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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

January 7, 2018

The Baptism of Christ

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

"How Beautiful"

see insert

"Holy Spirit Rain Down"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Creating God, you spoke and the universe was illuminated. You uttered a word and all was put into its place. Speak again, Mighty One, for we come to this time and place to be with you, to worship you, and to learn from you. Speak light into our darkness. Speak order into our chaos. Bring us up from the depths. Anoint us with your Spirit. Break into our lives and remind us that we are your children, beloved and cherished. 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Genesis 1:1-5

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Acts 19:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Across the Lands" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:4-11

SERMON

"New Beginnings"

* HYMN

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

#241

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

see insert

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Morning Has Broken"

arr. Bish

* 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.)

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Filled with the Holy Spirit, go into the world as God's beloved children to share the gift of God's grace, to bring the light of Christ's hope, and to whisper the peace of the Holy Spirit. And may God's blessing, calling, and direction guide you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad"

#244

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"To Jordan Came Our Lord the Christ"

Bach

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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

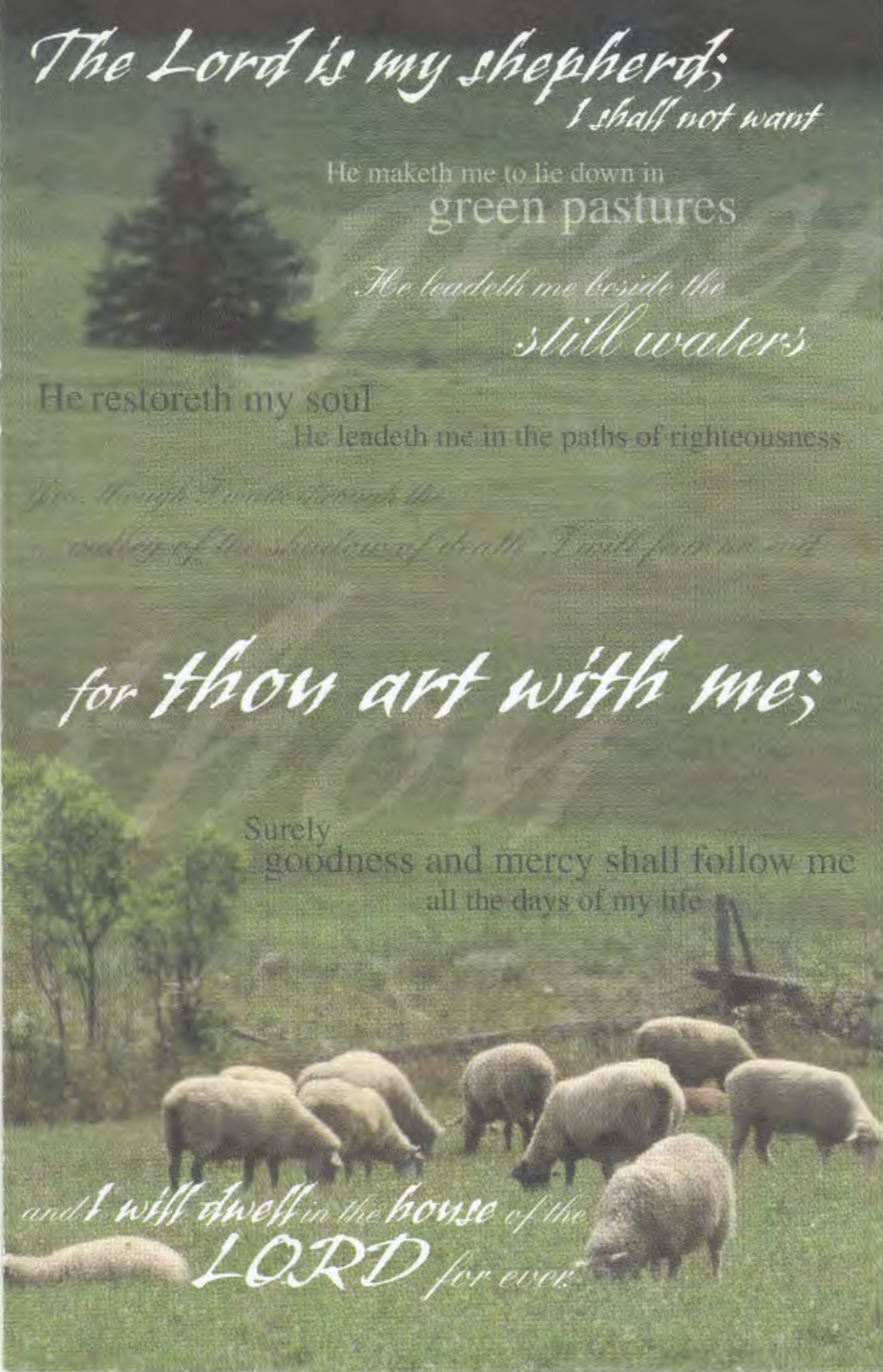
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

*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.*



A SERVICE OF MEMORIAL

Lorie Ellen Caricofe

January 20, 1964—December 25, 2017

January 7, 2018

1:00 pm

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PRELUDE

GREETING

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

And also with you.

OPENING SENTENCE

* OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me"

#437

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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

WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

GOSPEL READING

John 14

MEDITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE *"You Raise Me Up"* see insert

PRAYER — LORD'S PRAYER

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

* COMMENDATION AND LITANY OF DEPARTURE

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures; he leads me
beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my
enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

* BENEDICTION

* PARTING HYMN *"On Eagle's Wings"* #438

CLOSING OF SERVICE †

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POSTLUDE



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**Speak, Lord,
for your servant
is listening**

-1 Samuel 3:9

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OUR MISSION

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January 14, 2018

Second Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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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

"Come Worship the Lord"

see insert

"Step by Step"

#494

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of prophets, poets and disciples, we gather to hear your call, to sing your praise, to pray and worship as the Body of Christ. You know each of us. You know our inmost desires and our deepest hurts. Call to us today. Remind us again how much you love us, and teach us how to follow you. Call us into your ways of love, justice and righteousness. Call us into healing, and teach us how we might bring your message of hope and healing to the world. In the name of Jesus the Great Physician, we pray. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.

#19

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

1 Samuel 3:1-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING "Come Just As You Are" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:43-51

SERMON "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

* HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" #559

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 "Lord, Here Am I" Beck

* 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 be healing hands to the world's brokenness and to embrace others as completely as God has embraced you. Go, knowing that God's hand is upon you, and may you feel God's presence hemming you in, behind and before you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

#345

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Sonata in Eb"

Bach

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**"The word of the Lord came to Jonah
a second time..."**

-Jonah 3:1

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January 21, 2018

Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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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

"Wonderful Merciful Savior"

see insert

"I Surrender All"

#474

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy One, what a blessing and privilege it is to be here in this sacred space and among this loving community. For you are our rock and salvation, our strong Deliverer. We know that others are longing and thirsting for what we know and experience in you. As we gather in the covering of your constant and reliable presence, may we be moved by your compassion to share your love with others. For love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied; love, given away, is not diminished but expanded. May our lives beckon and welcome those near and far into your loving, divine presence. 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"You Are Mine" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

SERMON

"Changing Direction"

* HYMN

"Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

#347

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

"Jesus Calls Us"

arr. Hughes

* 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: As we go, may the call of Christ compels us to love our neighbor and to meet the needs of our world. And may Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, join us on our journey in serving others and bless us in our work.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"The Summons"

#350

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Excerpt from *Fugue in D Minor*"

Bach

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Just then
there was
in their
synagogue
a man
with an
unclean
spirit,

--Mark 1:23



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January 28, 2018

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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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

"10,000 Reasons"

see insert

"It Is Well With My Soul"

#428

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy and Gracious God, we bring all of who we are into your presence; our hopes, our afflictions, our regrets. We yearn to know your powerful love and to know that wholeness is possible. Renew our spirits and open our minds to hear when you call. Give us eyes to see where you lead. Help us respond to your prophets when they appear, and empower us to stand with courage in the face of uncertainty, that the world may know that you live in us. 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"You Raise Me Up" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:21-28

SERMON

"Possessed"

* HYMN

"Great Is the Lord"

#50

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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

#614

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Arioso"

Bach

* 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: In the wholeness and the goodness of God, go forth to laugh with your friends, to be reconciled with those who have hurt you, and to be kind to strangers. And may Divine Love enfold you, now and forever.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"O Christ, the Healer"

#638

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Procession Alegre"

Cornell

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*Jesus answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns,
so that I may proclaim the message there also;
for that is what I came out to do."*

—Mark 1:38

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OUR MISSION

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February 4, 2018

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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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

"The Power of Your Love"

#467

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

#123

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Eternal God, Creator of the universe, you are great in strength, mighty in power, and full of endless love for us all. We are in awe that you greet us here. We give you thanks for making it possible to gather, and to ponder your eternal mysteries. Lift up our eyes to see you. Open our ears to hear you. Open our hearts to know what it means to delight in you. Heal us, O God, to make us better healers. Mend our rifts, that we might be better builders. Make us ready collaborators with your endless grace. We are yours, loving God. Help us to live and to know this better. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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#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 40:21-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Jesus I Believe" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:29-39

SERMON

"Moving On"

* HYMN

"Make Me a Servant"

#576

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

"Make Me A Captive Lord"

Martin

* Doxology

#47

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We exalt thee,

We exalt thee, O Lord.

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

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GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Let us go to serve others in the name of Christ and to breathe new life into the faint. May God bless and keep you. May God's face shine through yours. And may the glorious Triune One, protect and keep you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

#93

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude"

Couperin

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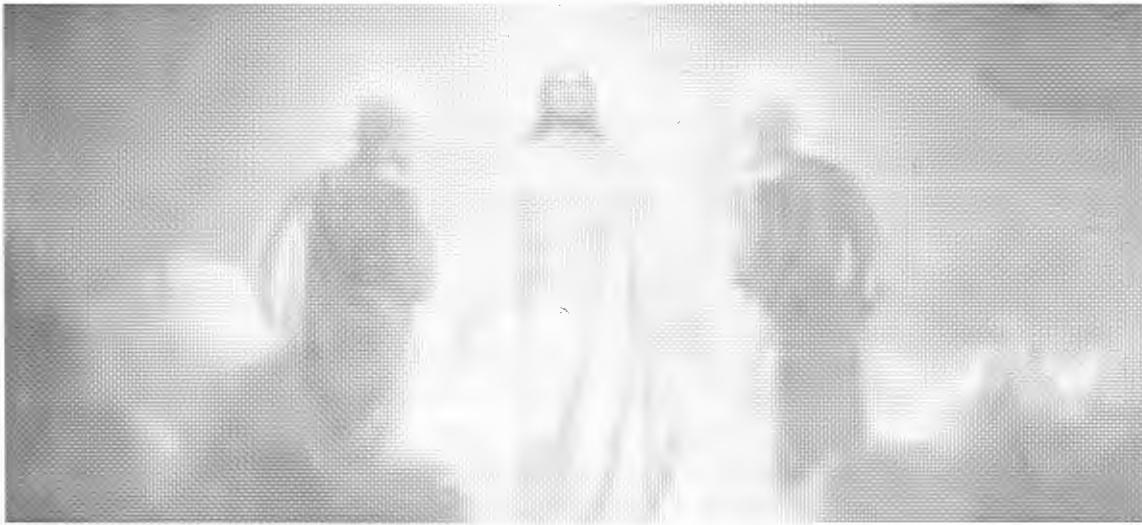
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*And Jesus was transfigured before them,
and his clothes became dazzling white,
such as no one on earth could bleach them.*

--Mark 9:2-3

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February 11, 2018

Transfiguration Sunday

10:00 am

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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

"Arise, Your Light is Come"

see insert

"How Great is Our God"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of light and truth, as we gather in this sacred place we anticipate the wonder of your divine presence. Open our eyes to witness your love and joy waiting to be revealed to us. Hear us as we bring our own lives to you to be transformed. We pray that we would be made salt and light, for our world is hurting, Holy One. Help us to live our lives as a reflection of your divine glory that we may walk among our brothers and sister as a blessing, bearing light into dark places, hope to displace despair, and love that casts out hate. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Kings 2:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"God Is Here Today" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

SERMON

"Lifting the Veil"

* HYMN

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"
(use tune HYFRYDOL)

#245

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

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Innes

* 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: Now may the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," give us light to bear to the world that all may see and know that God is love. And may the grace of God, the healing of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit, be with us today and every day.

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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A New Heart also will I give

you, and a **new Spirit**

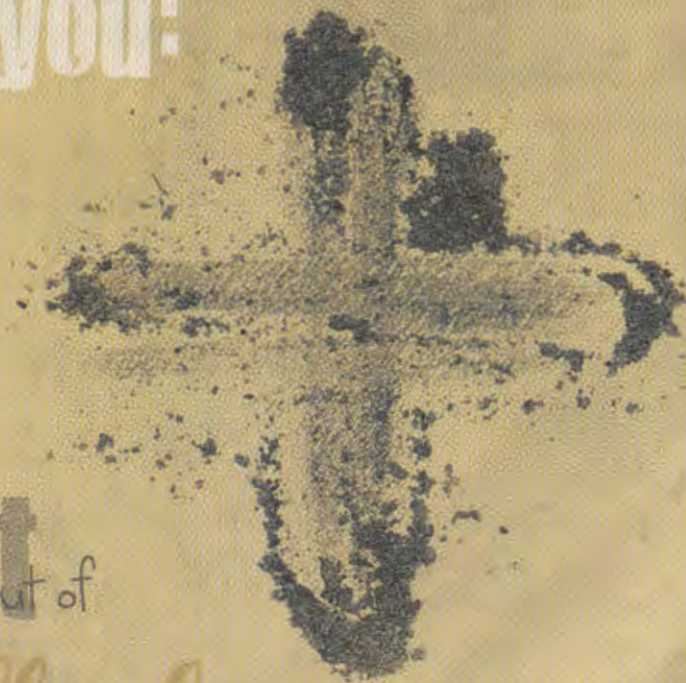
will I put
within you:

and I will
take away

the
**stony
heart** out of

your flesh,
and I will **give**

**you an
heart** of flesh.



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February 14, 2018

Ash Wednesday

7:30 pm

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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 Love"

#259

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

All: O God of life, we confess the ways we turn away from the fullness of life that you offer. — *(silent reflection)*

One: Lord, in your mercy

Many: Hear our prayer.

All: God of love, we confess the hatred we hold in our hearts. — *(silent reflection)*

One: Lord, in your mercy

Many: Hear our prayer.

All: God of compassion, we confess our indifference. — *(silent reflection)*

One: Lord, in your mercy

Many: Hear our prayer.

All: God of justice, we confess that our lives are linked to oppressive systems. — *(silent reflection)*

One: Lord, in your mercy

Many: Hear our prayer.

All: God of peace, we confess the violent movements of our hearts, the violent realities of our world. — *(silent reflection)*

One: Lord, in your mercy

Many: Hear our prayer.

All: Holy God, we confess our sins to you. — *(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: Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Turn toward your God in the confidence that, through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 58:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

(silent reflection)

SECOND READING:

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

(silent reflection)

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

(silent reflection)

* HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

#422

MESSAGE

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

LENTEN PRAYERS – LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

Musical Reflection

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

arr. Johnson

* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.*

* Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, Compassionate God, for this bread that makes us whole and this cup that fills us with hope. As we rise from this place to follow you to the cross, may we go in joy to serve others, and by our lives may your love overflow to others. In Christ we pray. Amen.

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* PARTING BLESSING

* SENDING HYMN

"Abide with Me"

#521

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"O Savior Blest"

Bach

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

--Matthew 4:1

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February 18, 2018

First Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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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

"Refiner's Fire"

#374

"The Wonderful Cross"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God of our salvation, as we begin the season of Lenten, we present our whole selves unashamedly to you, trusting in your unconditional love for us. Help us to start this journey with eyes clear of the glaze of indifference and apathy. Help us get our minds off distractions, obsessions and self-pity. Teach us. Show us. Guide us in your paths. Grow us to know your ways more clearly. Re-orient head and heart so that we may fill our whole selves with life-affirming activities and thoughts. May these 40 days help us restore right relationships with you and with others. We pray in the spirit of the Crucified One. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come;
Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.

#19

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Genesis 9:8-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING "Water, River, Spirit, Grace" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON "Giving Up Control"

* HYMN "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" #252
(use tune St. FLAVIAN)

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.

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Forty Days and Forty Nights" Gesanbuch

* 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: Renewed and refreshed by God's mercy, forgiveness, and instruction, go into the world to be God's people. And may the peace of God, the courage of Christ and the joy of the Spirit journey with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Lead Me to Calvary"

#253

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"O Savior Blest"

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He said to them, “Elijah is indeed coming first to restore all things. How then is it written about the Son of Man, that he is to go through many sufferings and be treated with contempt? But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written about him.”

--Mark 9:12-13

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February 25, 2018

Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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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

"Blessed Be Your Name"

see insert

"The Power of Your Love"

#467

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Amazing God, you have sent us on a Lenten journey to discover, to dream and to grow. Lead us as you led your people in the desert, feed and nurture us so that we may have the courage and strength to journey in our faith and in our lives. Stir our spirits, stretch our minds, to love You and self and neighbor so that we may live faithfully in your presence. 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Love Song" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:9-13

SERMON

"Giving Up Expectations"

* HYMN

"Worthy of Worship"

#137

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 be the moment 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.

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Musical Reflection

"Adagio in D flat"

Liszt

* 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: May the God of covenant faithfulness enfold you; the Beloved Son encourage you; and the Holy Spirit descend upon you in blessing this day and forever.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

#507

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on *The God of Abraham Praise*"

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And can any of you by
worrying add a single hour
to your span of life?

--Matthew 6:27

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March 4, 2018

Third Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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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

"As the Deer"

#471

"Cares Chorus"

#493

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Most Loving God, we thank you for the gifts offered to us in this house of love. We thank you for this Lenten season – a time for us to concentrate on strengthening our relationship with you. Do not allow us to be like spectators, but draw us into the soul of the music, the prayers and the scriptures. Make us faithful in our discipleship and bold in our witness that we may discern what should be done in our world, and have the courage and love to undertake it willingly. Through Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come;
Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.

#19

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Exodus 20:1-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"I Will Boast in Christ" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:25-33

SERMON

"Giving Up Worry"

* HYMN

"Seek Ye First"

#349

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.

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Musical Reflection

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Gabriel

* 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.)

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go into the world without fear, knowing that the weakness of the Holy One is stronger than all other powers combined. Live free! And may the God who brought the Israelites out of Egypt, be your strength and your cover.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

#264

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"The Heavens Declare"

Marcello

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“If you love those who love you,
what credit is that to you?”

--Luke 6:32

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March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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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

"You're Worthy of My Praise"

#648

"The Gift of Love"

#397

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of the wilderness, we come this morning to celebrate your love come to us in Jesus Christ. This love reaches through the shadows of our lives to embrace us and offer us acceptance, not judgment or rejection. Lord you know it is a challenge for us to trust your love in the midst of our struggles. Encourage us, Holy One, to be bold in our trust, enthusiastic in our worship, and humble in our service that we may return your many blessings in our love of others and ourselves. 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Numbers 21:4-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Give Me Jesus" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:27-36, 10:25-37

SERMON

"Giving Up Enemies"

* HYMN

"Grace Alone"

#436

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 be the moment 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.

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Aurora Borealis"

Faber

* 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: With soul energies refreshed, go now into the world, to illuminate the darkness with the joy of God's steadfast love. And may God your Maker, Christ your Light and the Holy Spirit your Guide, go with you this day and forevermore.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

#422

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude"

Cappalan

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Pride
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Procrastinating
Twitter
Sarcastic
Gossip
Coffee
Smoking
Candy
Chips
Fast food
Selfishness

All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."

--Luke 19:7

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March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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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

"His Banner Over Me"

see insert

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Most Holy and Loving God, we've come here today looking for Jesus; to learn from him as we worship and pray. By your Spirit, unclutter our hearts and minds that Christ might find space to visit with us. May we hear his call to follow, to be servants in the service of others and to accept the cost and joy of discipleship. Help us to persist in our wilderness journey when we experience reluctance and sorrow, or fear and confusion; that we may show Jesus forth in our lives, our faith community, and our world. In Christ Jesus 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Come As You Are" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18:35-19:7

SERMON

"Giving Up Approval of Others"

* HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#473

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

#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 be the moment 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.

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Musical Reflection

"Adagio in D flat"

Liszt

* 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: Today we have been in the presence of Jesus, who has rejoiced in our worship and heard our prayers. Now may Almighty God, Creator, Savior and Spirit, bless us as we go, guiding us on our way, that we may bless others.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

#255

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude in Classic Style"

Young

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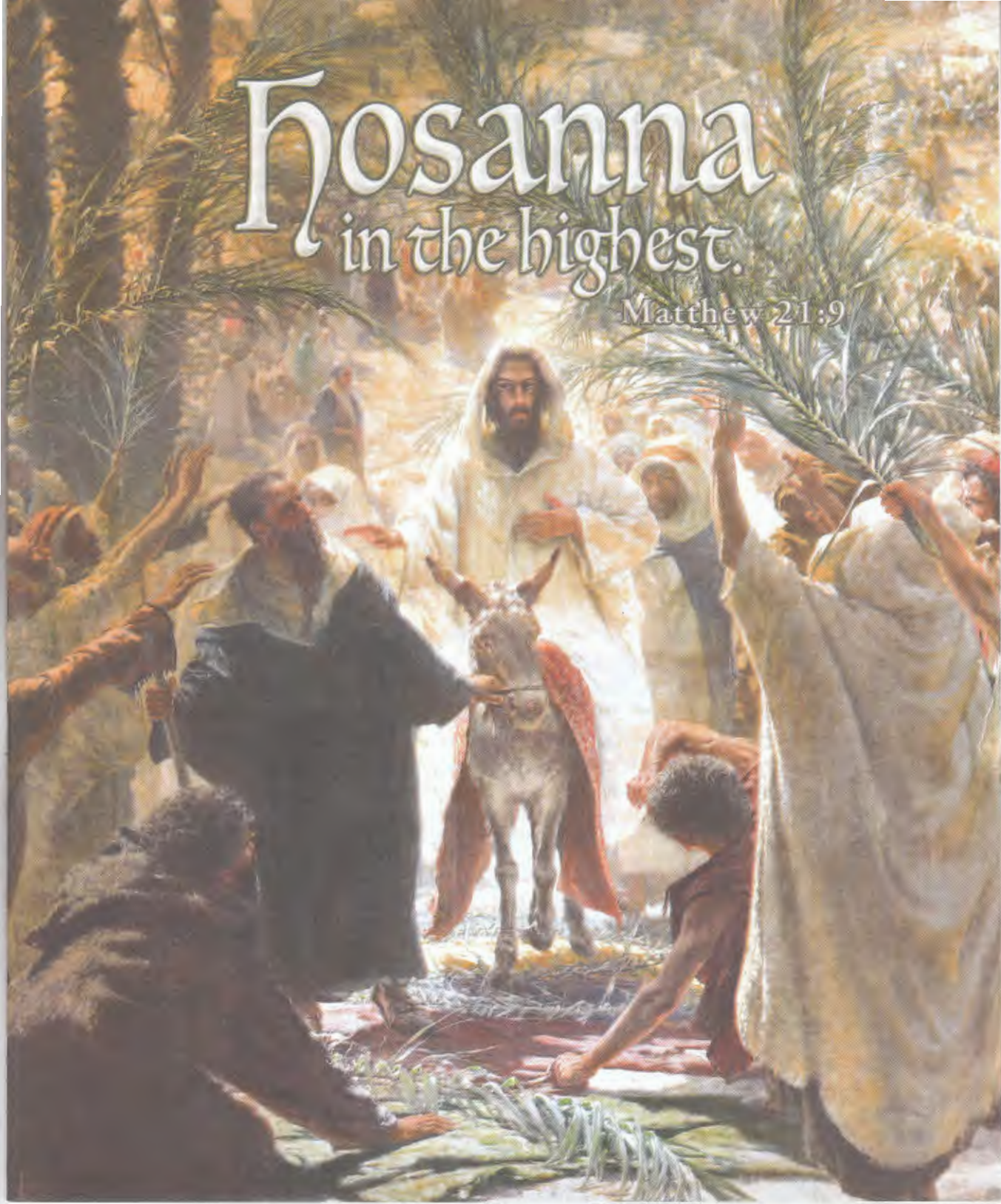
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Hosanna in the highest.

Matthew 21:9



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March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

10:00 am

* Indicates to stand as able--please feel free to sit at any time if need be.

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

"The Palms"

see insert

"He is Exalted"

#122

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: We come with joy to greet you, Lord Jesus, to shout Hosanna, and proclaim you as our King. Savior, lead us through this week, for trials will cause us to pause and doubt you. Fear and self-preservation will make us turn our backs on you. In all of our wavering, in faithfulness and faithlessness, Come and Save us, Lord! Sustain us by your word as we take the last few steps of this Lenten journey. Foster in us the desire and the will to follow you without reserve, that we may be led into a peace that never leaves us in time of trouble, and into a love that persists far beyond our understanding. In the name of Christ Jesus our Savior we pray. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Lord, we lift up your name with hearts full of praise; be exalted, oh Lord my God! Hosanna in the highest!

#266

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Psalms 31:9-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Hosanna" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 11:1-11

SERMON

"A More Excellent Way"

* HYMN

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

#265

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 be the moment 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

"With Palms Before Thee"

Nordman

* 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: Lord Jesus Christ...

Many: Over the broken glass of our world

One: The rumors meant to hurt
 Many: The prejudice meant to wound
 One: The weapons meant to kill,
 Many: Ride on...
 One: Trampling our attempts at disaster into dust, ride on...
 All: Ride on in majesty.

One: Over the distance which separates us from you, and it is such a distance,
 measurable in half-truths, in unkept promises, in second-best obedience, ride on...
 Many: Until you touch and heal us, we who feel for no one but ourselves, ride on...
 All: Ride on in majesty.

One: Through the back streets and the sin bins and the snickered-at corners of the city,
 where human life festers and love runs cold, ride on...
 Many: Bringing hope and dignity where most send scorn and silence, ride on...
 All: Ride on in majesty.

One: For you, O Christ, do care and must show us how. On our own, our ambitions
 rival your summons and thus threaten good faith and neglect God's people.
 Many: In your company and at your side, we might yet help to bandage and heal the
 wounds of the world, ride on...
 All: Ride on in majesty, and take us with you. Amen.

* HYMN

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"

#268

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Innes

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*Can ye
drink
of the cup
that I
drink of?*



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March 29, 2018

Maundy Thursday

7:30 pm

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Ah, Dearest Jesus"

Middleton

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.

OPENING SENTENCE

* GATHERING HYMN

"Lamb of God"

#281

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* PRAYER OF CLEANSING

All: O Lord, we know that, like the disciples, we are not paying attention. We do not fully see, or seek to understand, what you are doing for us – for the world. We are too busy taking care of tasks, saving our own skins, and living a life of distraction. We are too busy knowingly and unknowingly hurting others of your creation. Tonight we come to your table guilty. Yet we know that we must come here before you and bare our souls to be made clean. O Gracious God, wash us and make us clean. Make us fit to be your people again. Amen.

RITUAL OF CLEANSING

* 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!*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Break the Bread, Pour the Wine" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

MEDITATION

* HYMN OF PREPARATION

"The Old Rugged Cross"

#260

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Bach

* Doxology

#47

We exalt thee,

We exalt thee,

We exalt thee, O Lord.

* Prayer of Dedication

* SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Consecration and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: O Holy One, there are no words to describe our gratitude for the love we have received by this bread and cup. Thank you for gathering us together to remember that you are always present among us. Nourished by this feast may we be strengthened to share your love with those we meet who are carrying crosses. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: It is time to rise and go with Jesus to a garden to pray.

Many: We go to follow Jesus and to pray for courage not to turn away.

One: Go, knowing that the God of Hosts goes with you. And may the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the strength of the Holy Spirit sustain you in your journey.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

#272

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POSTLUDE

"O Savior Blest"

Bach

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He was
wounded
for our
transgressions.

Isaiah 53:5



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March 30, 2018

Good Friday

7:30 pm

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Were You There"

arr. Innes

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WELCOME

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: It is getting darker. The night is upon us.

Many: We are here with our Savior. Let us accompany him this night into the darkness.

One: This night is the consequence of faithless decisions; of betrayal; of injustice.

Many: And our Savior was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities. Upon him was the punishment that made us whole; by his bruises we are healed.

One: We like sheep have all gone astray;

Many: And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

One: It is getting darker. The night is upon us.

Many: We are here with our Savior. Let us accompany him this night into the darkness.

* OPENING HYMN

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

#284

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O Lord, on this darkest of nights we sit among your disciples, guilty of abandoning you. We too have denied you, more times than we can count. We are complicit with the darkness as we hide within its shadows, afraid to do your will and be known as your followers. We are frozen by fear and turn away from doing your righteousness and justice. Loving Savior, we are truly sorry. Help us in our unbelief – our inaction. Let this prayer not be empty words but instead the beginning of a deeper love for you and your ways. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear these words of the Lord from the prophet Isaiah: "The Righteous One, my servant, shall make many righteous; he shall bear their iniquities. He will bear the sin of many and make intercession for the transgressors." My friends be at peace knowing that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

Wondrous Love

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

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

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

To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 22:1-21

MEDITATION

*** HYMN**

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

#262

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.

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He has risen!



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April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

6:00 & 10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Prelude on Christ Arose"

Innes

THE EMPTY TOMB

John 20:3ff

One: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

* OPENING HYMN

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

#288

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Faithful and Living God, as we gather here in the presence of the Risen Christ our hearts and mouths are filled with alleluias. We have come to see the empty tomb for ourselves and to hear again the stories of the disciples on that first Easter morning. Help us to also see your resurrected presence in the compassion of the caring, in the faces of the poor and in the questions of the doubting. Ignite our stony hearts with a generous love that our celebration among the saints may spill out these doors to transform our world. In the Risen Christ we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: God appeared long ago to the faithful. God appears now to doubters. God will appear to seekers yet to hear the Good News. God appeared and is appearing because God shows no partiality, for God so loves this world and God so loves you.

All: Alleluia and amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come;
Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.*

#19

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 10:34-43

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"He is Risen" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 16:1-8

SERMON

"What an Ending!"

* HYMN

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"
(Tune: HYFRYDOL)

#289

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

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

arr. Hustad

* 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.)

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: Go forth walking from the darkness into the illumined path God sets before you.
And may that Light and Love from God bring you wholeness and joy.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection"

#298

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Eastern Hymn"

Innes

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—Acts 4:32

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April 8, 2018

Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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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

"All are Welcome"

see insert

"You are Salt for the Earth, O People"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of Mercy, we come celebrating our unity, but we confess the many ways that we are divided. Our nationality, ethnic origin, economic status, gender, age, and even something as simple as musical preferences all too often obscure the common calling we share in Christ's name. May our common identity as your children and our communal witness to Christ bind us together in your name. Helps to overcome our tendency toward separation and division and remind us that we are your Easter people.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come;
Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.

#19

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 4:32-35

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 1:1-2:2

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING*"When You Come" The Choir***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 20:19-31

SERMON*"An Intentional Community"**** HYMN***"Be Not Afraid"*

#430

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 be the moment 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.

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"It Is Well With My Soul"

arr. Livingston

*** 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 with the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Go to share your faith and your lives.

All: Amen.

*** HYMN***"When Peace Like a River"*

#428

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

“Tocatta on *Eastern Hymn*”

Young

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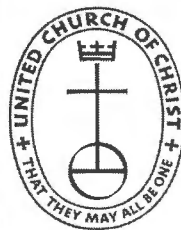
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*Jesus himself stood among them and said to them,
"Peace be with you." ...Then he opened their minds to
understand the scriptures,*

--Luke 24:36b and 24:45

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April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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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

"Alleluia No. 1"

#291

"I See the Lord"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Like the disciples who encountered your living presence, we come here hoping for unexpected appearances of you, Risen Christ. We come with our questions and doubts, and to listen for you to say: "Peace be with you." For like the disciples we are easily scared by the unknown. We are overcome with worry about illness, unemployment, our children, and the world as a whole. Even though we call to you we often do not believe you will respond, nor do we think your unexpected, grace filled presence will come to us in our trouble. Be gracious to us, O Lord, and hear the longing found within our prayers. Remind us that your light shines in all moments of life. Give us eyes to see the power of the risen Christ at work, offering peace, offering hope, offering courage, offering transformation. 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 3:12-19

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING "Come and Fill Our Hearts" The Choir**GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 24:36b-48

SERMON "For a Season"* **HYMN** "Thine is the Glory" #310**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

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Musical Reflection "Lead Me Lord"

Wesley

* 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: Easter People, go seeking to live as God's beloved, so that the light of God's face might shine upon you and through you in all that you say, do, think, feel, and

love. And may God our Creator, Christ our Teacher, and the Holy Spirit our Guide go with us this day and always.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Christ is Alive!"

#312

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on The Strife is O'er"

Young

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"I am the Good Shepherd"

-John 10:11

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April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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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

"Psalm 100"

see insert

"Revelation Song"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: We come to you this morning, Gentle Shepherd, because we have been beat up and broken by the world. We have known times of being rejected and forgotten. We have been pushed down and moved to the margins. Lift us up like a lamb upon your shoulders. Bind up our wounds with your healing oil. Bring us into the safety of your sheepfold, that we may know your love and embrace. Help us to also see when we have been the ones causing the hurt and pain for others, when we have forgotten and rejected our neighbors, when we have been the ones to marginalize and oppress, that your love, justice, and peace may prevail in our lives. In the Risen 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 4:5-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING "Lord, You Are My Shepherd" The Choir**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 10:11-18

SERMON "The Heart of a Shepherd"* **HYMN** "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" #86

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 be the moment 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.

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Musical Reflection "Sheep May Safely Graze" Bach

* 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 proclaim your faith through the work of your hands. And may the peace of the Creator's still waters comfort you, the touch of the Good Shepherd's rod

and staff guide you, and the abundance of the Holy Spirit's oil bring you healing.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#440

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Lord God"

Pachelbel

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My
Father is
glorified
by this,
that you
bear
much
fruit and
become
my
disciples.

—John 15:8

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April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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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

"The Power of Your Love"

#467

"I Give You My Heart"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Loving Gardener, you tend to us with your nurturing touch. You prune back the dead places in our lives so we may bear fruit. You cut back the fruit we produce so we may grow stronger in you. In this time of worship, O God, plant something new within us. Remain in us and help us to remain in your love, that your new life may grow within us, and your glory may show through us. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 8:26-40

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING *"Beloved, Let Us Love One Another"* The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-8

SERMON "Part 2: The Heart of a Gardener"

* HYMN "O Come to Me, the Master Said" #346

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

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Musical Reflection

"I Need Thee"

arr. Phillips

* 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 live boldly, abiding in the vine of Christ, knowing that things might frustrate us but nothing shall defeat us. And may the love of God, the life of Christ and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

#595

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude in C"

Couperin

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*You did not choose me but
I chose you.*

--John 15:16a

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May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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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

"Come, Share the Lord"

#696

"How Beautiful"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy and Majestic God, we are in reverent awe knowing that your love for us knows no beginning and no end. Enlighten our path as we gather today, to see you in the people around us and in the world in which we live. Open the gates of our minds and our hearts that your word may penetrate to the depth of our being. Refresh us for the work you have set for us that our hands may give generously to people in need and to hearts that are yearning for your love. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.

#19

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 10:44-48

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING*"Chain Breaker" The Choir***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 15:9-17

SERMON*"The Love That Binds Us"**** HYMN***"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

#473

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.

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Musical Reflection

"There is No Greater Love"

arr. Peterson

*** 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.)

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*** SENDING FORTH**

One: Go now, in the love of our God, to befriend the outcasts, to offer healing to the broken and to serve those in need. And may the glory of God, the grace of Christ and the peace of the Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

*** HYMN***"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

#393

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

arr. Jordan

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*...Jesus said to his mother,
"Woman, here is your son."
Then he said to the disciple,
"Here is your mother."*

--John 19:26-27

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May 13, 2018

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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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

"Indescribable"

see insert

"Meekness and Majesty"

#97

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Protector of all, so many of us come this morning with the weight of the world on our shoulders. We are burdened with our own problems and with the problems of the world that we just can't solve. Anxiety and pain separate us from one another and from you. Remind us that you are praying for us; praying that we will share in each other's hopes and burdens, and we will create a world where resources are distributed so that all have enough. Transform our separate lives into one life shared in you; take away the armor that shields us from the pain of others and fill us with joy that radiates from the core of your being. In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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#19

Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 John 5:9-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING "Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)" The Choir**GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 2:1-19, John 19:16b-27

SERMON

"The Mother of Mothers"

*** HYMN**

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

#320

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

#614

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Musical Reflection

"O Perfect Love"

arr. Johnson

*** 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 out with joy knowing that you are not the burdens you carry but are instead a beautiful child of God. And may God your Creator, Christ, your Compassionate Teacher, and the Holy Spirit, your Joy, energize you for a week of service and compassion.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)"

see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Diademata"

Smith

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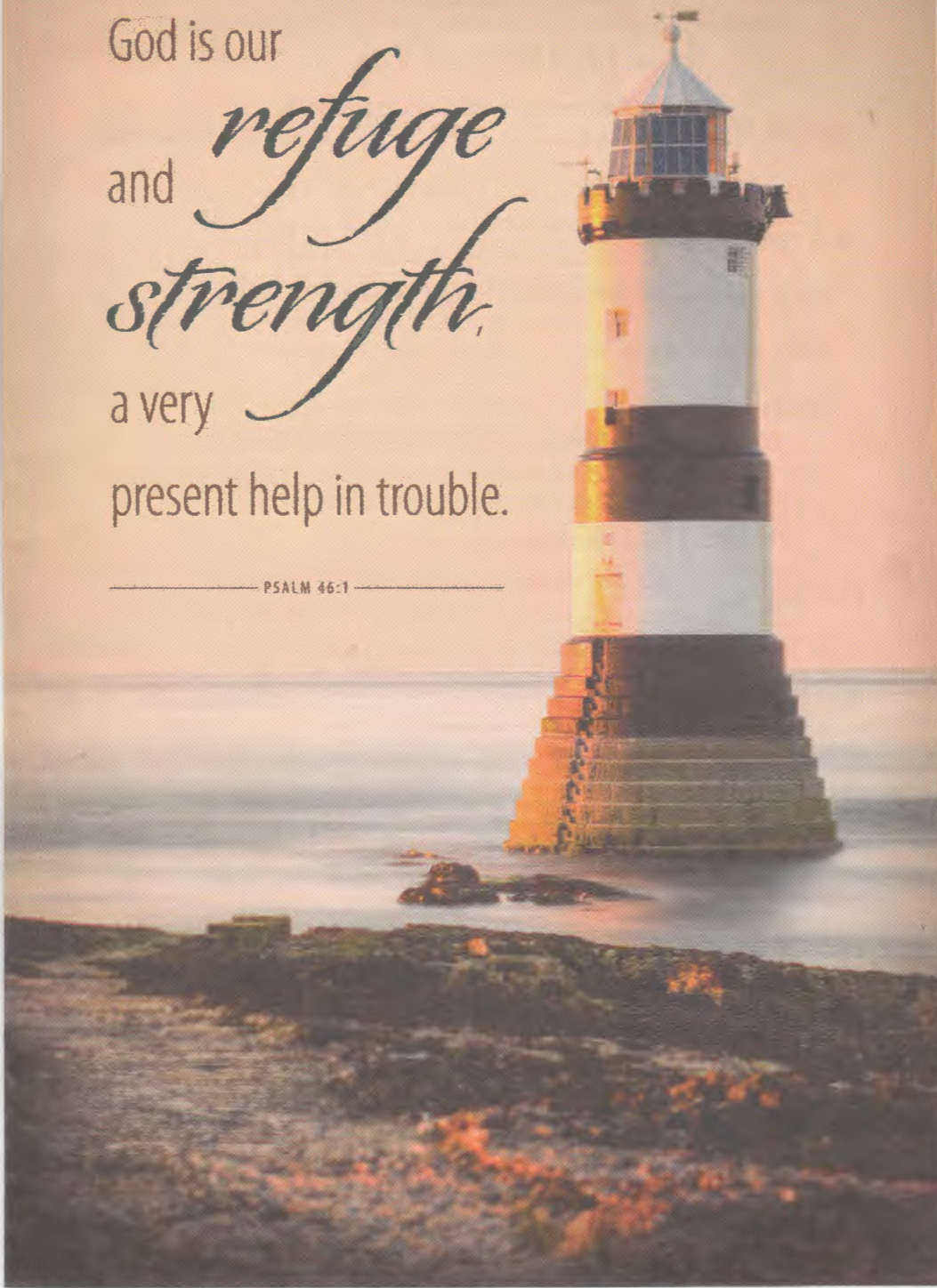
God is our

and *refuge*
strength,

a very

present help in trouble.

PSALM 46:1



A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Ford Clarence Rowell

June 14, 1938 - May 14, 2018

May 19, 2018

11:00 A.M.

*Indicates to stand as able

PRELUDE

*PROCESSION AND OPENING SENTENCES

*HYMN OF ADORATION *"How Great Thou Art"* #51

*GREETING

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

Many: And also with you

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 25: 31-46

MEDITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - LORD'S PRAYER

COMMENDATION

MILITARY HONORS

*BENEDICTION

*PARTING HYMN *"Standing on the Promises"* See below

(As the casket is led out of the sanctuary, please follow behind the family)

POSTLUDE

"Standing On The Promises"

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Verse 1

Standing on the promises of Christ my King
Through eternal ages let His praises ring
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God

Chorus

Standing, standing
Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing, standing
I'm standing on the promises of God

Verse 2

Standing on the promises that cannot fail
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail
By the living Word of God I shall prevail
Standing on the promises of God

Chorus

Verse 3

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's Sword
Standing on the promises of God

Chorus

Verse 4

Standing on the promises I cannot fall
Listening ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call
Resting in my Savior as my All in All
Standing on the promises of God

Chorus



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*...it is to your advantage that I go away,
for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not
come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.*

--John 16:7b

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May 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday

10:00 am

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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

"Spirit Song"
"Holy Spirit Rain Down"

#352
see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Loving Spirit, you have gathered us here from the Four Directions to celebrate the amazing gift of your presence. May we experience this day as our first church elders did at their Pentecost. Breathe into us your courage and compassion that we may live as Spirit-filled people. Move within us, Holy Spirit, so that we may live our lives seeking justice and helping to bring life to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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#19

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 2:1-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 8:22-27

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING "There's a Spirit of Love in this Place" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

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

SERMON

"Holy Chaos"

* HYMN

"Spirit of the Living God"

#492

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 be the moment 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.

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Musical Reflection

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

arr. Johnson

* 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: Having been renewed by the Holy Spirit, let us go forth into the world with joy; to minister to those in need, to advocate for justice for all people, and to breathe the breath of new life into all we meet. And may the power of God, the love of Christ and the guiding of the Holy Spirit go with us.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

#461

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"

Bach

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May 27, 2018

Trinity Sunday

10:00 am

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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

"I See the Lord"

see insert

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

#136

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O Living God who is Three in One, we come into this household to gather in the wonder of the mystery that is you. You are the Wisdom within our hearts, the Word who dwells among us, the Spirit who calls us beyond ourselves. Let this time of worship be a time of learning, that we might embrace what lies beyond our imagination and understanding. For we know that we become complacent with your love and we do not live out the beloved community you desire for all. Let us know your presence here today in a new way, that we might celebrate your love and go forth rejoicing with the Prophet Isaiah, saying: "Here am I. Send me." In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 6:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING*"Our God Saves" The Choir***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 3:1-17

SERMON*"Called into this Mystery"**** HYMN***"Here I Am, Lord"*

#559

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

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Musical Reflection

"God So Loved the World"

Stainer

*** 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: God calls out, "Whom shall I send, who will go for us?"

Many: Here we are; send us, Lord!

One: Go then, to bear the love of God into a broken world. And may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge of Christ Jesus and in the wisdom of the Spirit.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

#730

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on America the Beautiful"

Bach

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*...we have this treasure in clay jars,
so that it may be made clear that this
extraordinary power belongs to God
and does not come from us.*

--2 Corinthians 4:7

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United Evangelical United Church of Christ

OUR MISSION

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June 3, 2018

Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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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

"Blessed Be Your Name"

see insert

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

#500

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God In the midst of the world you call deeply to us, offering us precious Sabbath, time-out-of-time, to immerse ourselves in your love. By your grace our lives that have no rest, no reflection, no prayer, are refreshed. Meet us here as we Sabbath, help us to hear your voice calling "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened, and I will give you rest!" As we rest in you, may we be strengthened to work for love and justice; may our hope and our courage be restored that we may follow Jesus, 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

1 Samuel 3:1-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING*"The Heart of Worship" The Choir***GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 2:23-3:6

SERMON*"Treasure in Clay Jars"**** HYMN***"One Bread, One Body"*

#689

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

"Have Thine Own Way"

arr. Smith

*** Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.**** Prayer of Dedication****SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

see insert

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GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*** SENDING FORTH**

One: Now go, for God sends us from this sacred space to feed the hungry, to share hope with those in despair, and to live in peace. And may God's love, Christ's healing, and the Spirit's joy go with you.

All: Amen.

*** HYMN***"Shall We Gather at the River"*

#522

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE*"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"*

Kretchmar

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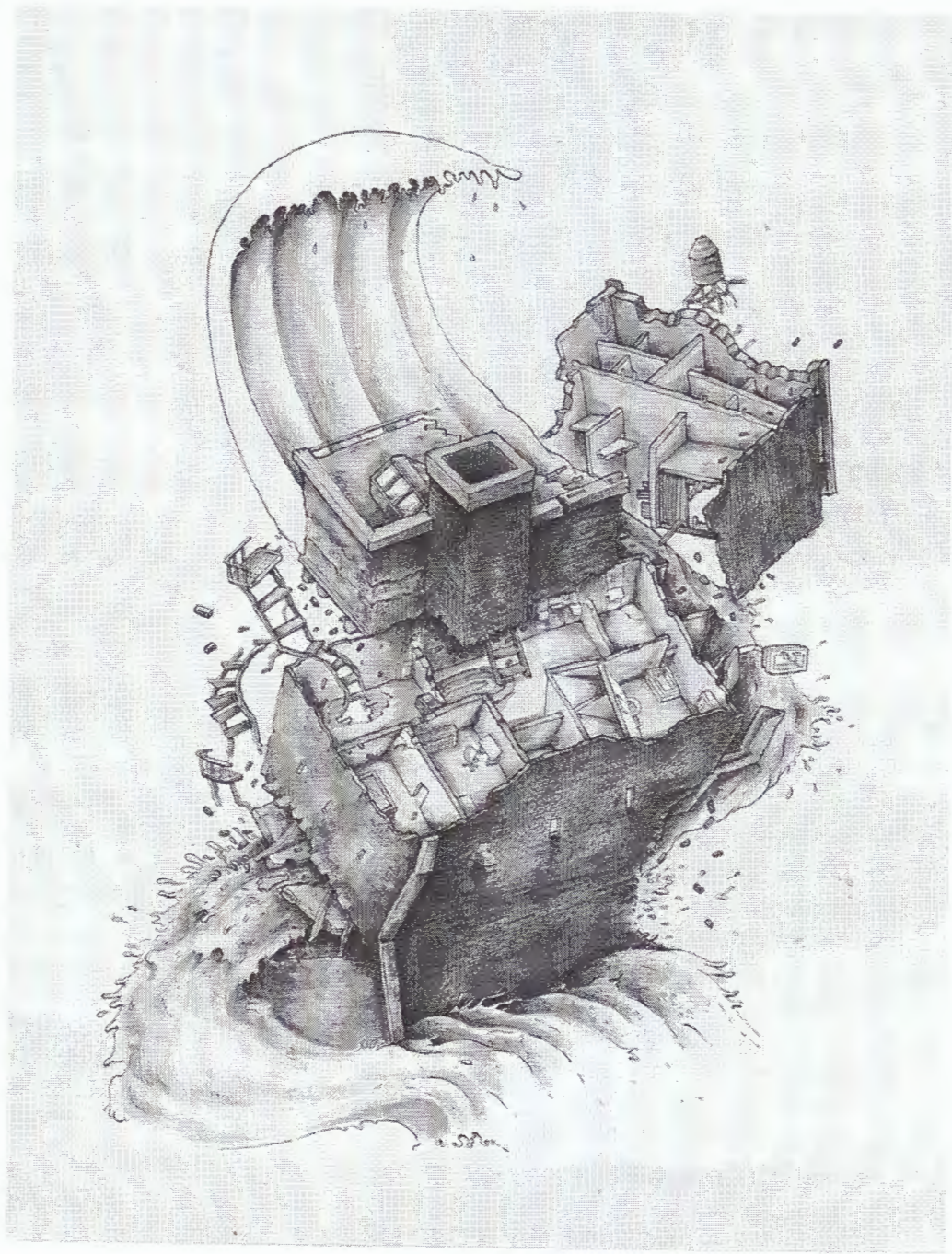


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May 27, 2018

JUNE 10, 2018?

Trinity Sunday

10:00 am

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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

"Gather Us In"

#649

"Give Us Clean Hands"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Lord, in this season of growth, open our hearts to grow in your love. Help us to truly trust in your creative process in our lives. We look around and we see the beauty of your world, the blossoming flowers and plants, the growth of children, the joy of celebrations of graduation and marriage, of receiving new life. And we also see the sadness and sorrow that has invaded the world when systems of injustice and hatred lay claim to people's lives. We turn to you, O Lord, for we have learned the folly of putting our trust in earthly rulers. They promise peace with justice for our children, yet they take them from us and make them run before war's chariots. Prepare us, O Lord, to become ambassadors of peace and hope. May we revel in your work and be a visible witness of your invisible kingdom. In Jesus 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

1 Samuel 8:4-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING*"Take My Life" The Choir***GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 3:20-35

SERMON*"Demons, Blasphemy and the Holy Spirit"**** HYMN***"Be Thou My Vision"*

#502

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 be the moment 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

"Cantilena: Organ Sonata II"

Rhineberger

*** 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: May the steadfast love of God give you hope, the redeeming power of Christ give you courage, and the abiding presence of Spirit give you strength, as you serve the will of God this and every day.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"The Summons"

#350

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Allegro: Trio Sonata I"

Bach

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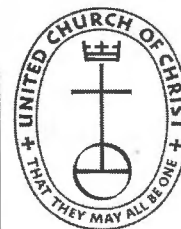
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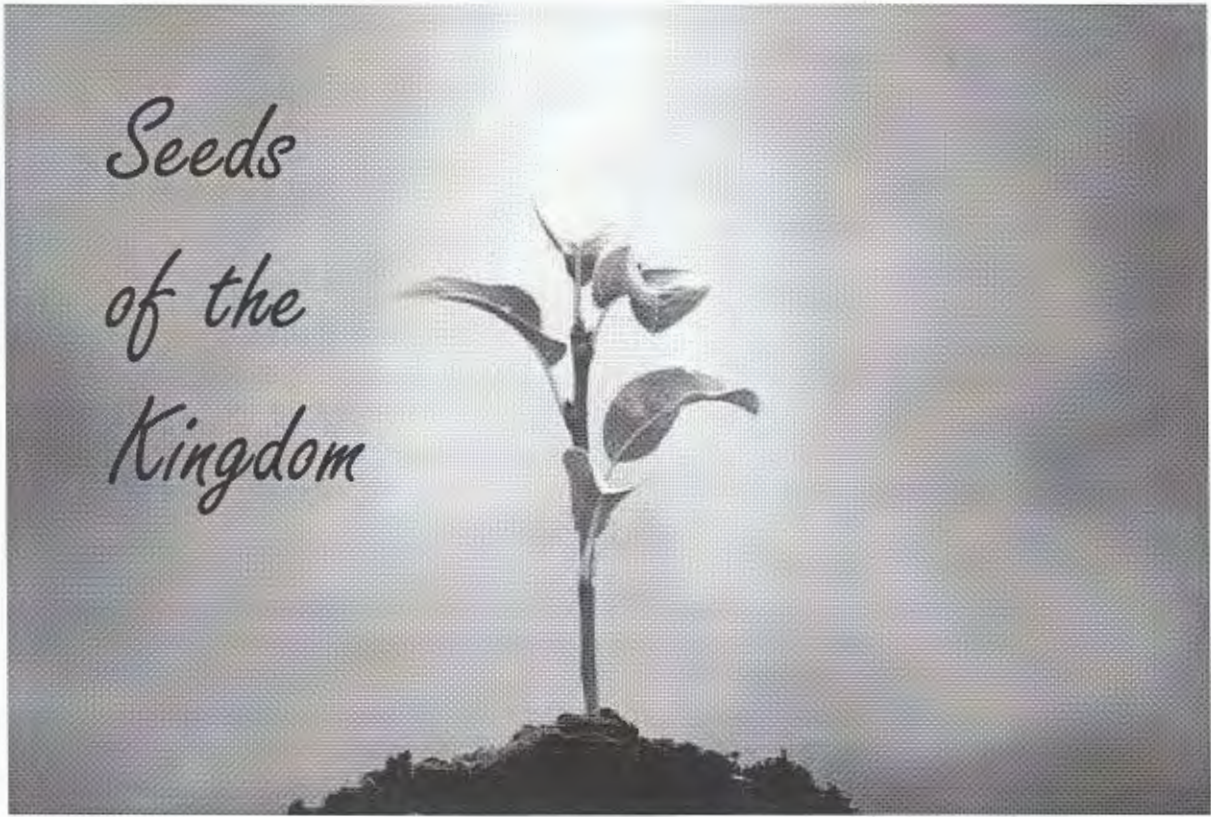


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June 17, 2018

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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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

"Knowing You"

#357

"In Your Time"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"What Faith Can Do" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 3:20-35

SERMON

"Seeds of the Kingdom"

* HYMN

"Hymn of Promise"

#515

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 be the moment 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

"Consolation"

Mendelssohn

* 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 sow seeds of God's love, justice and peace along the paths you will travel

so all may know the gospel's promise. And may God our Potter, Christ our Reconciler, and the Spirit our Teacher, go with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Faith of Our Fathers"

#530

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Karg-Elert

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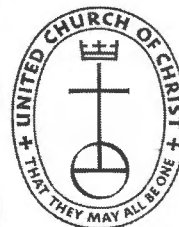
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And the disciples were filled with great awe
and said to one another,
"Who then is this, that even the wind
and the sea obey him?"

—Mark 4:41

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June 24, 2018

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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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

"Our God is Greater"

see insert

"Indescribable"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Most Glorious and Gentle God, the universe cannot contain you, and yet you choose to befriend us. You cause stars to burn and energy to flow, and by your Spirit you choose to take up residence within us. We are humbled by your love. We come here looking for your presence to be made known to us in new ways. When we wonder where you are in our circumstances, shine your light to show us. When we wonder why bad things are happening, help us to find all of your goodness. When we feel hopeless, help us to know your hope. May our faith be renewed in you this day as we come to know you in new ways on this journey of faith. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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#19

Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Master of the Wind" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:35-41

SERMON

"Faith and Fear"

* HYMN

"Surely it is God Who Saves Me"

#423

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

LITANY FOR SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

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

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection *"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" The Choir*

* 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 tell everyone what you have witnessed, for now is the acceptable time to calm fears and to bring justice and healing to our world. And may the God whose voice calms the winds and the waves, guide your going with whispers of "Peace, Be Still."

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"When Peace Like a River"

#428

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Prelude in C"

Bach

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*"Jesus had crossed again in
the boat to the other side..."*

--Mark 5:21

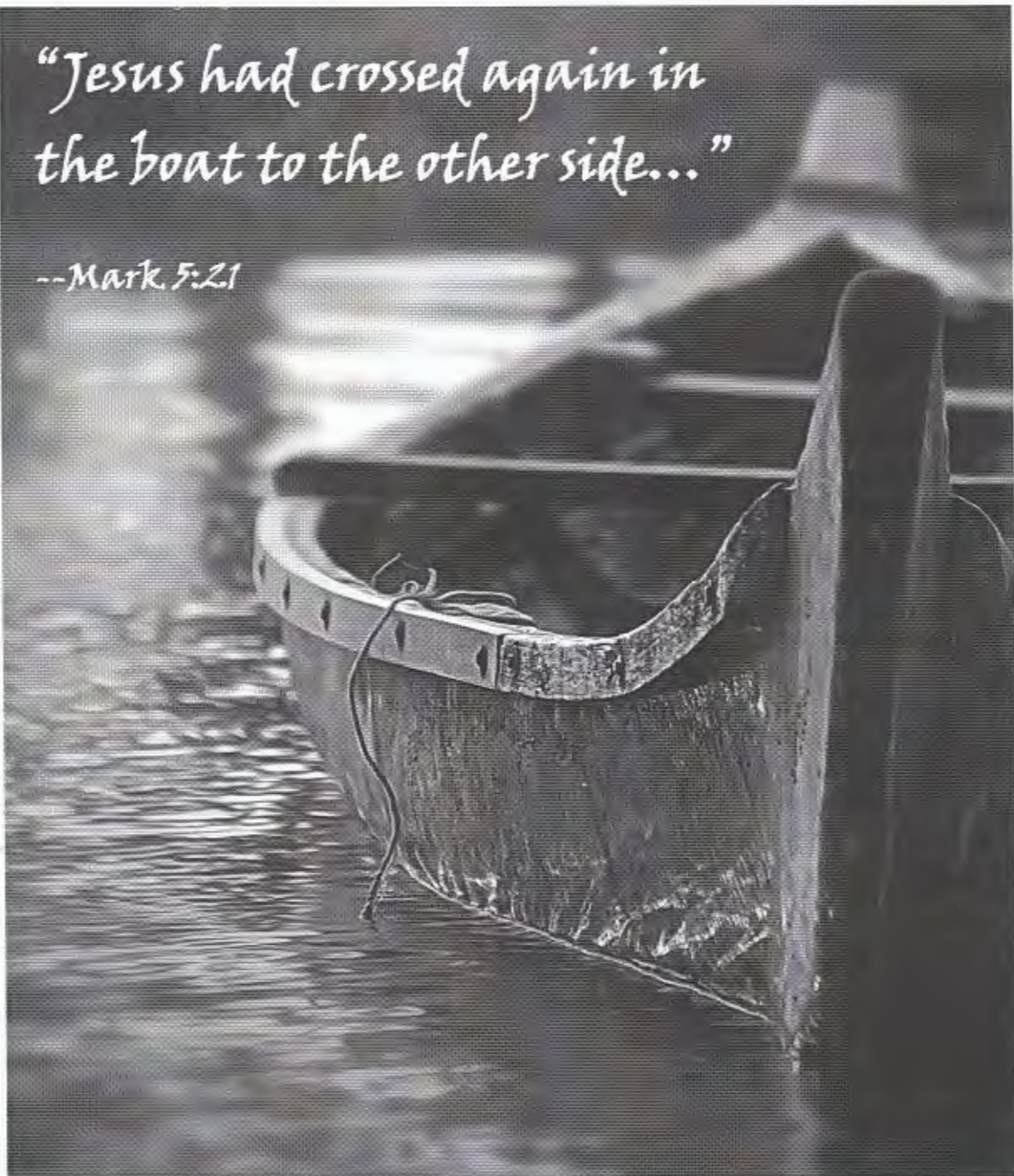


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July 1, 2018

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Cantilena: Organ Sonata II"

Rhineberger

GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

HYMN SING

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O Faithful God, we sing your praises for you hear us in our fear and sorrow. You make a new way when there is no way. You surprise us with mercy and invite us into a new dance. You long for us to trust in your power to bring to life new possibilities where there has been no hope. Meet us here today and teach us to recognize the ways of life and hope into which you are leading us. May our desires become your desires, our work become your work, and our community the place where you are sought and found. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 5:21-43

SERMON

"Waiting in Desperation"

* HYMN

"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

#638

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All: Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, open up all the dark places.
Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, wash, purge, and absolve us.
Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, heal our disordered nature.
Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, grant us your peace.
In you we place our trust, today and to eternity...

PRAYER RESPONSE

#489

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

arr. Innes

* Doxology

#47

We exalt thee,

We exalt thee,

We exalt thee, O Lord.

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

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GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Deep in your heart, know that you are a child of God. Remembering then who you are, go and walk in the assurance of God's presence and love with you always, calling you beyond fear into belief and joy. And may the grace and peace of God the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer come upon you this day and remain with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Be Not Afraid"

#430

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on America"

Koulroy

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They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

--Mark 6:13

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July 8, 2018

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

HYMN SING

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Keeper of our peace, we gather here because we take so much on to our shoulders. Sometimes it's arrogance, but sometimes it's because we just don't know what else to do. There is so much need, so many wounded people; there are so many challenges, and so many decisions. We don't want to fall into a magical, childish faith, using prayers like wands to avoid our responsibilities. We don't want to live as if what we believe is just an idea with no real impact on our lives. And so we come asking for the strength and courage to work for justice and healing for those who are forgotten and hurting in our world, and to strive to be fully engaged in our own lives. We also pray for the humility and wonder to seek your Spirit's strength and wisdom. Help us to invite others into vibrant relationship with you. May our faith be not just a religious veneer, but a real confidence that testifies to your reality that is bigger than us. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come;
Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.*

#19

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:1-13

SERMON

"Walking in Power"

* HYMN

"You Call Us, Lord"

#583

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All: Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, open up all the dark places.
Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, wash, purge, and absolve us.
Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, heal our disordered nature.
Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, grant us your peace.
In you we place our trust, today and to eternity...

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

#489

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection

* 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 out now with eyes and ears open, to hear and be heard as you share the good news with one another. And may the anointing of God, the peace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

#712

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

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"I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me
will never go hungry.



and he who believes in me
will never go thirsty." John 6:35

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August 5, 2018

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Elegy"

Thalben-Ball

GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

HYMN SING

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Most loving God, you are the holy Joy that first sent the stars spinning across space, the creative Joy that destined life on this earth, the loving Joy that created humanity to crave for your fellowship, the redeeming Joy that became human flesh in Jesus of Nazareth, and the deathless Joy that promises to complete all that you have so wonderfully commenced. Scatter our doubts and stir any dismal spirits, that we may worship you with a joy which reflects your delight in all that you have made. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come;
Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.

#19

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:24-35

SERMON

"What About the Bread?"

* HYMN

"I Am the Bread of Life"

#703

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All: Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, open up all the dark places.
Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, wash, purge, and absolve us.
Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, heal our disordered nature.
Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, grant us your peace.
In you we place our trust, today and to eternity...

PRAYER RESPONSE

#489

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Musical Reflection

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

arr. Innes

* Doxology

#47

We exalt thee,

We exalt thee,

We exalt thee, O Lord.

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

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

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

#544

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on The Church's One Foundation"

Innes

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August 12, 2018

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Air from Suite in D"

Bach

GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

HYMN SING

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Spirit of Hope, we come before You acknowledging that at times we've given up. We've thrown in the towel, we've assumed there is nothing that can be done, and the only people we can save are ourselves. Renew Your spirit in us, O God. Fill us with Your love, that we might love one another. Fill us with Your hope, that we might see that even our small acts of kindness can bring change. Fill us with Your peace, that we might know You are always with us. Renew our spirits, O God, so we may do the work You have given us to do. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come;
Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.*

#19

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

 WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All: Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, open up all the dark places.
 Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, wash, purge, and absolve us.
 Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, heal our disordered nature.
 Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, grant us your peace.
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

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Musical Reflection

"Consolation"

Mendelssohn

* 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 forth and live as Christ in the world. Speak and live with integrity as you journey through this new week. Live in God's love, caring for those in need from a heart filled and blessed by the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"I Then Shall Live"

#372

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POSTLUDE

"Rondo in G"

Bull

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August 19, 2018

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Adagio"

Mendelssohn

GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

HYMN SING

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of Wisdom and Insight, we confess our foolishness. We confess that we have sought to conform to the world instead of Your ways. We seek worldly comforts and possessions to satisfy a hunger within us that only You can fulfill. We fumble after worldly measures of success to satisfy desires that fall away when we see the awesomeness of Your work in creation. We confess our foolish ways, and confess our inner longing to follow You. Help us to turn away from the temptation for temporary gains and ease, and to live into Your ways of love. 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:7-13

 WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All: Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, open up all the dark places.
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 Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, heal our disordered nature.
 Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, grant us your peace.
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PRAYER RESPONSE

#489

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Musical Reflection

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Hopson

* 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: All around us are the wonders of God's creation.

Many: All around us, God has done mighty things for us, new and wonderful things for us. All around us, God is at work.

One: Behold the awesomeness of our God. Behold God's love and forgiveness. Embrace it. Let God's peace be within you. Seek wisdom, walk in the way of insight, and love one another.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

#132

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POSTLUDE

"Prelude in Classic Style"

Young

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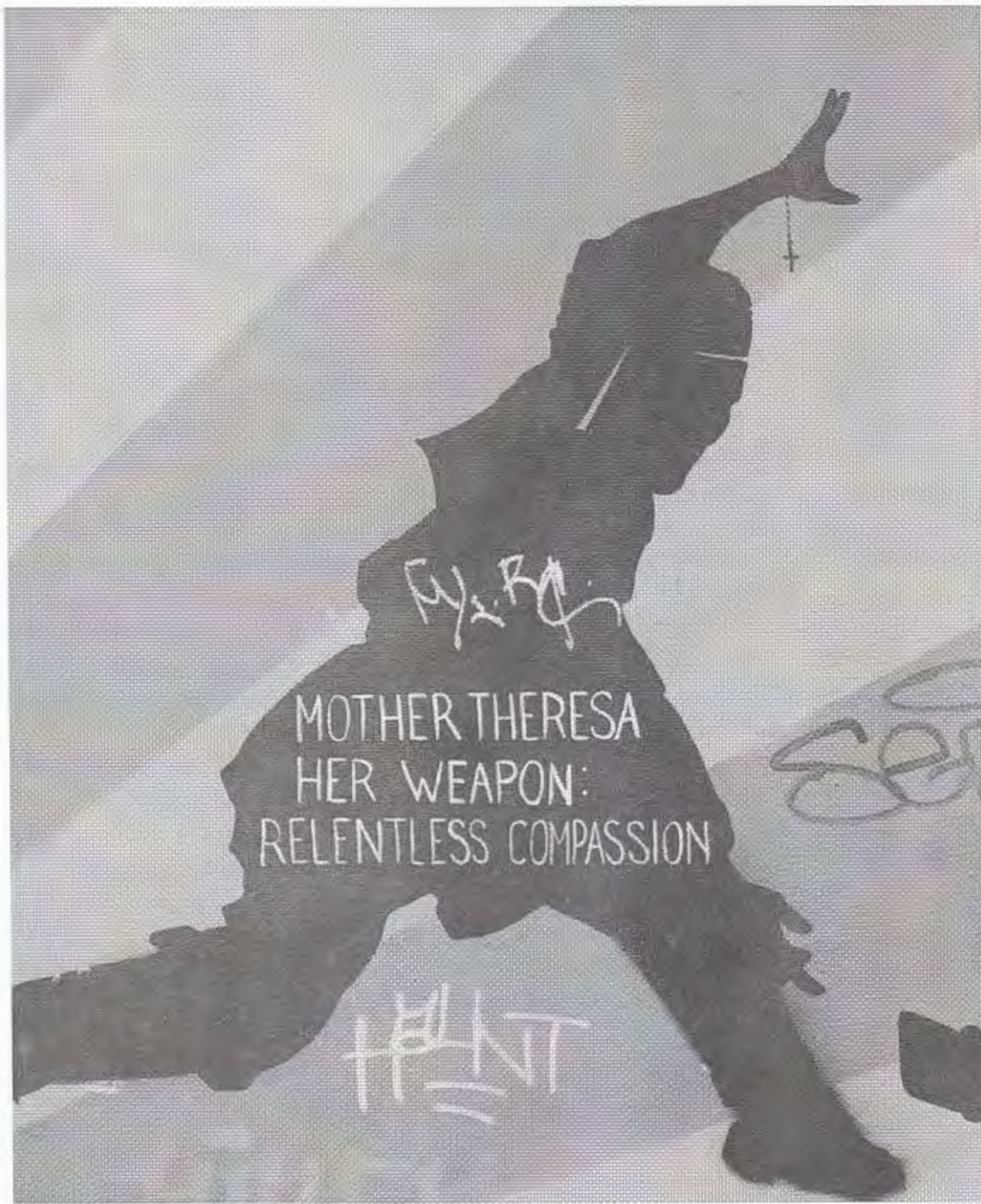


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August 26, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place"

Brahms

GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

HYMN SING

* GATHERING PRAYER

Many: Creator God, we see your goodness and your greatness in the world around us, in the vibrancy of color, the intricacy of design, the delicate veins of the leaves, and the grandeur of the mountain crags. We marvel at the richness of the tapestry you have woven; we are in awe of your creative power.

One: Divine Weaver, You have taken the threads of our lives and knit them together with yours in Jesus.

Many: By your Spirit You call us to stitch with you the canvas of resurrection; of hope for a world of despair; of joy for a world of sadness; of forgiveness for a world wrapped in guilt; of healing for broken people and a broken planet.

One: Yours are the colors of dreams; Yours are the stitches that make us whole.

Many: Yours are the threads of Life. Glory to you, breathtaking God.

All: 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Hosea 11:1-11

SERMON

"Trembling Birds"

* HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

#48

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All: Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, open up all the dark places.
Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, wash, purge, and absolve us.
Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, heal our disordered nature.
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PRAYER RESPONSE

#489

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Musical Reflection

"Adagio from Sonata I"

Bach

* 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: May the God of Life go with you, the Risen Christ beside you, the Vibrant Spirit within you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

#513

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary"

John Stanley

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September 2, 2018

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Prelude on Jesu, Word of God, Incarnate"

Mozart

GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

HYMN SING

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of mercy, you know us so well. We like to think that we can hide from You, but we are just kidding ourselves. You have offered to us new life, characterized by honesty, compassion, joy, and peace. You have invited us into ministries of peace and justice; but we have far too often turned our back on opportunities for service and witness to your transformational love. Forgive us for our stubbornness. Help us to turn around and listen to your words of hope. Remind us again that you require compassion and mercy in all who serve you; that you will guide our steps and our lives. Give us courage to truly be your witnesses in this world. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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#19

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

1 Samuel 3:1-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

James 1:17-27

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

CONTINUING TESTAMENT

We all blossom in the presence of one who sees the good in us and can coax the best out of us. --Archbishop Desmond Tutu

SERMON

"Claim the Power"

* HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

#559

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All: Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, open up all the dark places.
Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, wash, purge, and absolve us.
Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, heal our disordered nature.
Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, grant us your peace.
In you we place our trust, today and to eternity...

PRAYER RESPONSE

#489

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Musical Reflection

"Thy Table I Approach"

Bender

* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.*

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

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GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Savior Christ, increase our faith:

Many: that we may trust the unseen truths as more important than bland or trivial physical possessions.

One: God, increase our hope:

Many: that we may reach out for a better tomorrow and be undaunted by temporary setbacks.

One: Inspiring Spirit, increase our love:

Many: that we may put into the world something of the joy and compassion which you put into our lives.

One: For the sake of your new world,

Many: and to your praise and glory. Amen!

* HYMN

"America, the Beautiful"

#727

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on America, the Beautiful"

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September 9, 2018

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GREETING

One: May an awareness of the compassion of God, the graciousness of Christ, and the passion of the Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

OPENING SENTENCE

* TIME OF PRAISE

"Praise to the Lord"

#71

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

#326

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

One: Holy One, we are blind, yet we believe that we see.

Many: Lord, heal our blindness.

One: We utter words of prejudice and hatred, yet we believe that our words hold compassion.

Many: Lord, heal our thoughts and our words.

One: Help us to see our compassionate Lord.

Many: Help us to hear Jesus' words of forgiveness.

One: Reach into our hearts, Lord, and give us healing.

All: Reach into our lives, Lord, and teach us to love. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

James 2:1-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING *"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" The Choir*

GOSPEL LESSON

Psalms 13

SERMON

"Lamenting"

* HYMN

"Open Our Eyes"

#491

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

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Musical Reflection

"Trio"

Rheinberger

* 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: Be strong and do not fear!

Many: Trust in the Lord's blessings of answered prayers and healings.

One: Listen to the wisdom around you.

Many: Speak well of your neighbors. Teach peace.

One: May the God who made you, loves you and lives with you, bring you to a faith that cannot be weighted down, and courage that knows no bounds.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

#480

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POSTLUDE

"Tuba Tune in D major, Op. 15"

Lang

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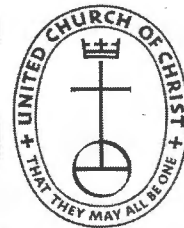




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OUR MISSION

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September 16, 2018

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GREETING

One: May an awareness of the compassion of God, the graciousness of Christ, and the passion of the Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

OPENING SENTENCE

* TIME OF PRAISE

"Gather Us In"

#649

"You are Worthy of My Praise"

#648

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: All we need to do is open our mouths, Teacher of hearts, to show that we give our tongues free rein. We claim we love others, but speak bitter words to them. We think we are good and gracious people, but hurl epithets at those we do not like, or those we fear. We are quicker to speak of judgment for others, rather than being voices for justice. But with your gracious mercy, Tender-hearted God, you can put out the wildfires of bitterness sparked by our words. You can stop the words on the tips of our tongues and transform them into whispers of peace and love. You can open our ears so that we can hear all that your Teacher of grace and hope, Jesus the Messiah, has to share with us, in these moments and all those to come. 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Proverbs 1:20-33

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Exodus 32:7-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING*"Take Up Your Cross" The Choir***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 15:1-10

CONTINUING TESTAMENT*Confession of errors is like a broom which sweeps away the dirt and leaves the surface brighter and clearer. I feel stronger for confession. --Mahatma Gandhi***SERMON***"Why Christians Need Yom Kippur"**** HYMN***"Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God"*

#378

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Psalm 51:1-10

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

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

#489

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

* 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: God sends us into the world with words of hope.
Many: Morning by morning, we will speak these words and live them out for others.
One: Jesus calls us into the world with words of justice.
Many: Moment by moment, we will listen to the oppressed and challenge the unjust powers around us.
One: The Spirit fills us with words of grace and peace.
Many: Day by day, we will sing these words, so all may hear of God's presence in their lives.
One: May the God who made you, loves you and lives with you, bring you to a faith that cannot be weighted down and courage that knows no bounds.
All: Amen.

* HYMN

"God of Years, Thy Love Hath Led Us"

insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Karg-Elert

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So Naaman went and dipped himself in the
Jordan seven times...

—2 Kings 5:14

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September 23, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GREETING

One: May an awareness of the compassion of God, the graciousness of Christ, and the passion of the Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

OPENING SENTENCE

* TIME OF PRAISE

"Shout to the Lord"

#94

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

#319

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Almighty God, You are Sovereign of all. You created the world without national borders. You created us as one people on one planet. But we have divided and fractured, scattered and marginalized. Draw us together by the one Spirit. Draw us together in Your one love. Draw us together, so that we might understand that Your love knows no bounds. For we are all part of Your beloved community; we all belong to You. In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we pray.
Amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come;
Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.

#19

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Proverbs 31:10-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Heart of a Servant" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

2 Kings 5: 1-5, 8-11, 13-14

SERMON

"Naaman's Healing Lessons"

* HYMN

"Make Me a Servant"

#576

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

#489

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

arr. Colvin

* 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: May God, our Wisdom, pour out God's thoughts in us and make God's words known to us.

Many: May Jesus Christ, our Messiah, give us the strength to do the work to which we have been called.

One: And may the Holy Spirit, our Tongue of fire, guide our words and our actions, as we strive to bless the world with our witness.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?"

#391

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

Lemmens

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September 30, 2018

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GREETING

One: May an awareness of the compassion of God, the graciousness of Christ, and the passion of the Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

OPENING SENTENCE

* TIME OF PRAISE

"Prayer of Peace"

see insert

"Refiner's Fire"

#374

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of unity, we live in a world where our lives move between inclusivity and exclusivity. We often move towards the latter, trying to oust from our circles those who do not think like us, act like us or look like us. Forgive our need to reject and to always be on the lookout for and rejoice over those things that make us different. Give us the eyes of our Teacher, who knows unconditional love and compassion and sees us all as one, for it is in his name that 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

* HYMN

"On Eagle's Wings"

#438

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"In Jesus' Name" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 16:19-31

CONTINUING TESTAMENT

*"Money can buy you a fine dog, but only love can make him wag his tail."
--Kinky Friedman*

SERMON

"What's the Matter with Money?"

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

#489

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

arr. Johnson

* 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: May God, who is our strength, help us celebrate the freedom we have received.

Many: May Jesus Christ, in whose name we find power, help us to honor his name with everything we say and do.

One: May the Holy Spirit, who helps us to pray, motivate in us the practice of prayer, discovering, while praying, there is indeed power in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"

#389

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Allegro from Symphonie VI"

Widor

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October 7, 2018

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GREETING

One: May an awareness of the compassion of God, the graciousness of Christ, and the passion of the Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

OPENING SENTENCE

* TIME OF PRAISE

"Sing a New Church"

#577

"A Place at the Table"

#617

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of love, God who is One, we pray that we may be One. We pray that we will cast aside our divisions and seek to reconcile with one another, without losing who we are. We know that oneness does not mean sameness. You created us in wondrous, beautiful diversity; help us to celebrate what makes us unique while remembering we are one people, who live on one planet, with one God who made us all. Help us to remember that the same blood runs through all our veins, the same heart beats and loves and breaks, and the same spirit that has led us to new insights and understandings continues to lead us forward. God of love, God who is One, may we love one another as Your children, all Your family, all belonging to You. In the name of Christ, in whom we are one body, we pray. Amen.

From: <http://rev-o-lution.org/2018/09/28/worship-resources-for-october-7-2018-twentieth-sunday-after-pentecost-world-communion-sunday/>

* 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Genesis 2:18-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Psalm 8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"I Choose Love" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:13-16

CONTINUING TESTAMENT

"The book on the shelf said, 'Do it yourself.' Perhaps it applies to furniture or home repair or making jam. But Holy One, these things I cannot do alone:

*I cannot learn without a teacher.
I cannot teach without knowledge.
I cannot comfort without a tender heart.
I cannot sing without joy;
I cannot challenge without courage."*

--Jane O. Sorenson

SERMON

"Moral Mentors"

* HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me"

#437

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Psalm 51:1-10

PRAYER RESPONSE

#489

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"As We Gather at Your Table"

White

* 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.)

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: The bountiful grace of our Saviour, the unconditional love of our Creator, and the generous friendship of our Inspirer, will be with us from this day forth, even for evermore.

From: <http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocB/BSUNDAY27.htm>

All: Amen!

* HYMN

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

#698

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Christ the Lamb of God"

Bach

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October 14, 2018

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GREETING

One: May an awareness of the compassion of God, the graciousness of Christ, and the passion of the Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

OPENING SENTENCE

* TIME OF PRAISE

"Indescribable"

see insert

"Dream God's Dream"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of Peace, bring peace in our hearts. Breathe peace into us, that we may know Your presence. Bring peace to our communities. Help us to build bridges instead of walls, to reach out to those different than us, to include them in our peacebuilding. Bring peace to our places of worship, that we know the freedom of Your love, grace, and mercy. Guide us to make peace with those we have wronged, to find peace with those who have wronged us. Bring peace to our world, that we would know You as our Creator. Keep us in Your ways of peace that were taught to us by Your Son and by our ancestors and help us to be at peace with You. Amen.

From: <http://rev-o-lution.org/2018/10/05/worship-resources-for-october-14th-2018-twenty-first-sunday-after-pentecost/>

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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#19

Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"What is Impossible with Men" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:17-31

CONTINUING TESTIMONY

"At times the strength of spiritual community lies in the love of people who refrain from getting caught in the trap of trying to fix everything for us, who pray for us and allow us the pain of our wilderness, our wants, so that we might become more deeply grounded in God."
— Rose Mary Dougherty

SERMON

"The Rich Man, Wealth and Discipleship"

* HYMN

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

#466

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

#489

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

arr. Binckes

* 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: May God bless you, providing you with a listening ear.

May Christ bless you, giving you the words you need to truly follow in his way.

May the Holy Spirit bless you, instilling in you the boldness to see God's grace and mercy.

May the triune God bless you and give you peace.

From: Feasting on the Word: Year B Vol 2 page 202

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

#458

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Toccata"

Martin

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WORLD AND DO
WELL. BUT MORE
IMPORTANTLY, GO
INTO THE WORLD
AND DO GOOD.**

(MINOR MYERS JR.)

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October 21, 2018

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GREETING

One: May an awareness of the compassion of God, the graciousness of Christ, and the passion of the Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

OPENING SENTENCE

* TIME OF PRAISE

"Morning Has Broken"

#35

"All Are Welcome"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Sweet, Sweet Spirit, whether it is autumn or spring in our world, breathe a new spirit into us. Create in us new hearts for love and forgiveness, for grace and mercy. Call forth in us a renewed sense of purpose and being: to love one another, to care for this earth and its creatures, and to do justice. Breathe a new spirit into us now, so we might have courage for the journey ahead. In the name of 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Leviticus 18:1-5

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 13: 1-3, 6-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"My Redeemer Lives" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 5:1-20

CONTINUING TESTIMONY

"We don't always have to agree, but we must empower each other, we must find the common ground, we must build bridges across our differences to pursue The Common Good." – Sen. Cory Booker

SERMON

"The Common Good"

* HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

#273

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

#489

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Make Me a Servant"

Willard

* 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: Beloved, may the healing love of Christ, the wisdom of God, and the strengthening power of the Spirit be with you and the ones you love this day and always.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Are Ye Able, Said the Master"

see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Fugue on For the Beauty of the Earth"

Hustad

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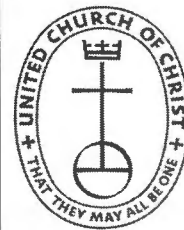
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October 28, 2018

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GREETING

One: May an awareness of the compassion of God, the graciousness of Christ, and the passion of the Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

OPENING SENTENCE

* TIME OF PRAISE

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

#656

"Blest Are They"

#666

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Wondrous Creator, You made a world that births new life out of destruction. Volcanoes erupt, and storms break out. Earthquakes tear apart and tsunamis wash over. But in all the destruction comes restoration. Green shoots burst forth from ash-laden soil. Waves after the storm smooth the sand and restore the coastlines. The ground settles after quakes, and the world continues on. You are the God of Restoration. You are the God of Healing. Help us to heal the earth that we have damaged. Help us to mend the relationships we have broken, Help us to repent and turn back to You, seek forgiveness for where we have gone wrong, and join with You in restoring our world. Help us to remember Your intention for us to be co-creators with You. In the name of Christ, who calls us to be born anew, to become a new creation, we pray. Amen.

From: <http://rev-o-lution.org/2018/10/19/worship-resources-for-october-28th-2018-twenty-third-sunday-after-pentecost-reformation-sunday/>

* 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 31:7-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Psalm 126

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:46-52

CONTINUING TESTAMENT

"I think we all suffer from acute blindness at times. Life is a constant journey of trying to open your eyes. I'm just beginning my journey, and my eyes aren't fully open yet."

--Olivia Thirlby (American actress)

SERMON

"Was Blind But Now I See"

* HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

#422

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

#489

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Open Our Eyes Lord"

Cull

* 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: Beloved, may the healing love of Christ, the wisdom of God, and the strengthening power of the Spirit be with you and the ones you love this day and always.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

#507

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Ein' Feste Burg"

Hustad

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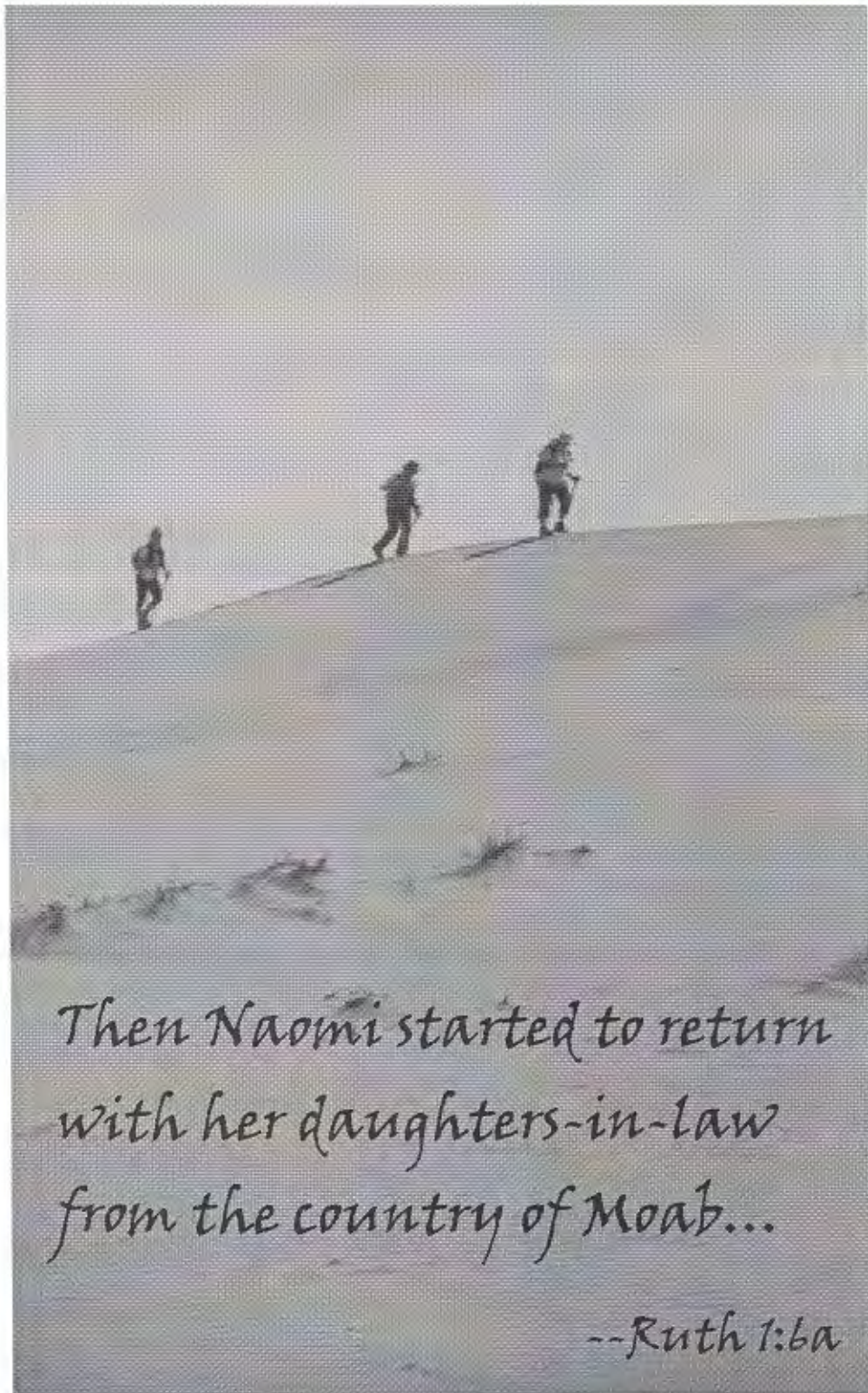
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*Then Naomi started to return
with her daughters-in-law
from the country of Moab...*

--Ruth 1:6a

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November 4, 2018

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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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

"How Great is Our God"

see insert

"Come Share the Lord"

#696

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O Holy One, Source of all life and Ground of all love, we thank you for your love that never lets us go. Thank you for the privilege of gathering in this space with our sisters and brothers to worship you. We do not come merely to open the doors of the church, but we come that our hearts might be opened to you and to one another. As we worship you today, help us to respond to the call of love – to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves; to care for widows and orphans, to advocate for those in prison, to welcome the strangers. We long to trust your path of love for others, yet we know that at times we forget to observe your statutes of compassion and your ordinances of justice. Help us not to lean on our own understanding but in all our ways to acknowledge you, that we may be transformed from individuals to members of your one body. 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Ruth 1:1-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:11-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"With All My Heart" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

SERMON

"Why Will You Go With Me?"

* HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

#273

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All: Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, open up all the dark places.
Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, wash, purge, and absolve us.
Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, heal our disordered nature.
Come, Spirit of the merciful Christ, grant us your peace.
In you we place our trust, today and to eternity...

PRAYER RESPONSE

#489

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Wherever You Go, I Will Go"

Norbert

* 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.)

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth, following as the Holy Spirit leads you, moving in love and compassion, pursuing justice and mercy, and trusting in the God of peace.

Many: We go in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

#469

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"

Frescobaldi

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...but she
out of her
poverty
has put in
everything
she had,
all she had
to live on.

--Mark 12:44



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November 11, 2018

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GREETING

One: May an awareness of the compassion of God, the graciousness of Christ, and the passion of the Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

OPENING SENTENCE

* TIME OF PRAISE

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

see insert

"Step by Step"

#494

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Ever living God, as we gather in this place, we give thanks that we are never strangers in your house, but beloved sisters and brothers. Teach us again during this time together that you are always with us. Instill in us the trust and self-giving of the widow who gives her last coin, and of Naomi and Ruth who set out on a journey into an unknown future. Remind us that all that we have is a gift from you and is meant to be shared. Send your Holy Spirit to empower us to live beyond our own desires. May we be overcome with your liberating courage to live boldly as witnesses to the risks we are free to take with confidence, because of your care for us through times of plenty and times of want. 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:38-44

SERMON

"Giving it All"

* HYMN

"I Surrender All"

#474

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

#489

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"More Precious Than Silver"

DeShazzo

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

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"God of Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

#728

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Lobe Den Herren"

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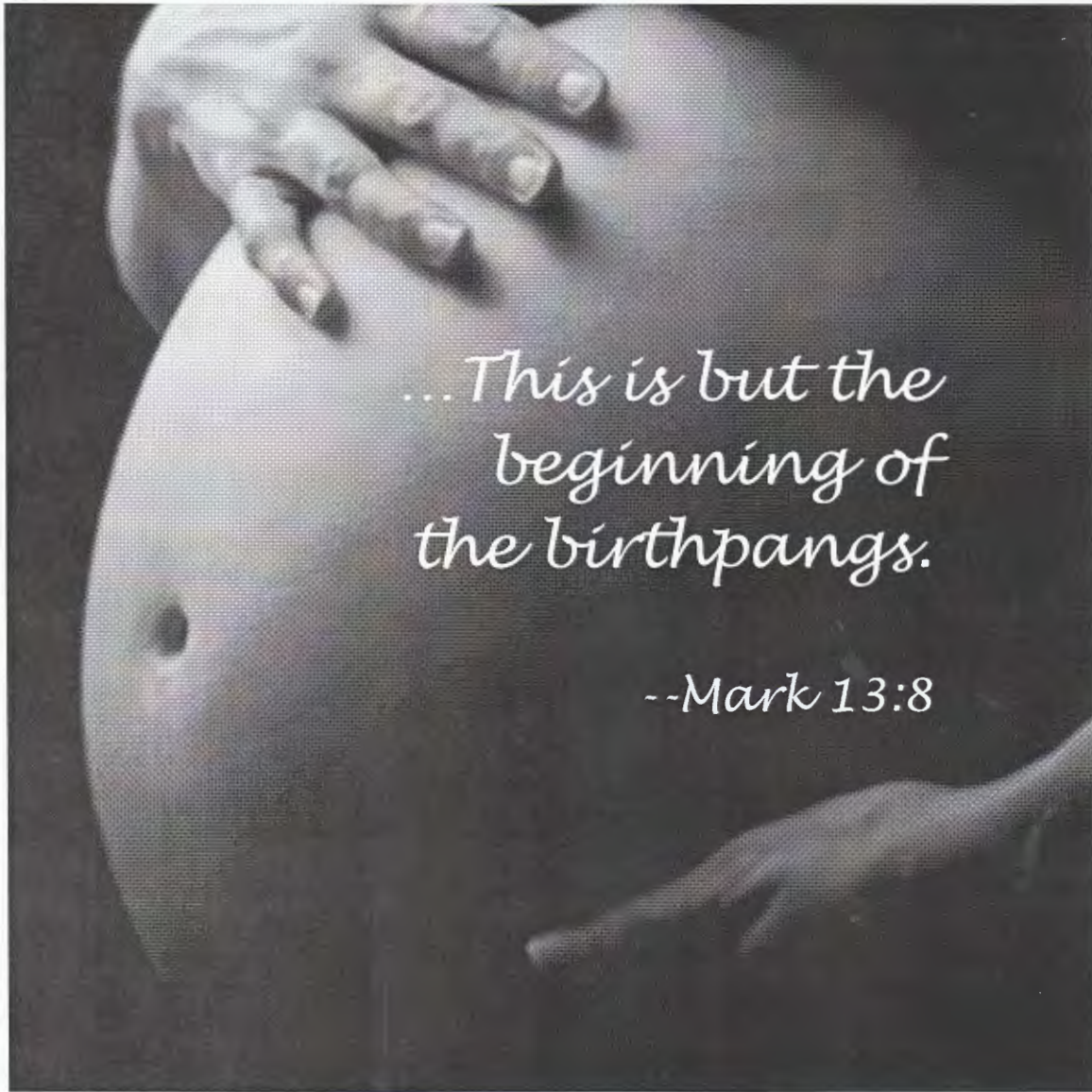
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*...This is but the
beginning of
the birthpangs.*

--Mark 13:8

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November 18, 2018

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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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

"In the Lord Alone"

#62

"My Life is in You"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God, we come into this time of worship with joyful expectations, for in you we find refuge from our turbulent world. Every day we see injustices all around us: in the papers, on television, on the web, or walking through our community. Yet we often cannot bring ourselves to speak out or take action against them. Help us to work each day to bear witness to your justice through our ministries. Renew in us the strength, faith, and courage we need to persevere through the challenges we face when our fears threaten to overwhelm our trust in you. As we open ourselves to the power of your Holy Spirit, may we be emboldened to love our neighbor as ourselves that we might be your instruments of grace. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come;
Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who reigns forever more.

#19

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

1 Samuel 1:4-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:11-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING*"My Lord, What a Morning" The Choir***GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 13:1-8

SERMON*"Birth Pangs"**** HYMN***"Refiner's Fire"*

#374

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

#489

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Musical Reflection

"You Are My All in All"

Jernigan

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

All: Amen.

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Prelude in A"

Walther

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November 25, 2018

Reign of Christ Sunday

10:00 am

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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

"Wonderful Merciful Savior"

see insert

"Soon and Very Soon"

#523

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Eternal God, who rules over all of us with justice and care, we are thankful for this opportunity to participate in your work here on earth, knowing that we are part of the greater community of saints that spans beyond time and place, beyond life and death. Guide us in our daily lives to live in your ways of justice, mercy, forgiveness and peace. Guide us to love our neighbors and to pray for our enemies. Call us into your reign here on earth, so that we might pursue the path of justice and mercy that leads to your reign beyond this world. Open our hearts, loving God, to our neighbors in need, that we might expand the message of your welcoming community here on earth, that all may be part, that all have a place, and that all are needed. In the name of our Savior, Redeemer and Friend, Jesus the 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 23:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Jesus, We Crown You With Praise" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 18:33-37

SERMON

"Beginnings and Endings"

* HYMN

"On Eagle's Wings"

#438

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

TOTENFEST LITANY PRAYER

see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

#489

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Musical Reflection

"On Eagle's Wings"

arr. Smith

* 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 into your own domains, remember Christ's reign of justice and compassion, setting it before you as an example now and always. And may the

Grace and Peace of the One who is and who was and who is to come, go with you.

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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Hope



A thrill of hope
the weary world
rejoices

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December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

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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.

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

One: In Advent we watch and wait, and prepare to welcome the Christ Child into the world.

Many: In Advent we prepare for a life of discipleship, and watch faithfully for signs of God's light breaking into the world.

One: Come, Lord Jesus, come! For these are fearful days filled with words of hate, acts of terror, welcomes withheld and truths denied.

Many: Anxiety is a constant companion; Hope feels like a stranger. We call out in our anxiety: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

One: In Advent we are reminded of God's ancient promises: Justice is coming! Love is on the way! Lift up your heads and watch for the signs!

Many: We light the first candle of Advent, a candle of Hope, in faith that God is at work in our lives and in our world right now.

Candle of Hope is lit

One: May the light of this candle of Advent Hope shine in our hearts all week as we wait for signs of compassion and grace to break into our world.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come! Be born anew in our world and in our lives.

* TIME OF PRAISE

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

#181

"Here I Am to Worship"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy and Loving God, in this season as the days grow shorter and the shadows lengthen, we gather in eager expectation for the Light of the World to dawn. We

give thanks for the promise of this sacred season and for the joy we find in the Christ Child. Yet even as we rejoice, we recognize that we often fail to live with the hope of redemption. Help us, God, to lay aside all the works of night and even our cynicism as we enter this holy season. During this hour of worship, send your Spirit to empower us to live in the light with hope. Help us to not to be distracted by our own projects and preparation and lose our focus on the one who is the Source of our joy, Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: "The days are surely coming," say the Lord, "when I will fulfill the promise I made to my people. In those days justice and righteousness will spring forth in the land. And my people will be saved and live in safety."

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

#195

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory be to God on High!
Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory be to God on High!
And on earth be peace to the people in whom God is well pleased.
And on earth be peace to the people in whom God is well pleased.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"You Are Holy" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

SERMON

"Blind Spots"

* HYMN

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

#232

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#493

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all my burdens down at your feet. And anytime that I don't know what to do. I will cast all my cares upon you.

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Musical Reflection

"Pastorale"

Spong

* Doxology

Greensleeves

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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: The time is drawing near when God's hope will be revealed.

Many: We will go into the world and keep awake!

One: The signs of God's light are breaking into the world.

Many: We will go into the world and keep watch!

One: Go into the world and nurture hope for justice and peace, knowing that the One who is, who was and who is to come goes before you this day and always.

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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Peace



Peace on earth
and mercy mild,
God and sinners
reconciled!

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December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

* Indicates to stand as able--please feel free to sit at any time if need be.

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.

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Candle of Hope is re-lit

One: The Reign of God is drawing near; the prophet calls us to change our lives!

Many: The Baptist cries out, "Prepare the way for the Lord; prepare a just and peaceful pathway!"

One: Come, Lord Jesus, come into our homes and our world for we are under siege by so much information often bearing too little wisdom; filled with angry voices compelling hate; quiet voices counseling complacency.

Many: Confusion surrounds us; truth gets lost. We call out in our confusion: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

One: In Advent we are reminded of God's ancient promises: Light is coming to those who sit in darkness, a light to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Many: We light this second candle of Advent, a candle of Peace, believing that in stillness and silence we will hear God's voice speaking in our world right now.

Candle of Peace is lit

One: May this candle of Advent Peace shine in our hearts all week, reminding us to enter times of quiet and peace in order to listen, through the noise of our lives, for the call to prepare for the Holy One.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come! Be born anew in our world and in our lives.

* TIME OF PRAISE

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

#154

"Refiner's Fire"

#374

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O Holy God, we long for your peace. You call us to turn our lives around, and work with patience and diligence to prepare the way for your Reign. Help us to trust in your promises so that we don't get discouraged and give up too soon. Help us hear your still, small voice that we might unburden ourselves from anxiety and fear. Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace. May our worship together open us to the challenge of your dream of wholeness for all. In the Name of the One who is coming, we pray. Amen!

DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: "The days are surely coming," say the Lord, "when I will fulfill the promise I made to my people. In those days justice and righteousness will spring forth in the land. And my people will be saved and live in safety."

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

#195

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory be to God on High!
Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory be to God on High!
And on earth be peace to the people in whom God is well pleased.
And on earth be peace to the people in whom God is well pleased.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Malachi 3:1-4

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Prepare Ye the Way" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:1-6

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

"Go and Tell"

see insert

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.

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all my burdens down at your feet. And anytime that I don't know what to do. I will cast all my cares upon you.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"He Who Began a Good Work"

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* Doxology

Greensleeves

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* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Let us go forth with eyes to see God's vision of peace, with ears to hear God's call for justice, with voices to proclaim God's good news for the poor, and hands to enact God's mercy. And may the strength of God, the peace of Christ and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit guide our going.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

#156

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Now Come the Savior of the Nations"

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Joy



O come,
all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant

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December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

* Indicates to stand as able--please feel free to sit at any time if need be.

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.

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Candles of Hope and Peace are re-lit

One: The joy of the season is upon us. The time is almost here.

Many: We have come to praise the Lord and to rejoice as we wait to see God's glory revealed!

One: Come, Lord Jesus, come into our lives and help us proclaim the joy you promise, for we are exhausted as we move from one task to the next, from one responsibility to another. Worn out by worries about preparations, about family relationships, about money, about presents!

Many: We are scattered and busy about too many things. We call out in our fatigue: Come Lord Jesus, come!

One: In Advent we are remind of the apostle Paul's ancient advice: Rejoice in the Lord always! Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray, letting God know your concerns, so that God's wholeness will come and settle you down. It is wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.

Many: We light this third candle of Advent, a candle of Joy. In its light, let us turn our worries into prayers as we prepare for the coming of Christ.

Candle of Joy is lit

One: May this candle of Advent Joy shine in our hearts all week, reminding us to pray and praise and place Christ at the center this season.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come! Be born anew in our world and in our lives.

* TIME OF PRAISE

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

#153

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O, Most Patient God, in this third week of our Advent journey we look forward to your promise to change things. To bring us life and strength and courage; eyes to see, ears to hear, and tongues to speak your word. We know that we have allowed distractions to disrupt the times of quiet we promised for you. Help us renew our preparations for your coming. Continue to be with us, O Lord, as we learn to wait with you. We trust that you hear these petitions of our hearts and minds, and we believe that our prayers will be answered in your time and in your almighty wisdom. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: "The days are surely coming," say the Lord, "when I will fulfill the promise I made to my people. In those days justice and righteousness will spring forth in the land. And my people will be saved and live in safety."

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

#195

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Zephaniah 3:14-2

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"The First Song of Isaiah" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:7-18

SERMON

Juxtaposition of Joy

* HYMN

"Mary, Did You Know?"

#192

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

#493

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all my burdens down at your feet. And anytime that I don't know what to do. I will cast all my cares upon you.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"A Lovely Rose Breaks into Bloom"

Brahms

* Doxology

Greensleeves

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* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go, return to your waiting with patient hope for the events of God's promise of salvation to unfold. Strengthen your hearts for the coming of the Lord is near. And may the hope of God, the peace of Christ and the joy of the Holy Spirit surround you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Long Ago, Prophets Knew"

#167

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

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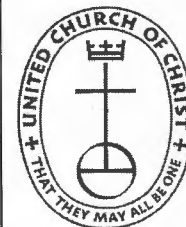
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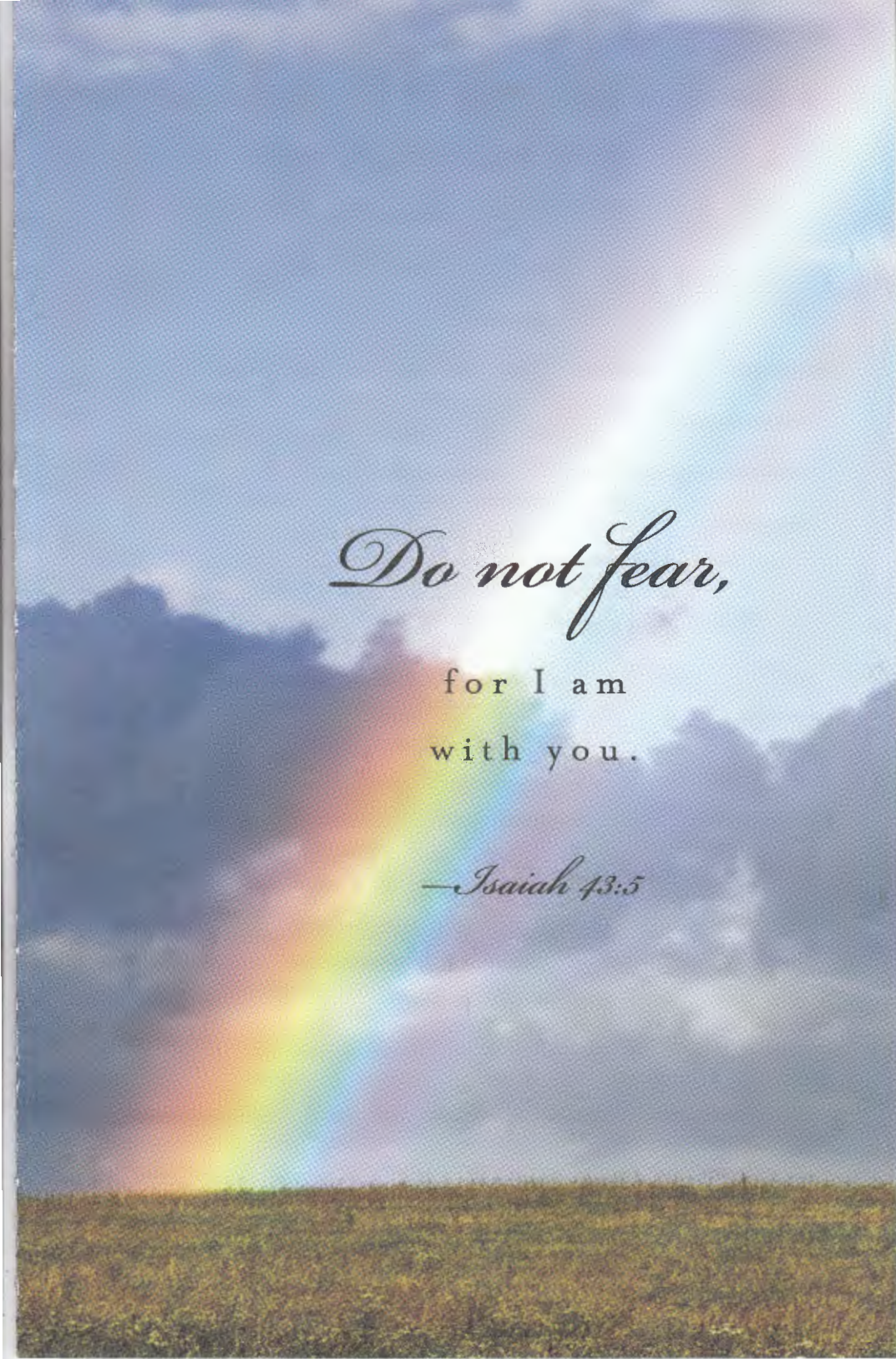
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Do not fear,

for I am
with you.

—*Isaiah 43:5*

A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Margaret Pauline Seppet

July 23, 1933 - December 12, 2018

December 19, 2018

11:00 a.m.

*Indicates to stand as able

PRELUDE

*PROCESSION AND OPENING SENTENCES

*HYMN OF ADORATION *"How Great Thou Art"* #51

*GREETING

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

Many: And also with you

PRAYER

FIRST READING Psalm 23

SECOND READING John 14

MEDITATION

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - LORD'S PRAYER

*COMMENDATION

*BENEDICTION

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

(As the casket is led out of the sanctuary, please follow behind the family)

POSTLUDE

Psalm 23

The Divine Shepherd

A PSALM OF DAVID.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.



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Love



And wonders,
wonders of His love

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December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

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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.

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Candles of Hope, Peace and Joy are re-lit

One: In these last days before Christmas, we await the love, compassion and justice of God to break into our world in Jesus the Christ.

Many: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth: Stir up your might, and come to save us!

One: Come, Lord Jesus, come, for there is no leader among us who listens to the voices of the poor, or shares strength with the powerless, or offers surprising forgiveness like you.

Many: Our hope is fragile as an infant, we call out in our longing for transforming love: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

One: Our souls join in singing Mary's ancient song, praising your holiness that lifts up the poor, that satisfies the hungry and gives voice to the silent, while sending the rich and powerful away empty, fed only with the bread of tears.

Many: As we light this fourth candle of Advent, a candle of Love, may its light help us to see the places of our lives, the places of our world, where our God is longing to be born.

Candle of Love is lit

One: May this candle of Advent Love shine in our hearts all week and remind us to be midwives to Christ's birth in our work for justice, our practice of peace; our offering of forgiveness.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come! Be born anew in our world and in our lives.

* TIME OF PRAISE

"The King of Glory Comes"

#159

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#180

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Surprising God, you make your presence known in unexpected ways, and challenge our comfortable assumptions about how you work. Meet us here today and open our hearts to recognize you in our midst. Call us to live into your new thing: a world where your love takes shape in justice and peace. Restore us, O God; change our lives with your justice, heal our lives with your compassion, and delight our lives with your love. In the name of the One who is coming, we pray: Amen!

DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: "The days are surely coming," say the Lord, "when I will fulfill the promise I made to my people. In those days justice and righteousness will spring forth in the land. And my people will be saved and live in safety."

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

#195

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory be to God on High!
Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory be to God on High!
And on earth be peace to the people in whom God is well pleased.
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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Micah 5:2-5a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:510

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Canticle of the Turning" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:39-55

SERMON

The Cry of the Soul

* HYMN

"Once in Royal David's City"

#183

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.

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all my burdens down at your feet. And anytime that I don't know what to do. I will cast all my cares upon you.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"My Soul Magnifies the Lord"

Bach

* Doxology

Greensleeves

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* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Let us go forth with eyes to see, ears to hear and voices to proclaim:

Many: Hope is real

One: Peace is possible

Many: Joy is available

One: Love is here

Many: For Christ is born of Mary, and God is with us.

One: And may the love of God, the peace of Christ and the unexpected challenge of the Holy Spirit lead us as we go.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

#186

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Noel"

d'Aquin

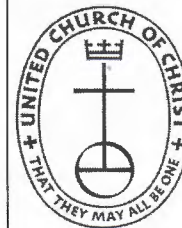
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Light



Silent night, holy night,
Son of God,
love's pure light

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December 24, 2018

Christmas Eve

7:30 pm

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *Christmas Selections for Cello and Piano, Katie Chambers, Cello*

* LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: We look for an extraordinary sign of hope for our world but God's sign is most ordinary of all:

Many: A young woman is with child.

The candle of Hope is relit

One: We look to power and strength for peace in our world but God points to the most vulnerable:

Many: She gives birth.

The candle of Peace is relit

One: We look far and wide for the key to contentment and happiness, but God points us home:

Many: She wraps her child in swaddling clothes and lays him in a manger.

The candle of Joy is relit

One: We look to others to help us understand the mystery of God, but God is in plain sight:

Many: She calls this child Immanuel: God-with-us!

The candle of Love is relit

One: Let us rejoice, and worship our God for in our ordinary, vulnerable lives: God-with-us!

Many: We look and we see the salvation of our God come to us in the One born of Mary, whose name is Jesus.

The Christ candle is lit and the Christ child is placed in the crèche.

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of mercy and miracles, into the darkness of this world, you have brought forth a great light in the birth of the Christ Child. You call us to be part of your light on this earth. God come to us now and make all things new, for we long for your fullness in our lives that we too might en flesh the goodness and love of Christ in our day. Help us to make room for you and others just as you make room for us. In our busyness may we offer others patience, just as you are our peace. May your Incarnate Love spill over into our every thought, action and prayer that the lost may find salvation, the sad, joy, and the bitter may find the courage to love again. In the name of the Holy Child of Bethlehem we pray. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace. The promise is fulfilled. Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation, for the Light of the World has come.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria

Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Gloria in Excelsis Deo

* CHRISTMAS GREETING OF PEACE

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TIME

* HYMN

"Away in a Manger"

#203

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER – THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"I Wonder as I Wander" Katie Chambers - Cello

* Doxology

Greensleeves

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The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this
is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to
bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.*

* Prayer of Dedication

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Tonight we will receive communion in procession. Ushers will invite you forward up the center aisle by rows. The darker liquid is wine, and the lighter liquid is grape juice. After you partake in communion, return to your seat by the side aisles.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

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!
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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: We thank you, Lord God, for breaking into our world and into our lives. We thank you for this meal of remembering, and the stories of love and grace that it tells. We thank you for your challenge for us to become agents of your compassion. Use us –all that we have and all that we are – to touch the world with the Christmas message: God is love. God is with us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* CELEBRATION OF THE LIGHT

A prayer in the darkness. The coming of the Light into the world

Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent night! holy night! All is calm, all is bright;
Round yon virgin mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild;
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night! holy night! Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

* BENEDICTION

* RECESSIONAL HYMN

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*"

Johnson

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OUR MISSION

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

December 30, 2018

First Sunday after Christmas

10:00 am

* Indicates to stand as able--please feel free to sit at any time if need be.

GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-33

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

THE CANDLE OF HOPE

One: God of new beginnings, God of sacred endings, we gather in this in-between time and space, unsure of what the future holds...awaiting transformation, renewal, the chance to begin again.

Many: Our times are in your hands, O God, give us Hope for the journey.

Candle of Hope is lit

* HYMN

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

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* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of Light, you brought forth light as your first act of creation. You brought forth light in the form of your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to shine the light of hope in a world of darkness and despair. You call us to shine with your light, and to bring your light to the world. As we prepare for this New Year, help us to shine your light more brilliantly in our lives. Call us into the ways of your Son's love, peace, mercy and justice, so that we might share the light of hope with this world in this New Year. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace. The promise is fulfilled. Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation, for the Light of the World has come.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

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THE CANDLE OF PEACE

One: God of new beginnings, God of sacred endings, encourage us to be ever mindful of

Your Still Speaking Voice, that we might dance without fear knowing that with the coming of Your Light fear must release its death-grip on our lives.

Many: Our times are in your hands, O God, give us Peace for the journey.

Candle of Peace is lit

MUSICAL OFFERING

"This Holy Night" The Choir

SECOND READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MEDITATION

PRAYER

All: Helper in our past and Hope for our future: hold our good intentions, free us from that which keeps us from the good, and enable us to move into the coming year with your love behind, beside, and before us. Amen.

THE CANDLE OF JOY

One: God of new beginnings, God of sacred endings, we have traveled through dangers seen and unseen, we have tiptoed through dark nights of the souls and wrestled against powers that should have kept us down. Yet we stand here in your presence with praise in our hearts and on our lips for your faithfulness.

Many: Our times are in your hands, O God, give us Joy for the journey.

Candle of Joy is lit

* HYMN

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

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THIRD READING

Matthew 25:31-46

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all my burdens down at your feet. And anytime that I don't know what to do. I will cast all my cares upon you.

THE CANDLE OF LOVE

One: God of new beginnings, God of sacred endings, we stand in this present moment, frustrated by miscarriages of justice, saddened by the lack of collective concern,

exasperated by racism, sexism, homophobia, mass incarceration and angered by the growing numbers of deaths by gun violence. Only your Just Love can save us.

Many: Our times are in your hands, O God, give us Love for the journey.

Candle of Love is lit

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Away in a Manger"

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

* THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The future stretches out before us full of mystery and full of surprise. We need you, God of New Beginnings, to set the course, and guide our feet in the way of righteousness.

Many: Our times are in your hands, O God, may Christ walk with us in our journey.

The Christ Candle is lit

* FOURTH READING

Revelation 21:1-6

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

* SENDING FORTH

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

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

#185

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Angels We Have Heard on High"

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