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may see the hope to which Christ calls us; that we may be the hope for the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, the hurting, and the lonely. May our praise not be with our lips alone, but in the response we give to those who need our love and care. Through Christ our King we pray. Amen.

#### \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come;*

#19

*Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON

"Seeing"

\* HYMN

"On Eagle's Wings"

#438

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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TOTENFEST LITANY PRAYER

see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

#614

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God, our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this moment be now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"On Eagle's Wings"

arr. Smith

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

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GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: May God give you wisdom and revelation. May the eyes of your heart be enlightened. May you know the hope to which God has called you. And may the blessings of God the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer go with you this day and always.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"For All the Saints"

#529

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on *Sine Nomine*"

White

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A lit purple candle stands in the center, its flame glowing brightly. Behind it is a window with a brick pattern, through which a soft light is visible. The candle is surrounded by festive Christmas decorations, including green pine branches, red berries, and a red ribbon. The entire scene is framed by a thin purple border.

FILL US ALL WITH

*Hope*

# 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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December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

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\* indicates to stand as able

## 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.

### LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

### OPENING SENTENCE

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Of the Father's Love Begotten*

#181

*"Light of the World*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: From north and south, east and west, we have gathered to worship you, Loving God. For we belong to you; we are clay in your hands, like a potter you fashioned us from clay into your holy image. God of the four winds, blow your Spirit through this space. Open our ears to the sound of your voice echoing through the spheres. Open our eyes to the brilliance of your presence shining in each new day. Open our hearts to the new reign of Jesus Christ come now to earth. As we lay open our hearts to you, mold us anew, O God. Amen.

### \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come;*

#19

*Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 64:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God



SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Holy Darkness" The Choir*

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13:24-37

SERMON

"Invitation to Hope - Part I"

\* HYMN

*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

#232

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#614

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God, our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this moment be now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Pastorale"*

Sponge

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* 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

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go from this place alert and awake in the spirit of God's peace.

Many: We scatter now as people of the four winds: to the north and south, east and west.

One: Go from this place alert and awake in the spirit of God's peace.

Many: We go as faithful servants to spread God's love to the ends of the earth.

All: Amen!

\* HYMN

*"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"*

#176

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Savior of the Nations Come"*

Bach

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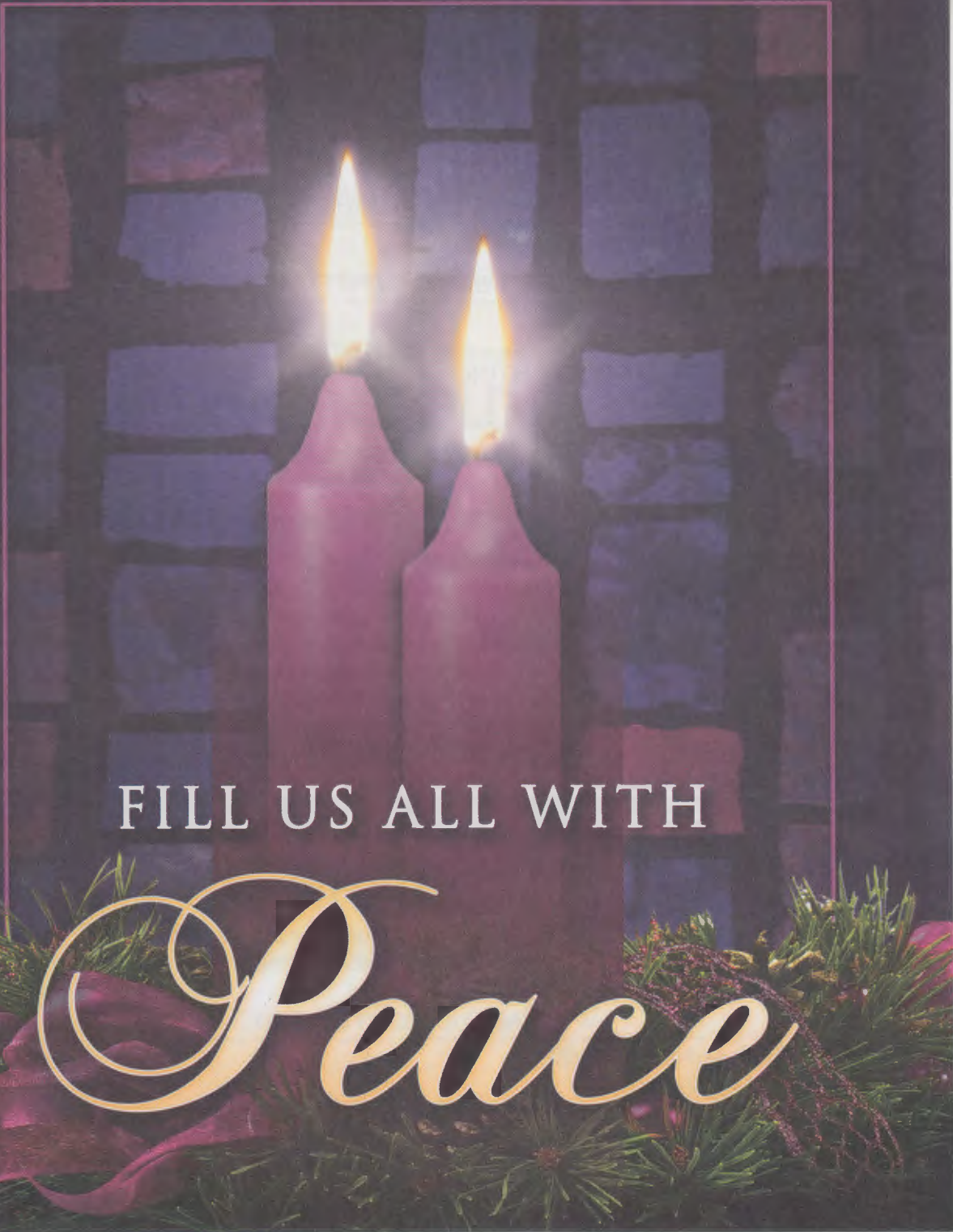
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FILL US ALL WITH

*Peace*

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December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

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.

### LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

### OPENING SENTENCE

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

#154

*"And the Glory"*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God of Shalom, we come before you in answer to your call. We come to pray, to praise, to learn of your love for all creation. Our hearts are seeking to know and understand the words of the prophets, the words of the angels, the words of peace that rise around us in this holy season. Open us to the meaning of peace. Teach us the way of peace, that we will indeed understand your will for justice for all of the world. Help us to be faithful to the call that you have put on our hearts to live as people of hope. Inform and inspire us to seek your kingdom on earth in our time, that your glory may be revealed and that all may see it together. In Christ we pray. Amen.

### \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come;*

#19

*Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 40:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:1-8

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

see insert

\* HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#180

FORETOLD

Children's Program

\* HYMN

"Mary, Did You Know?"

#192

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

#614

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God, our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this moment be now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Comfort Ye My People"

Handel

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go from this place in the spirit of God's peace.

Many: Through deserts or valleys, we take God's message of peace to the world.

One: Go from this place in the spirit of God's love.

Many: Over high mountains or level plains, we will spread the compassionate love of God.

One: May God's wisdom, rest on us. May Christ's understanding and knowledge inspire us. May the counsel of the Holy Spirit, guide us.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"*

#156

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Come Savior of the Nations"*

Bach

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The image features three lit red candles of varying heights, positioned in the center against a dark, textured stone wall. The flames are bright and glowing. At the bottom of the image, there is a festive Christmas wreath composed of green pine needles, red berries, and a large red ribbon. The entire scene is framed by a thin red border.

FILL US ALL WITH

*Joy*

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

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.

### LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

### OPENING SENTENCE

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*

#198

*"Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child"*

#219

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy God of Advent, we gather here with expectations of meeting you. Just as you sent your angel Gabriel to Mary, we look for your messengers in our midst who bring word of your promises. For this world in which we live is as terrifying as it is wonderful. Many sow in tears, and go out weeping; and we need Jesus as much today as in times of old. As we worship today, fill our hearts with gladness, restore our faith in you and each other, wipe away the tears of despair. Let the voice of your angel fill our minds with new understandings and our mouths with laughter over the wonderful things you are unfolding in this world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

### \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come;*

#19

*Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION



**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**MUSICAL OFFERING***"A Voice Cries Out" The Choir***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 1:6-8, 19-28

**SERMON***"Blue Christmas"***\* HYMN***"What Child Is This"*

#184

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#614

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God, our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this moment be now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"*

Praetorius

**\* Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.***\* Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go from this place to spread God's hope.

Many: We go planting seeds of hope in the world.

One: Go from this place to live God's peace.

Many: We will proclaim God's peace to set the world free.

One: Go from this place to share God's joy.

Many: We go laughing and shouting Good News.

One: And may the God who makes all things possible, the Christ who comes to be with us and the Spirit who anoints us with power guide you in your going.

All: Amen!

\* HYMN

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

#188

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Savior of the Nations Come"*

Bach

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The image features four lit red candles of varying heights, arranged in a cluster. They are set against a dark, textured background that resembles a stone wall. The flames are bright and glowing. At the bottom of the scene, there is a festive Christmas wreath composed of green pine needles, red berries, and a large red ribbon. The overall mood is warm and celebratory.

FILL US ALL WITH

*Love*

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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Becoming living examples. Bonding all with the love of God

December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

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\* indicates to stand as able

## 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.

### LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

### OPENING SENTENCE

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

#185

*"Here I Am To Worship"*

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## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God, who comes to us in Jesus Christ of Bethlehem, we come to witness your miracle of steadfast love. In our busy preparations and our joyous celebrations, may we not crowd you out of our minds, as Jesus was crowded out of the inn on that first Christmas. On this eve when the Word becomes flesh once more to dwell among us, draw us back to his manger-bed. Rekindle our sense of wonder and worship, and restore our faith in the things we cannot see or hear. Let the revelation of your mystery unfold again this day -- that we may see it together. Let the secret of the ages shed new understanding as we open ourselves to your Holy Light. Speak to us again through the Child of Bethlehem, in whom we pray. Amen.-

### \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come;*

#19

*Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Behold the Handmade of the Lord"*  
The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

SERMON

"Waiting"

\* HYMN

*"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

#191

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#614

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Pastorale on Away in a Manger"*

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\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* 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 from this place in peace.

Many: Anointed by the Holy Spirit, we go to serve in hope.

One: Go from this place in love.

Many: Bathed in the light of Christ, we go to proclaim God's joy!

One: May the love of God, the grace of Christ and the healing joy of the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen!

\* HYMN

*"Silent Night! Holy Night!"*

#186

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Postlude on Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

Johnson

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December 24, 2017

Christmas Eve

7:30 pm

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE *Christmas Selections for Cello and Piano, Katie Chambers, Cello*

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: On this eve of Christmas, Dear God, we pray for the hope that is in Christ to come into our lives in a new way.

Many: May we become hope that is alive in our world.

*The candle of Hope is relit*

One: Dear God, we pray for the peace that only you can bring through your Son, Jesus the Christ.

Many: May we walk in the paths of peace.

*The candle of Peace is relit*

One: Dear God, we pray for the joy that is found in Jesus, that those who seek it may truly find it.

Many: May we celebrate the joy found in You.

*The candle of Joy is relit*

One: Dear God, we pray that our faith may be renewed once again, and that we may relive the wonder of your love in our lives.

Many: May we embody the love born in the baby of Bethlehem.

*The candle of Love is relit*

One: Dear God, tonight we light the Christ Candle that proclaims that all your promises are made real in the Son of God come to earth at Christmas.



Many: This night we celebrate and rejoice in the One who is and who was and who is to come.

One: Sing to our God a new song; Sing to our God all the earth.

Many: Glory to God in the highest heaven, Peace on earth to all!

*The Christ candle is lit and the Christ child is placed in the crèche.*

\* OPENING HYMN

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

#182

\* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

\* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God of the Baby of Bethlehem, we come into your presence with praise and thanksgiving. We hear the glad tidings of the angel voices and we come to experience this good news of great joy for all the people. As the shepherds traveled to Bethlehem, we have traveled here – excited, expectant, hopeful; even a bit skeptical of the impossible that your love makes possible. Let the words of sacred scripture seep into our hearts, to be treasured and pondered anew. May we have hearts focused enough and hands gentle enough to receive your coming. We are here; we are ready, O God. Let the light of your love break forth. Amen.

\* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep gloom -- on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us. Glory be to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to all!

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

\* CHRISTMAS GREETING OF PEACE

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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MUSICAL OFFERING

*"The Hands That First Held Mary's Child"* The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

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

\* HYMN

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

#180

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TIME

\* HYMN

*"Away in a Manger"*

#203

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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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

*"The Birthday of a King"* Katie Chambers - Cello

*We exalt thee,  
We exalt thee,  
We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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*Tonight we will receive communion in procession. Ushers will invite you forward up the center aisle by rows. The darker liquid is wine, and the lighter liquid is grape juice. After you partake in communion, return to your seat by the side aisles.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*As people come forward to receive communion, please join in singing the hymns listed below.*

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: Eternal God, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, we give you thanks for the gift of this bread and wine. As we rise from this table, may we go to be the gift another needs, sharing your blessings of love and grace. May we comfort others, sharing Jesus' compassion with the poor and needy. May we go to enkindle the lives around us, sharing the Spirit's peace with all the broken, until that day when we gather with our sisters and brothers to join the angel choirs, forever singing your praises. 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

\* BENEDICTION

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN

Antioch

Joy to the World

*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*"

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## OUR MISSION

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December 31, 2017

First Sunday After Christmas

10:00 am

\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### 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.

### OPENING SENTENCE

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Saving God, the prophet Anna and righteous Simeon sang your praise and proclaimed Jesus our Lord to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. Let us who seek redemption in this day prepare our hearts, that we might believe the good news of Jesus, receive the light of salvation and live according to your word. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

### \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come;*

#19

*Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

### SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Light of the Stable" The Choir*

### GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:22-40



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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

#614

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## SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"What a Wonderful World"

Weiss and Thiele

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

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 GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD
 

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## \* SENDING FORTH

One: Servants of God, depart now in peace; prophets, go in power—

Many: For we have seen salvation prepared by the merciful hand of God.

One: With Mary and Joseph ponder these things; with Anna and Simeon praise the Lord.

Many: Let us grow and be strong, that we may find wisdom and compassion for all.

One: May the Love of God, the grace of Christ and the healing joy of the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Joy to the World!"

#179

## CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Noel"

D'aquin

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