



When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

--Matthew 2:9

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OUR MISSION

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January 6, 2019

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

"Arise, Your Light is Come"

see insert

"Your Love, O Lord"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of wonder and mystery, you surprise us in every age. Into the gloom of fear and want, you bring light. Into emptiness, you bring abundance; and into the cold, you bring warmth. We remember the Magi, who set out with a singular focus on the promise of the heavens; who stayed determined on their journey, not even swayed by Herod's power and promises. Help us not to lose sight of you in this season of Epiphany. May our adoration be upon you and not upon wealth or wisdom, that we might shine with the glory of your light. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

All: Thanks be to God.

* 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:

Isaiah 60:1-6

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"With Wondering Awe" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

"Kabod"

* HYMN

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

#233

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

"How Many Kings"

Germain/Martel

* 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: People of God, arise! And go to shine the light of Christ that is within you and among you. May the Glory of God, the Light of Christ and the Wisdom of the Holy Spirit guide you and bless you, now and always.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"As with Gladness"

#236

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"The Three Kings"

Young

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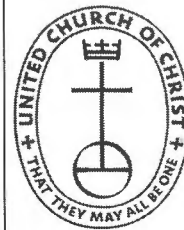
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*“When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;”*

--Isaiah 43:2

Baptism of the Christ by Daniel Bonnell

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January 13, 2019

First 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

"All Who are Thirsty"

see insert

"Holy Spirit Rain Down"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Merciful God, you are the One who travels with us. You donned our flesh and know who we are; what we experience. You know that sometimes life feels like being overwhelmed by waters, sometimes it feels like we are walking through fire and fear envelopes us. Remind us of your loving presence, Holy One. Help us to grow in our trust of you. Help us to let go of our fears that hold us back, so we may find that you are at work beyond what we can see, beyond what we know. Help us to accept that all things are changing, but you are at work around us, working for good. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

All: Thanks be to God.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 43:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Acts 8:14-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Washed Anew" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON

"Fire and Water"

* HYMN

"Spirit Song"

#352

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

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.

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

"Be Not Afraid"

Dufford

* 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 in the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, remembering whose you are and knowing that "When you pass through the"

waters, they shall not overwhelm you; and when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.”

All: Amen.

* HYMN

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

#241

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

“To Jordan Came Our Lord the Christ”

Bach

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“Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and what I can do, and use it for a purpose greater than myself.”

--Martin Luther King Jr.

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January 20, 2019

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

"Your Love O Lord"

see insert

"Knowing You"

#357

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of all the prophets, on this day, we thank you for the life of The Rev. Dr. King; the prophet who walked among us and prophetically witnessed to your radical inclusive love. Help us to carry forth your call to justice beyond this Sunday and into our daily lives. Help us to have the courage of Dr. King to stand with the oppressed, to lift up the poor, to live into God's ways of peace demonstrated by Jesus Christ. Give us the strength to build a better future for all children. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

All: Thanks be to God.

* 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:

Isaiah 62:1-5

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"We Are the Body of Christ" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:1-11

SERMON

"Never What We Think"

* HYMN

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

#243

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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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Elegy"

Thalben-Ball

* 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 be the change you want to see in the world. And may the power of God, the compassion of Christ and the gifts of the Holy Spirit guide you along your way.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"We All Are One in Mission"

#552

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"O Morning Star How Fair and Bright!"

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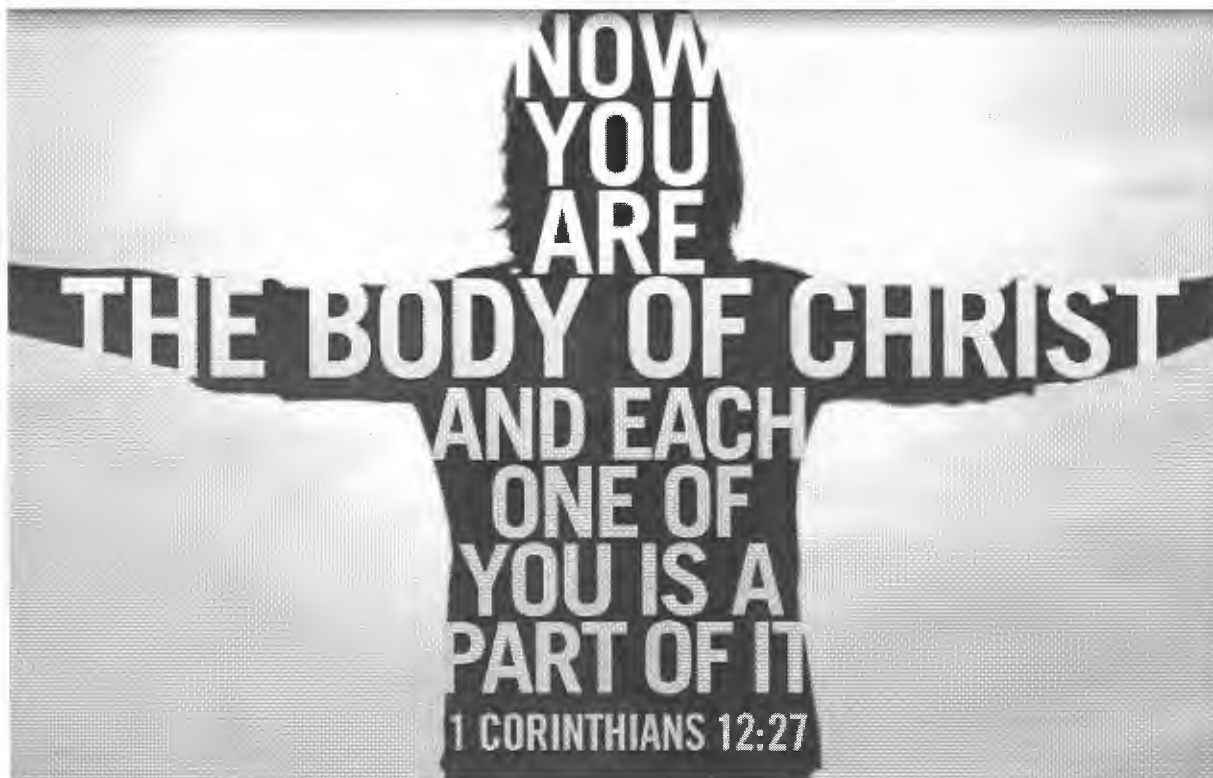


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JANUARY 27,
2019

January 20, 2019

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

"How Beautiful"

see insert

"Glorify Thy Name"

#146

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy and Wise God, you gather us from our separate lives to hear your word and to respond to your revealing. You have appointed us for the work of your church. We come seeking your guidance, your wisdom, your way. Help us to perceive and understand your law, and then to follow you faithfully, as your people. Bind us together with you in worship, and transform us from distinct persons into the Body of Christ, alive with your Spirit. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

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* 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:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Hear Us From Heaven" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:14-21

SERMON

"Soma and Pneuma"

* HYMN

"One Bread, One Body"

#689

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

see insert

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

#489

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me"

Card

* 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 your way, united as one Body, to bless the world with the gifts that God has bestowed upon you. May the joy of the Lord be your strength this day, and every day.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Blest Be the Ties That Bind"

#393

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on the Hymn Tune Azmon"

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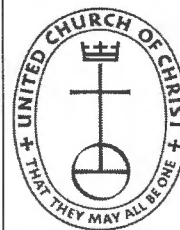
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TOUGH LOVE

is loving others

when they least expect it and least deserve it.

—Mark Batterson

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February 3, 2019

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

"Come Share the Lord"

#696

"His Banner Over Me"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: We come to worship and praise you, O God. You called prophets and teachers to bear witness to your grace and love. You, who spoke to Jeremiah and Jesus, speak to us today, calling us to carry your Word of life and hope. Help us to believe it is you when you speak to us. Help us to receive your calling to speak out clearly and witness to your dream of justice and joy. Grant us courage to live out your Way of peace and grace. We ask in Jesus' name; Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

All: Thanks be to God.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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#19

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Charity" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:21-30

SERMON

"Tough Love"

* HYMN

"The Gift of Love"

#397

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. Johnson

* 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: God's Word is within you; go in peace. And may the Triune One, who is Father, Son and Spirit, grant you wholeness, harmony, hope: shalom, now and always.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

#712

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Rondo in G"

Bull

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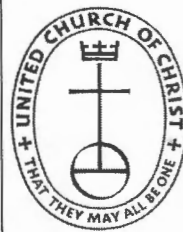
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"You can't analyze God.
God is too awesome,
too big, too mysterious."

—C.S. Lewis

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February 10, 2019

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

"Refiner's Fire"

#374

"I See the Lord"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy One, you are ready to meet us wherever we are in our lives, to provide a vision, to bring needed interruption, or to offer hope where we may least expect it. Surprise us here at worship today with some unexpected grace that will change something in us—large or small. Help us hear you in the voices of the poor and powerless that we may learn to love you more fully and follow you more faithfully. Then send us into the world inspired and impassioned to do your work. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

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* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 6:1-13

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

"Send Me Lord" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 5:1-11

SERMON

"Ears to Hear, Eyes to See, Minds to Conceive"

* 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

#489

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Holy is the Lord"

Schubert

* 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: Let us go forth with eyes and ears and hearts open to do the work of God in our world. And may the vision of the Creator, the grace of the Savior, and the courage of the Spirit guide us.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Here I Am Lord"

#559

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

“Postlude on *Holy, Holy, Holy*”

Post

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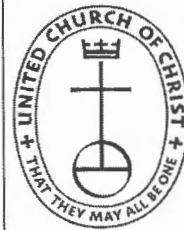
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Jesus came down with them and stood on
a level plain...

-Luke 6:17

Plain Speaking

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February 17, 2019

Sixth 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

"Show Me Your Ways"

see insert

"Give Me Jesus"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Jesus, our Healer, Teacher, and Leader, break into our busy lives today and draw us to yourself. Shake up our lives so that we may enter your reign of beatitudes, where the poor are fed, the excluded are welcomed, the sorrowing consoled and the lost find a home among us. Open our hearts to receive all that you have to offer: A healing touch, an enlightening word, a call to do your work of justice in the world. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen!

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

All: Thanks be to God.

* 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

RECOGNITION OF BOY SCOUT ACHIEVEMENT

see insert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 17:5-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"The Beatitudes" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:17-26

SERMON

"Set Apart"

* HYMN

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"

#486

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

"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: Let us go forth rejoicing, working with God to create a reality where hunger is no more, sorrow is comforted, and justice is known far and wide. And may the Healing Creator, the Teaching Christ and the Leading Spirit go with us.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

#587

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude in C"

Couperin

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“Yet he did not remember Joseph,
but forgot him.
After two whole years...
Joseph was brought out of the dungeon.”

--Genesis 40:23ff

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February 24, 2019

Seventh 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

"Blessed Be Your Name"

see insert

"All Who Are Thirsty"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy One, you are deep within our world, calling us to join you in creating abundant life where all have enough. Open our hearts to recognize you that we may be full of joy as we answer your call to turn our lives around. Free us to trust your call and follow you as we work with patience and diligence to prepare the way for your Reign. Enable us to repent, and forgive, and join in your work to make "all things new." In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

All: Thanks be to God.

* 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 45:3-11, 15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"You Say" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:27-38

SERMON

"The Pain of Healing"

* HYMN

"Step By Step"

#494

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

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Dedication"

Dressler

* 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: Let us go into the world, ready to witness to God's generosity and forgiveness.

Many: We are ready to be recognized as those who follow God's Way, and ready to shape a world of justice, peace and joy.

One: May the love of God, the wisdom of Christ and the power of the Holy go with us.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Hymn of Promise"

#515

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Festival Toccata"

Fletcher

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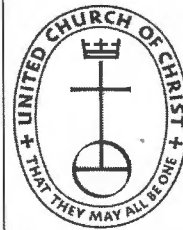
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"All were astounded at the greatness of God."

--Luke 9:43a

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March 3, 2019

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

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

#656

"How Great is Our God"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God, you are beyond words and description; your love is beyond knowledge and explanation. We rejoice in your presence this morning. By the power of your Holy Spirit make our hearts ready to receive you. Transform our doubts and fears and prepare us to love the world. Change us, we pray, that our lives may reflect the glory of your transfiguration. In your Holy Name we pray.
Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

All: Thanks be to God.

* 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:

Exodus 34:29-35

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Great and Mighty is He" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 9:28-43a

SERMON

"The Greatness of God"

* HYMN

"Holy Ground"

#654

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Innes

* 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: God sends us back down the mountain of our worship to go and share the radiance of God's love.

Many: We have seen the Light of the World. We have been changed. We cannot be silent anymore.

One: Let us go rejoicing. And may the Love of God, the Radiance of Christ, and the Power of the Holy Spirit accompany us.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

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

#245

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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March 6, 2019

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

Call of the shofar

One: Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people.

Call of the shofar

One: Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord."

Call of the shofar

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

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

* GATHERING HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

#422

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

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

SECOND READING:

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

* HYMN

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

#263

MESSAGE

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

LENTEN PRAYERS – LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

#493

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of 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

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

* SENDING FORTH

* HYMN

"The Old Rugged Cross"

#260

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"O Savior Blest"

Bach

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*“When the days drew near for him to be taken up,
Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem.”*

--Luke 9:51

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March 10, 2019

First Sunday of 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

"The Wonderful Cross"

see insert

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

#504

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O Holy One, we come to you in gladness and expectation to begin our Lenten season. We know that instead of following where you lead, at times we follow a tempter who shows us a vision of the world that is a mere counterfeit of what you desire for us. At times, we are deceived and enticed by imitations of love, abundance, and joy. In these wilderness places where we wander, you offer steadfast love as our strong refuge; your boundless grace as our sheltering place. Prepare our hearts to seek you and embrace you, to hear you and follow you, to love you and to serve you on this Lenten journey. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Blow the trumpet in Zion! For the Lord, our God, is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: Thanks be to God.

* 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:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 10:8b-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Not What My Hands Have Done" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 9:51; John 11:7-16; Psalm 103:1-18

SERMON

"No Looking Back"

* HYMN

"On Eagle's Wings"

#438

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

#493

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of 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

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Gesangbuch

* 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: Let us go forth following as the Holy Spirit leads us; knowing that even as we journey, we abide in the shelter of God's love.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
(Use tune: ST. FLAVIAN)

#252

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude"

Cappalan

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*“So Joseph took the body and wrapped it
in a clean linen cloth”*

--Matthew 27:59

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March 17, 2019

Second Sunday of 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

"I Give You My Heart"

see insert

"Precious Lord"

#500

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God, our Light and our Hope, we are too well aware that life brings us pains, doubts; uncertainties. We remember that Abram was filled with questioning, the early church was surrounded by threats, and Jesus himself was confronted with fearful powers. We long for a way through the frights of this world. Help us to confront our fears and struggles. We pray for your support during days filled with stresses and doubts. Come, Holy One, come; come into this holy place and this holy hour, and fill us again with assurance of your grace. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Blow the trumpet in Zion! For the Lord, our God, is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: Thanks be to God.

* 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 15:1-12, 17-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"In Christ Alone" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 27:57-60

SERMON

"The Body"

* HYMN

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

#264

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 of 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

"Andantino"

Bédard

* 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: Let us go to care for the dying and to comfort the living. And may the light of God, the hope of Christ, and the joy of the Holy Spirit go with us.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

#458

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"O Savior Blest"

Bach

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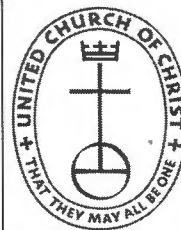
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*"So whether we are at home (with the Lord)
or away (in the body),
we make it our aim to please him."*

--2 Corinthians 5:9

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March 24, 2019

Third Sunday of 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

"All Who Are Thirsty"

see insert

"Revelation Song"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God, we believe that your steadfast love is better than life. Our souls thirst for you for we are constantly being judged by standards we cannot live up to--good looks and perfect families and money for whatever we want. We know these are false values, but we also want to fit in. Let our hearts be changed in this hour of worship. Teach us, inspire us, convict us that your ways are better than our ways and your thoughts are more useful than our thoughts. In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Blow the trumpet in Zion! For the Lord, our God, is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: Thanks be to God.

* 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:

Isaiah 55:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Washed Anew" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Romans 8:18-25; 2 Corinthians 5:1-9

SERMON

"Letting Go"

* HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

#426

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

#493

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of 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

"Seek Ye the Lord"

Roberts

* 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: We have experienced Gods' mercy. We have been filled by God's Word. We have received God's steadfast love.

Many: Now we go in the name of Christ, so that our words, our deeds and our hands may accomplish God's purpose, succeeding in the things for which God sends us into the world.

One: And may the love of God, the sustenance of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, guide our going.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

#446

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"

Frescobaldi

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2019 Lenten Series

Planning Our Homecoming



*"Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God, believe also in me."*

--John 14:1

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March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

"I Come to the Cross"

#251

"Above All Powers"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God, with gladness and expectation, we gather in this place today. For you are the One who makes all things new, you are the One who satisfies our hunger and restores our soul and you are the One who has given us the ministry of reconciliation. You have called us to be ambassadors for Christ, help us to welcome and embrace all of your children as you do us. At times we try to hoard your love for ourselves, while others waste away physically and spiritually from hunger, instruct us and teach us the way to go in your love. Show us how to regard others not from the limits of a human point of view, but to see them through the eyes of love divine. Help us to know that if we stray away from you, you are always ready to receive us with open arms. We pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Blow the trumpet in Zion! For the Lord, our God, is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: Thanks be to God.

* 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:

Joshua 5:9-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Our Father, We Have Wandered" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-3, 27-29

SERMON

"Final Decisions"

* 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

#493

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of 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

"Turn Your Heart Toward Home"

Chapman

* 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, knowing that wherever you journey, God sees you and rejoices over you. As you go, may God's righteousness strengthen you and keep you, may Christ's love cause you to follow as you are led and may the Holy Spirit's presence instruct you and show you the way.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"When Peace Like a River"

#428

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary"

Stanley

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"Now Esau hated Jacob...and Esau said to himself...I will kill my brother Jacob"

--Genesis 27:41

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April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday of 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

"Amazing Love"

#259

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: We come to this sanctuary to pour out our praise to you, Holy Christ. For you are the Restorer of our fortunes, you are the Promise of new life. Fill this room with your Spirit and fill our hearts with your compassion. Renew our determination to live as faithful followers, faithful disciples, faithful Christians. Help us to work with you for the well-being of your creation, that the fortunes of all your peoples may be restored. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Blow the trumpet in Zion! For the Lord, our God, is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

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* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 43:16-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Jesus Revealed in Me" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Genesis 25:27-28, 27:1-41; Luke 12:13-21

SERMON

"It is in the Bible"

* HYMN

"Our Father, We Have Wandered"

#371

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#493

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of 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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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Andantino"

Bédard

* 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 rejoicing, for God has done great things for us. And may we go to do great things in the name of Christ, whose call leads us to restoration and new life.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"As We Gather at Your Table"

#695

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

Swann

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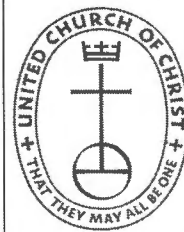
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“Hosanna”

“BLESSED IS HE
WHO COMES IN
THE NAME OF
THE LORD!”

JOHN 12:13



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April 14, 2019

Palm 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

"Hosanna"

#266

"Glory to the Lamb"

#103

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy God, your love goes beyond all limits. We remember, year after year, that we need resurrection, that we need new life. In the passion of your Son, you take us beyond our highest ideal and beneath our deepest fears. We thank you for the bitter-sweet celebration of Palm Sunday; for both the joy and the sorrow. Foster in us the desire and the will to follow Jesus without reservation, that we may be led into a peace that perseveres in time of trouble, and into a love that persists far beyond the limits of our understanding. In Christ Jesus our Savior we pray. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

All: Thanks be to God.

* 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:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Filled with Excitement" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19:28-40

SERMON

"Refusing to Stop"

* HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

#267

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 of 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

"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: Hosanna!

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

One: Go from here, refusing to be silent about God's love. And may God strengthen us, may Christ feed us and may the Holy Spirit guide us through this Holy Week.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

#265

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Innes

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REDEMPTION
through his blood



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April 18, 2019

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 Christ, in your presence we discover the truth of who we are. You wash our feet, and we learn how reluctant we are to serve one another and the world around us. We are so like your disciples; we look to our own self-centered interests as you give yourself for the sake of the whole world. You invite us to join all creation at your feast, yet our love scarcely suffices for those closest to us. Forgive us, and help us treasure your presence more deeply, that we may find ourselves change by this night as we are called to remember your overflowing grace. In your Holy Name we pray. 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

"The Upper Room" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

MEDITATION

* HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

#255

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: Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for inviting us to share in this sacrament of grace. Nourished by your presence, and united as one with you, we go to proclaim your love. May our lives show forth the fruit of your redemption. May we have the strength to face the crosses we must carry to honor your life. And may we walk without fear as we go with you through this week, through this life and into death. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

#272

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POSTLUDE

"O Savior Blest"

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Crucified.
Crucified.

Died.
Died.

Buried.
Buried.

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April 19, 2019

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: Are you prepared to sit before the cross of Jesus, the Christ, whose life was poured out for you?

Many: By the grace of God, we are.

One: Are you able to watch Jesus praying from the cross — indeed, to struggle to be in unity with God's will for you?

Many: By the grace of God, we are.

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

Many: God of all grace and steadfast love, bring us to this time of trial with humble hearts.

* OPENING HYMN

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

#284

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Spirit of Christ, be with us now. Your cross calls us to share in the suffering of all who are victims of violence, ignorance and sin. We know that we may try to avoid this hour of trouble; for we know that through our selfishness and greed, our brokenness and anger, we inflict pain on others. Help us in this hour to stay present to your suffering and the injustices that cause it to happen still in our world. Come to us, heal and restore us, because we cannot heal ourselves. By your saving grace, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Jesus came into the world, not to judge it, but to save it. God reaches out to heal, and to reveal again the love that will not let us go. Know that by the love of God, 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!

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

STATIONS OF THE CROSS--A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

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

Station 1—Regret

John 18:12, 15-18, 25-27

Silence

Hymn #419: My Faith Looks Up to Thee (verses 1-2)

Station 2—Hardness of Heart

John 18:13-14, 19-23

Silence

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

Station 3—Softness of Heart

John 18:28-40

Silence

Hymn #437: Jesus Loves Me (verse 1)

The Crown of Thorns

John 19:1-16a

Silence

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

Station 4—Suffering

John 19:16b-27

Silence

Hymn #283: Were You There (verses 1-2)

The Cloak of Death

Meditation

Hymn #263: *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed* (all verses)

John 19:28-37

Burial

John 19:38-42

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHRIST LIGHT

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*I am the
resurrection,
and the life.*

JOHN 11:25



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April 21, 2019

Easter Sunday

6:00 & 10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Christ Arose*"

Innes

Behold the Lamb of God

Revelation 5:11-14

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: This is the day that you have made, Risen One, and we rejoice! Come and stir our souls with love and hope, as you did your disciples on that first Easter morning. Let our feet dance for joy as you open our eyes to see the new life possible through your resurrection power. You have saved us from our mistakes, now empower us with your resurrection life that we may rise from the ashes of our errors. Embolden our hearts to works of justice in your name. Today of all days empower us with vision and courage; let us work for your realm in which there is justice for all; where everyone has enough, sharing your abundant life. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: In the Risen Christ we are forgiven and empowered to be builders of a new heaven and new earth. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

* 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 15:19-26

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Glorious Day" The Choir (10 am)

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:1-12

SERMON

"Waking Up In China"

* HYMN

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

#289

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#493

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of 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

"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: Go forth to live boldly, as if death has no power over you. Live as if your lives count for something--because they do. For just as death on a tree could not stop

Christ, so our lives in service to God become larger than ourselves, part of the ever in-breaking realm of God. Go in peace, to love, to serve, and to proclaim: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection"

#298

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Easter Hymn"

Innes

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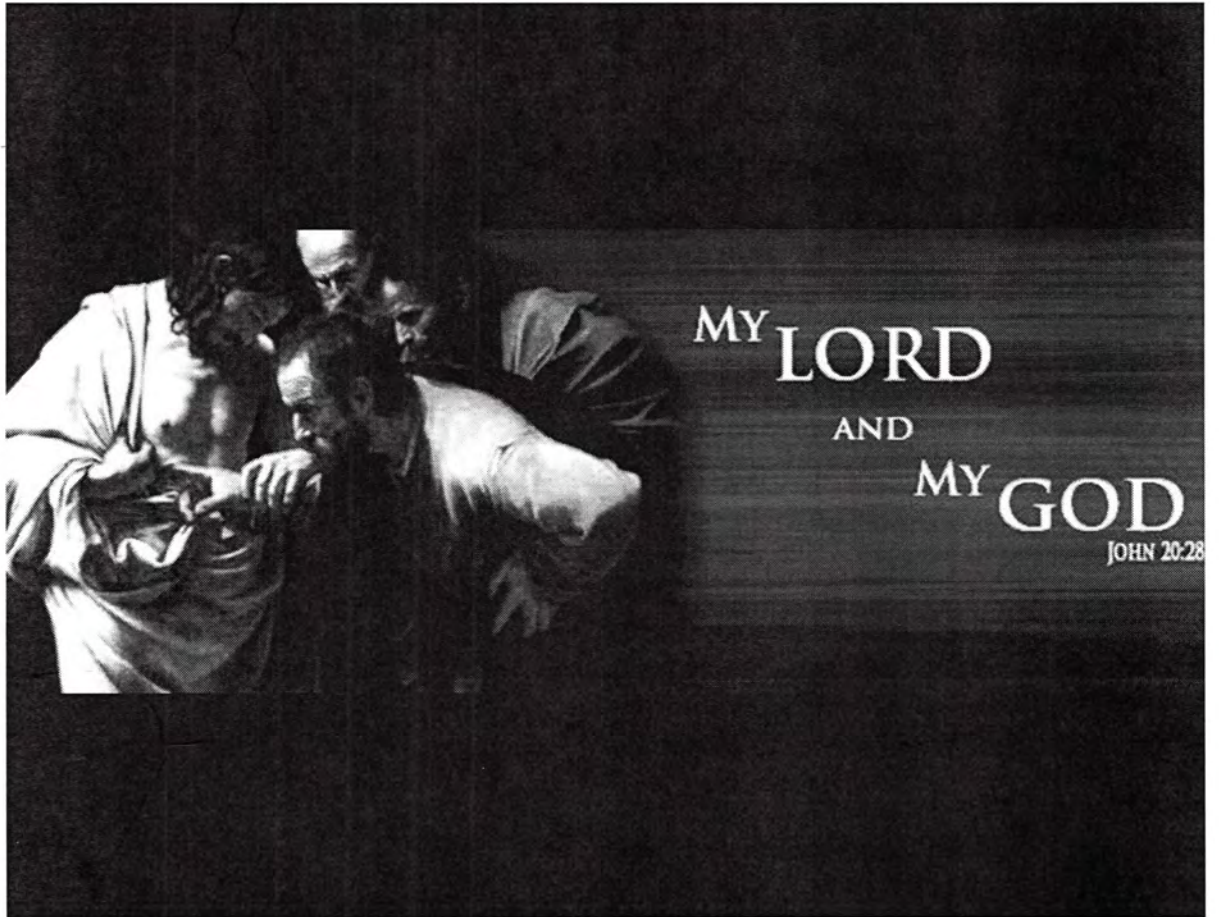


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April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter

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

"How Great is Our God"

see insert

"You Are My All in All"

#427

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O Risen Christ, be with us this day. Your wounded hands tell us that you know what it is to struggle and suffer, and to prevail in the power of love. Our week has brought worries, answerless questions, blatant injustices, and unexpected disappointments. We are weary. Come, O Risen Christ, receive our burdens as we empty our cares into your loving hands. Extend to us your joy. Give us imagination enough to pursue your abundant life! Pour into us the freshness of your new life; for you are our strength and our might. Amen!

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The tomb is empty, and new life, salvation and forgiveness are abundantly ours. Alleluia, Christ has Risen!

All: Christ has Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

* 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 5:27-32

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING*"Resurrecting" The Choir***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 20:19-31

SERMON*"My Lord and My God"**** 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

#493

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of 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

"Meditation on The Strife is O'er"

Young

*** 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: This is the day that God has made, let us go forth to rejoice, and be glad in it!
And may God the Creator, Christ the Savior and the Holy Spirit the Helper,
grasp our hands and lead us into a deeper place of peace.

All: Amen! Alleluia!

*** HYMN***"Lift High the Cross"*

#287

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

“Postlude on *Easter Hymn*”

Young

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When they had gone ashore,
they saw a charcoal fire there,
with fish on it, and bread.

—John 21:9



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May 5, 2019

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

"Morning Has Broken"

#35

"Revelation Song"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Generous God, we gather to give you blessing and honor and glory. You have blessed us with abundance; out of this abundance you call us to care for each other. Help us to remember that we are stewards, not owners, of all you give to us. Encourage us to share generously with all those you love. In these Great Fifty Days of Eastertide may your Risen Presence be seen in our feeding of your lambs, the tending of your sheep and the feeding of your sheep. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The tomb is empty, and new life, salvation and forgiveness are abundantly ours. Alleluia, Christ has Risen!

All: Christ has Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

* 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 9:1-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Worthy is the Lamb" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 21:1-19

SERMON

"Continuing the Journey"

*** HYMN**

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

#468

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#493

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky"

Edmundson

* 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: Go out into the world to seek the presence of the Risen Christ. And may the joy of God, the power of Christ and the gentleness of the Spirit help you to follow the command of Jesus to: "Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Feed my sheep."

All: Amen.

*** HYMN**

"He Lives"

#302

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Festival Toccata"

Fletcher

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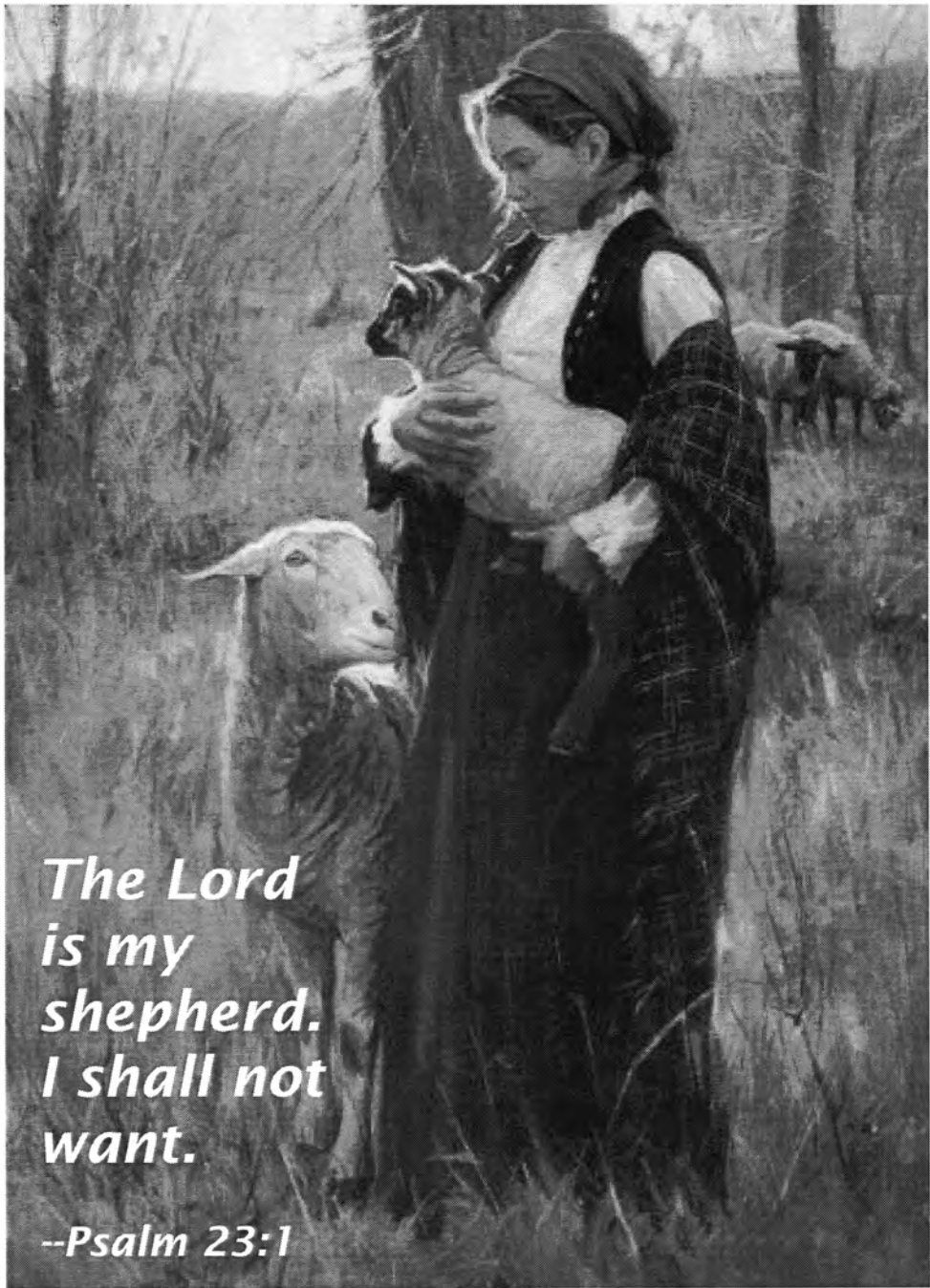
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*The Lord
is my
shepherd.
I shall not
want.*

--Psalm 23:1

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May 12, 2019

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

"You are Holy (Prince of Peace)"

see insert

"Come Worship the Lord"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Loving God, we come to you like the first disciples, as a messy people with our hearts a mess with worry, grief, anger, bewilderment, joy and hopefulness. We know that you welcome us and accept us as we are. We know that one day our tears will be wiped away and our sorrow turned to joy, but until that day, help us to know that nothing can separate us from your love. Help us to grow in you and with each other in mutual understanding and care. Help us to carry one another's burdens, as you carry us. In the name of Christ, who calls us into loving community, we pray. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The tomb is empty, and new life, salvation and forgiveness are abundantly ours. Alleluia, Christ has Risen!

All: Christ has Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

* 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 9:36-43

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"The Lord's My Shepherd" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:22-30

SERMON

"A Mother's Heart"

* 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

#493

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of 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

"Brother James' Air"

arr. Wright

* 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 in peace and with confidence in the One who guides us through all of life. And may the Glory of God, the Gentleness of the Shepherd Christ and the Power of the Holy 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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*Behold,
I
am
making
all
things
new.*

--Revelation 21:5

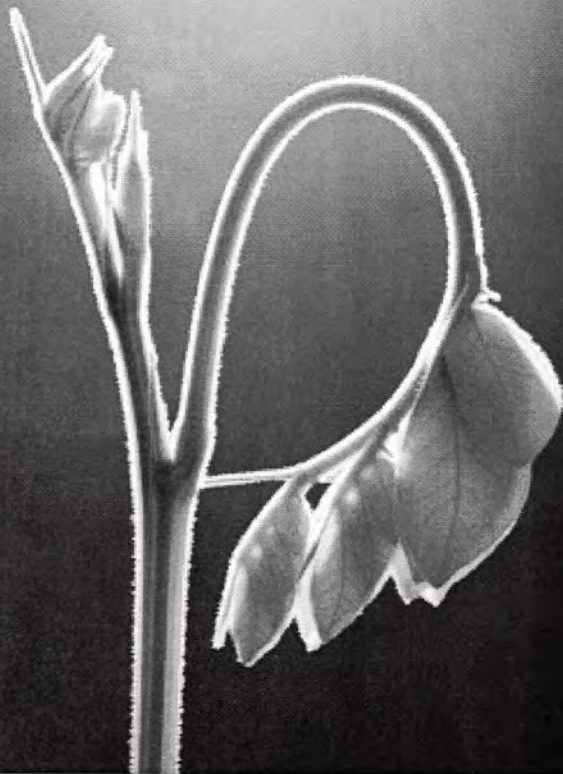


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May 19, 2019

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

"Alleluia #1"

#291

"Indescribable"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Gracious God, yours is the gift of creation; the rebirth of spring. Yours is the grace that makes all things new. Yours is the Word that speaks a spring of water to slake our thirst. Yours is the urgency that challenges us to care for your Creation. Open our minds to the mind of Christ when we are tempted to neglect our neighbors in their times of need. Open our lips to sing Alleluia with the sun and moon, with the mountain and hill, with all creatures of land and sea, when we are tempted to harm your land and pollute your waters for profit and pleasure. Help us change our ways and make us new, that all may know the joy of abundant life. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The tomb is empty, and new life, salvation and forgiveness are abundantly ours. Alleluia, Christ has Risen!

All: Christ has Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

* 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 11:1-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Do It Again" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:31-35

SERMON

"Death and Rebirth"

* HYMN

"In the Garden"

#300

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

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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: May God, ground us and grow us in love for the earth and the world;

Many: Love for our neighbor and for one another

One: Love for the Author of Love.

Many: Who is the Alpha and the Omega

One: Now may the love of God, the power of Christ and the gentleness of the Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Christ is Alive"

#312

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Prelude in C"

Bach

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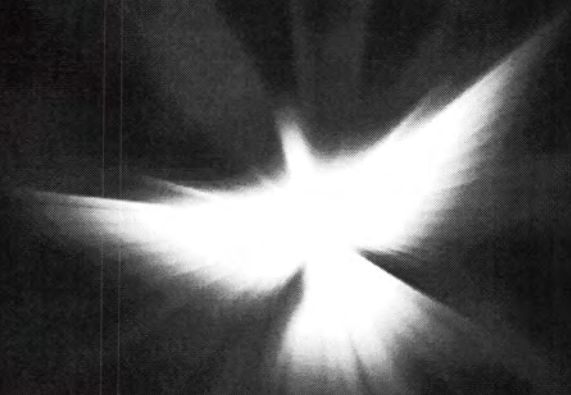
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*But the Advocate,
the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father
will send in my
name, will teach
you everything,
and remind you of
all that I have said
to you.*

--John 14:26



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May 26, 2019

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

"You're Worthy of My Praise"

#648

"Your Love O Lord"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Come, Lamb of God, light our path as we gather today. Open the gates of our minds and our hearts that your word may penetrate to the depth of our being. For too often we seek after the peace that the world gives, looking for salvation and fulfillment in financial abundance and positions of status and power. Lead us to the river of the water of life that we may be refreshed for the work you have set before us. In the Risen Christ we pray. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The tomb is empty, and new life, salvation and forgiveness are abundantly ours. Alleluia, Christ has Risen!

All: Christ has Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

* 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 16:9-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"As You Go On Your Way" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:23-29

SERMON

"Memory Help"

* 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

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"No More Night"

Harrah

* 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: Let us go to show the way of God to all the earth. And may the Creator God be gracious to us and bless us. May the Redeemer God's face shine upon us. May the Spirit God look upon us and give us peace.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"For the Healing of the Nation"

#621

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on America"

Young

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*Suddenly there was an earthquake,
so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken;
and immediately all the doors were opened
and everyone's chains were unfastened.*

--Acts 16:26

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June 2, 2019

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

"Come Share the Lord"

#696

"All Who Are Thirsty"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Mysterious God, you reveal yourself in Jesus, your Beloved Child, who gives us a glimpse of your glory and invites us to share in the unity of all that is Holy. Meet us here today, O God, and teach us to be one: one in love for each other, one in love for creation, one in understanding with all who find in Jesus the Way to You; and one in peace with all who find other paths to your Truth. United in the Spirit may we break through all boundaries of fear and injustice, that we may answer Jesus' fervent prayer, "May they all be one." In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 16:16-34

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"And Can It Be" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:20-26

SERMON

"A Lesson from Paul"

* HYMN

"Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands"

#389

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#493

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of 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

"And Can It Be"

Campbell

* 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: Let us go forth renewed in unity, thirsting for justice, and rejoicing in the love of God for the earth and earth's people. And may the tenderness of God, the peace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit go with us.

All: Amen!

* HYMN

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

#317

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on *Diademata*"

Smith

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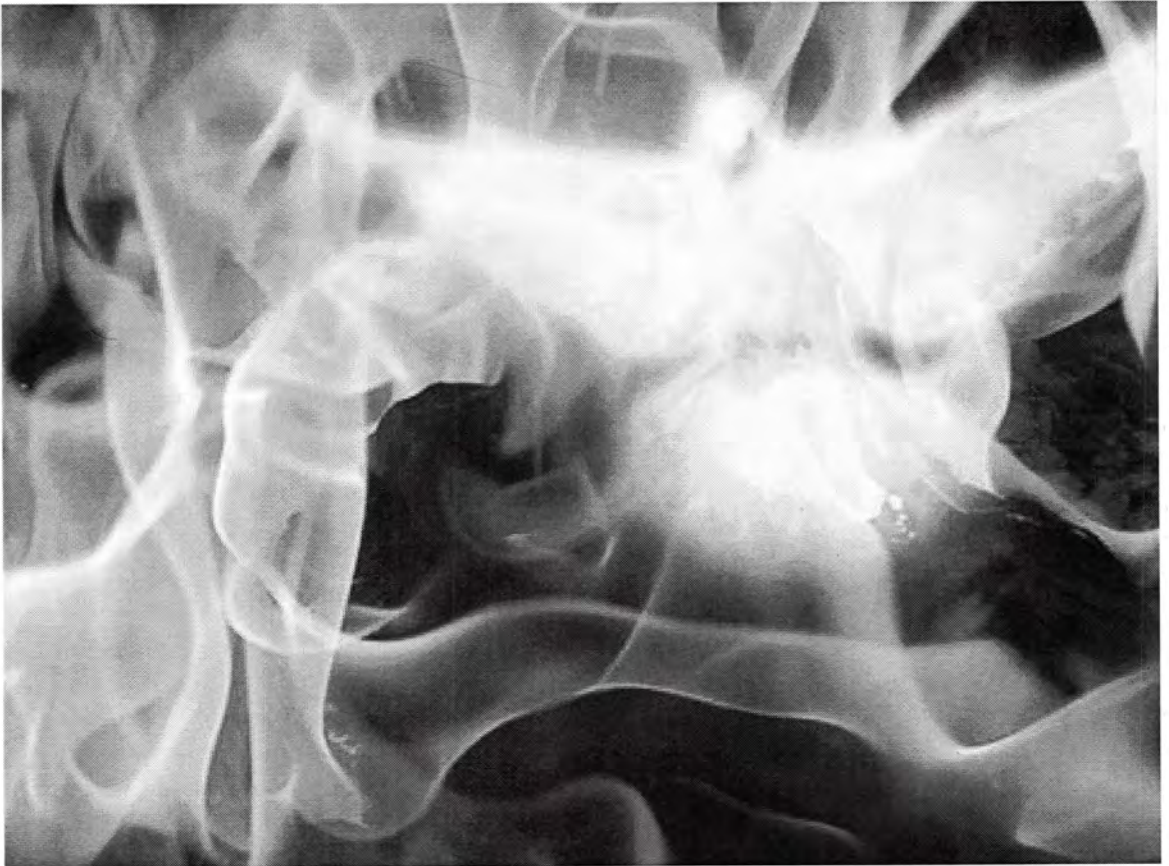


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OUR MISSION

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June 9, 2019

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

"Gather Us In"

#649

"Holy Spirit Rain Down"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy Spirit, our Guide, Guardian and Friend, you moved over the darkness and called forth light. You moved over the formless void and created a world. You breathed into the soil of the earth and caused us to breathe life. On this day of Pentecost help us to see that you are breathing something new into this world now. Remind us that you are at work in the body of Christ, moving us, breathing your wisdom into us, and leading us forward, again and again. Help us to shed the ways of the world, and embrace the gifts you offer, that we may work for justice, seek peace and practice mercy. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The Spirit has been poured out on us to bring good news. The Holy Spirit is within us, with us and around us, always, empowering us to love one another; to forgive one another. With every breath, we know fullness of life. With every breath, let us give thanks.

All: Holy Spirit, move through us, breathe in us, and lead us onward.

* 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 2:1-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 8:14-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Come Holy Spirit" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:8-17, 25-27

SERMON

"Dream Dreams"

* HYMN

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

#326

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 of 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

"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: Let us go to give hope to the hopeless, to create a Church that will inspire, and craft a new earth that reflects heaven. And may the power of God, the love of Christ and the wind of the Spirit stir us from complacency to action, and bless the work of our hands.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

#334

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"

Bach

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Knowledge speaks,
but wisdom listens.

—Jimi Hendrix



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June 16, 2019

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

"Here I Am Lord"

#559

"Glorify Thy Name"

#146

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, how wonderful are the many ways we experience your presence! You set us free and give us hope; you inspire and sustain us; you meet us in the journey and see us through. Help us to draw near to you in this time of worship. Set our hearts ablaze with your challenge to bring your healing fire to our world. Show us your way that we may feed the hungry and comfort those in need of peace. Open our ears so that we can hear your wisdom call to us. Nourish us and empower us to follow and to serve you. In your Triune Name we pray. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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All: Holy Spirit, move through us, breathe in us, and lead us onward.

* 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:

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-5

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Praise the Father, Praise the Son" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 16:12-15

SERMON

"Wisdom"

* HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

#136

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

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Meditation on Nicaea"

Post

* 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: Here you have found strength, courage, hope, and love; go now to share it with others. And may God our Creator, Christ Jesus our Pain Bearer, and the Holy Spirit our Light, show you the way and crown you with glory and honor.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Faith of Our Fathers"

#530

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Fantasy on Nicaea"

Post

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“Elijah was afraid...”

--1 Kings 19:3a

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June 23, 2019

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

"You Are My All in All"

see insert

"As the Deer"

#471

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God, you come to us not in the chaos of the whirlwind, not in the roar of the earthquake, not in the crackling heat of the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. And yet we know that we are often distracted by a legion of destructive voices. These inner demons tell us that safety and security reside in ample bank accounts, and that success is the only thing that leads to real happiness. They tell us to hold fast to pain and anger and to soothe our fear of failure with substances that do harm. We hear them tell us to feed our hunger for love and approval with food that does not satisfy. Break hold of the chains that bind us, O God. Quiet our minds; bring peace to our hearts and stillness to our bodies that we might meet you in that silence. Help us to listen for your still, small voice. Give us the courage to go wherever you lead us, trusting that you will prepare the way. We pray this in the name of our Companion on the journey, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The Spirit has been poured out on us to bring good news. The Holy Spirit is within us, with us and around us, always, empowering us to love one another; to forgive one another. With every breath, we know fullness of life. With every breath, let us give thanks.

All: Holy Spirit, move through us, breathe in us, and lead us onward.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

#19

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

1 Kings 19:1-15a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23-29

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Word of God Speak" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 8:26-39

SERMON

"The Roller Coaster of Faith"

* HYMN

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

#470

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

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

Tomlin

* 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 with hope,

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

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

Many: For there we will find God.

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

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

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

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

#411

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary"

Stanley

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As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

--Luke 9:57-58

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June 30, 2019

Third 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

"I Will Follow"

see insert

"Give Me Jesus"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy God, in your presence there is fullness of joy. Here in the shelter of your love we lay before you our troubles, our longings, our hopes. We yearn to be more centered on you, for when Jesus calls us to follow him we find every excuse to do something more important first. We struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit, and we wish it were different. Let your power open us to new ways. Offer us your mantle of love and power so that through difficulty, struggle and loss we may find our way into your Spirit's realm of joy and peace. In Christ we pray. Amen

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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#19

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"We Will Follow" (Somlandela) The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 9:51-62

SERMON

"The Mantle of Discipleship"

* HYMN

"Seek Ye First"

#349

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

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Spiritual

* 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 wearing the mantle given by our God to part the waters of injustice, and to make a way for compassion to be offered to all that God loves. And may the power of God, the love of Christ and the joy of the Spirit be your guide.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

#458

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on America"

Smith

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So Naaman went down and
immersed himself seven times
in the river, according to
the word of the man of God;

-2 Kings 5:14

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July 7, 2019

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

"I Am the Bread of Life"

#703

"All Who Are Thirsty"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for all the blessings we experience in the bounty and diversity of your creation, and in the precious freedom that flows from your gift of unexpected joy. Help us to trust in your provision, for too often we find ourselves clinging to possessions we don't need, and bearing heavy burdens that slow us down. We long to heed the words of the Apostle Paul to not grow weary of doing good, yet hectic schedules, competing demands, cynicism, and doubt erode our commitment and leave us feeling burned out. We look for safety by avoiding risk and in so doing we sometimes fail to hear you calling us to new ministries. As we draw near to you this hour, may we immerse ourselves in your healing presence. Refresh us and renew us that we might become faithful laborers in your harvest of peace, justice, and joy. We pray in the name of our great Healer, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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All: Holy Spirit, move through us, breathe in us, and lead us onward.

*** 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:

2 Kings 5:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Galatians 6:1-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

SERMON

"A Lesson in Humility"

*** HYMN**

"Knowing You"

#357

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#493

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

arr. DeCou

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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth from this place refreshed and empowered to do the ministry to which God calls you: And may the blessing and joy of God, our Creator, Healer, and Life-Giver go with you today and always.

All: Amen!

* HYMN

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

#592

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"

Frescobaldi

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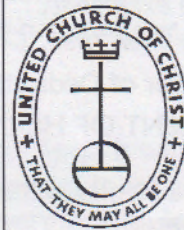
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But wanting to justify
himself, he asked Jesus,
"And who is my neighbor?"

--Luke 10:29

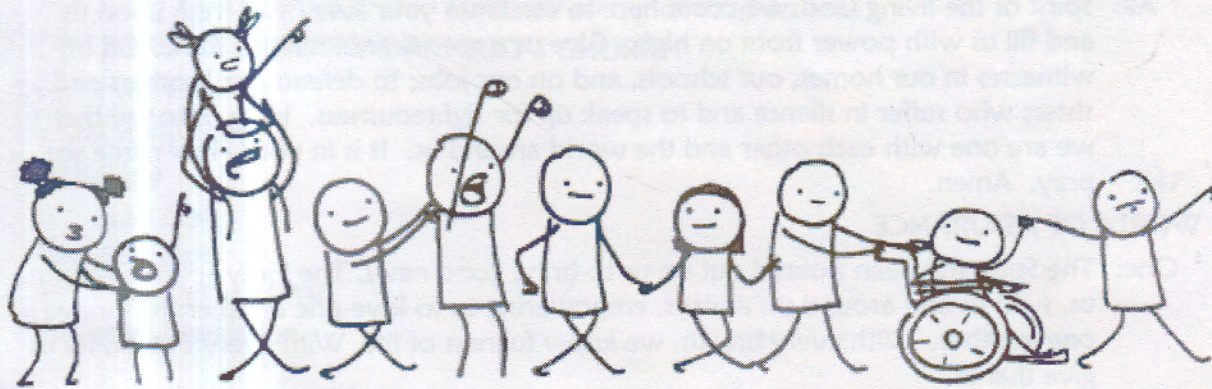


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July 14, 2019

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

"Build My Life"

see insert

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

#391

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Spirit of the living God, we come here to celebrate your love. Fall fresh upon us and fill us with power from on high. Give us a special anointing to stand and be witnesses in our homes, our schools, and on our jobs; to defend our brothers and sisters who suffer in silence and to speak up for righteousness. Help us to see that we are one with each other and the world around us. It is in your Holy name we pray. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

#19

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Amos 7:7-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:25-37

SERMON

"Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

* 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

#493

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of 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

* 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 here empowered to love and speak your truth each day. And may God's grace guide you, the peace of Christ keep you, and the love of the Holy Spirit surround you in your travels.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"The Summons"

#350

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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OUR MISSION

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July 21, 2019

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

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

#111

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

#40

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Our creator God, we come to you today with grateful hearts and troubled minds. We give you thanks for your Spirit that sustained us through yesterday and enables us to look for the promise of tomorrow. We confess that in the midst of your grace filled world, we turn away from You and focus on our wants and needs. We turn our eyes from the troubles we do not want to know about and think about what makes us feel better. We confess that there are days when we are "want to be" Christians and give thanks for the days when we reach out to your world as you ask us to do. We trust in your love which you have promised us even though we fall short of earning it. May we never forget that we are part of a family. May we seek each day to act as a sister or brother to all you of your creation and rejoice. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Whether we speak with shouts or whispers God hears us and responds.

All: Let us go forward with God's forgiving love, knowing we have a new day with endless possibility.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

#19

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Amos 8:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-28

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:38-42

SERMON

"I Saw That"

* HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

#48

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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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Adagio"

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: Whatever is true. Whatever is honorable. Whatever is just.

All: Whatever is pure. Whatever is lovely. Whatever is just.

One: Think on these things and the God of Peace will be with you.

* HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

#544

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"Postlude on the hymn tune *Aurelia*"

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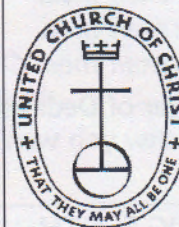
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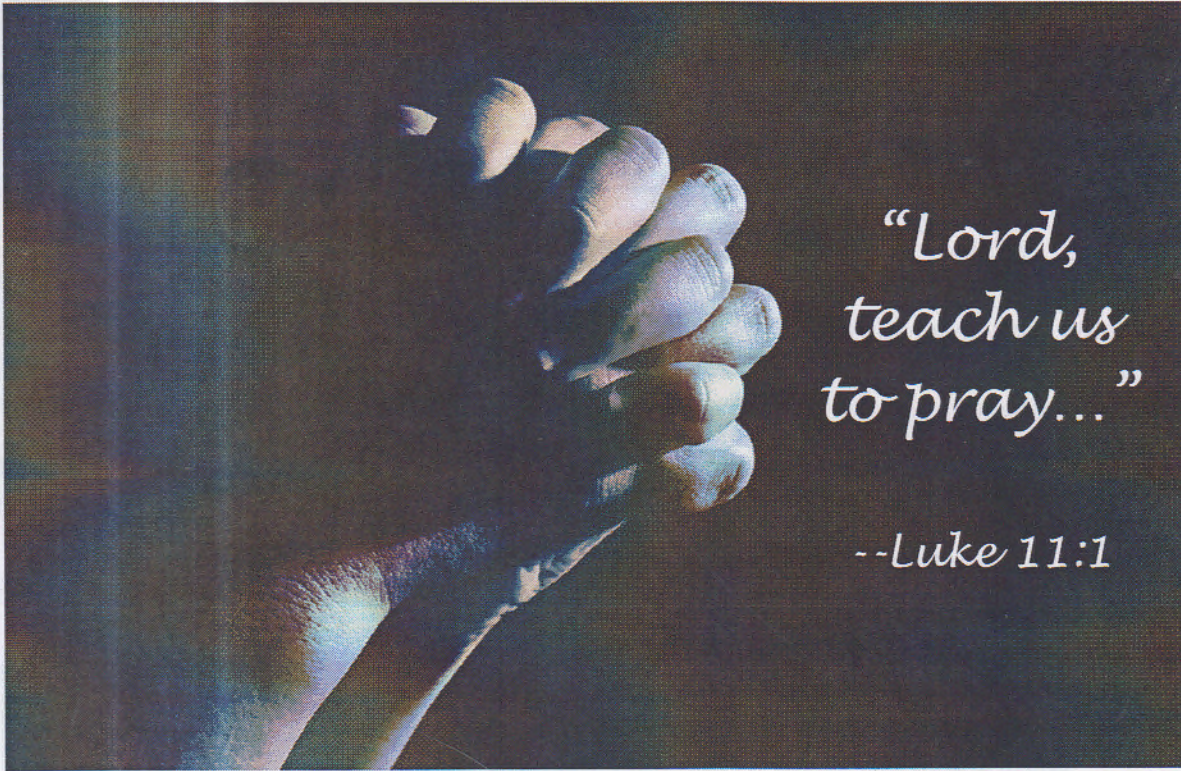
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*“Lord,
teach us
to pray...”*

--Luke 11:1

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July 28, 2019

Seventh 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

"You Never Let Go"

see insert

"The Heart of Worship"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God, we gather this morning abounding in thanksgiving for the fullness of life we find in you. We come to celebrate the mystery of your presence among us. We know, Loving God, that you will come to us and give us what is good. Plow the landscape of our hearts so that they will yield an increase of love for you and all those you love. Like Hosea of old, help us to be willing to do as you ask. Speak peace to us, that we may trust that as we ask, it will be given, and as we knock, the door will be opened to us. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The Spirit has been poured out on us to bring good news. The Holy Spirit is within us, with us and around us, always, empowering us to love one another; to forgive one another. With every breath, we know fullness of life. With every breath, let us give thanks.

All: Holy Spirit, move through us, breathe in us, and lead us onward.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

#19

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Hosea 1:2-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:6-19

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 11:1-13

SERMON

"Teach Us To Pray"

* HYMN

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

#478

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

#493

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

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: God calls us out into a world that is sorely in need of prayer. Let us go, in the hallowed name of God, to offer the earth and its people the fullness of God's joy, justice and peace which we have in Christ.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

#719

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

--Luke 12:20

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August 4, 2019

Eighth 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

"Build My Life"

see insert

"The Heart of Worship"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy God, we gather this day to give you thanks for your steadfast love. Like a father who teaches his child to walk, like a mother who feeds and heals her children, you desire to nourish all people and rescue them from injustice. With Christ as our guide, we seek to grow into "a new self" in your image: generous, compassionate, welcoming. Baptized into Christ, we seek to love all of our sisters and brothers with Christ's inclusive love that sees beyond difference and extends the hand of peace to strangers. Send your Spirit among us and inspire our imaginations and wills in the things that make for peace, for we pray in the name of the One who was called the Prince of Peace. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The Spirit has been poured out on us to bring good news. The Holy Spirit is within us, with us and around us, always, empowering us to love one another; to forgive one another. With every breath, we know fullness of life. With every breath, let us give thanks.

All: Holy Spirit, move through us, breathe in us, and lead us onward.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Hosea 11:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:13-21

SERMON

"Fool's Gold"

* HYMN

"One Bread, One Body"

#689

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#493

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Choral No. 1 in E Major"

Franck

* 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 into the world, to serve God with all your heart and strength, and to work for reconciliation among all of God's peoples until the whole human family can live in peace and security. And may the love of God, the strength of Christ and the joy of the Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"In Christ There is No East or West"

#603

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POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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"Do not be afraid, little flock..."

--Luke 12:32a

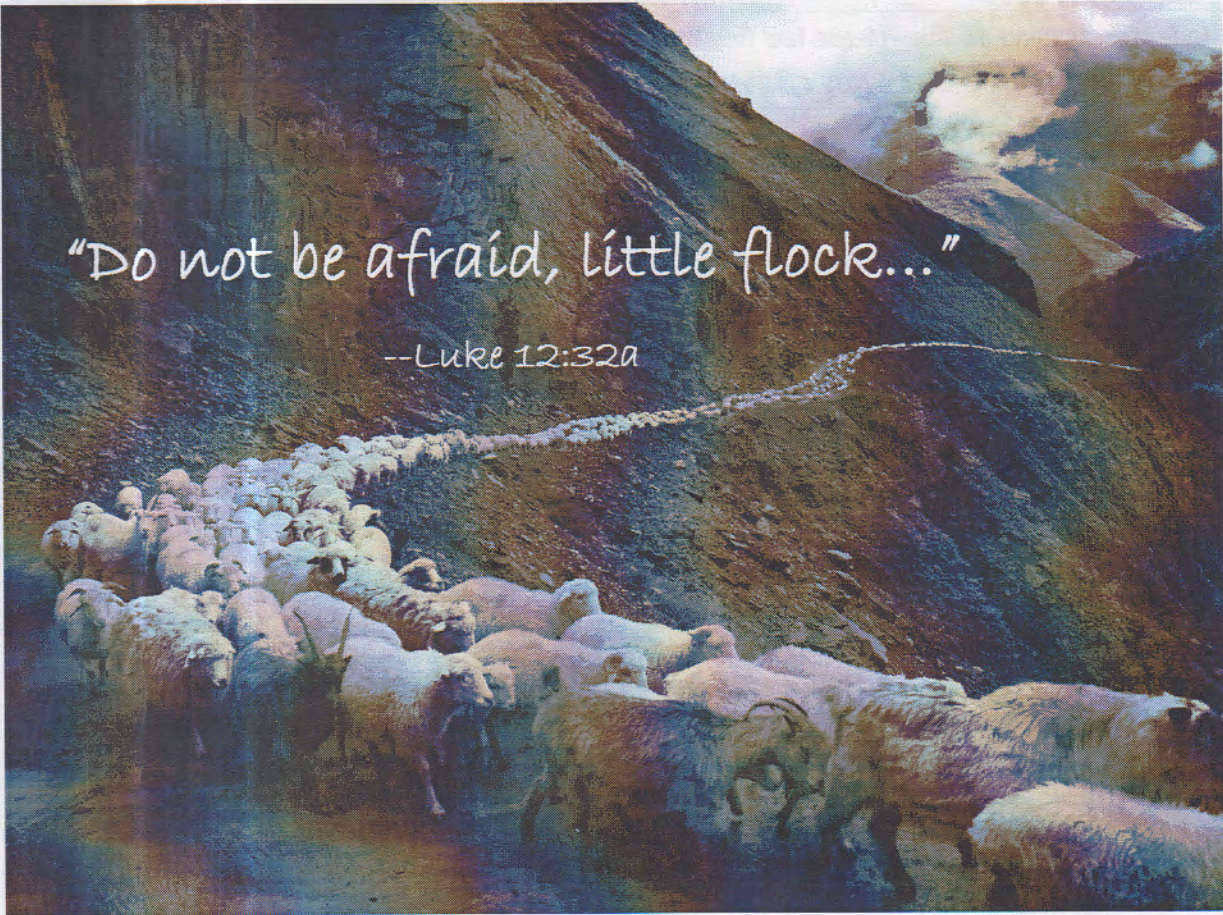


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August 11, 2019

Ninth 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

"You Never Let Go"

see insert

"Jesus Loves Me"

#437

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of salvation, we are your little flock. We are young and old, male and female, rich and poor, strong and weak. It is your good pleasure to give us now your kingdom on earth as in heaven. Help us to remove fear and complacency so we may do good and seek justice. Strengthen our hearts to stay set on an unfailling treasure in heaven where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. We have come dressed for action and have our lamps lit. We are not afraid, lead us into your new dawn. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The Spirit has been poured out on us to bring good news. The Holy Spirit is within us, with us and around us, always, empowering us to love one another; to forgive one another. With every breath, we know fullness of life. With every breath, let us give thanks.

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* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

#19

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:32-40

SERMON

"Anxiety Antidote"

* HYMN

"I Surrender All"

#474

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

#493

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

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: As we go forth to proclaim and live the Good News, let us follow the footsteps of Christ to unconditionally serve in love all who dwell on this home called earth. And may the wisdom of God, the strength of Christ and the joy of the Holy Spirit go with us.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Rejoice in God's Saints"

#531

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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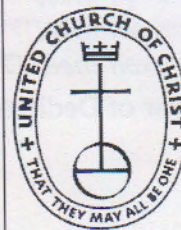
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“...let us run with
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out for us,
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on Jesus,
the pioneer
and perfecter
of faith...”

--Hebrews 12:1-2

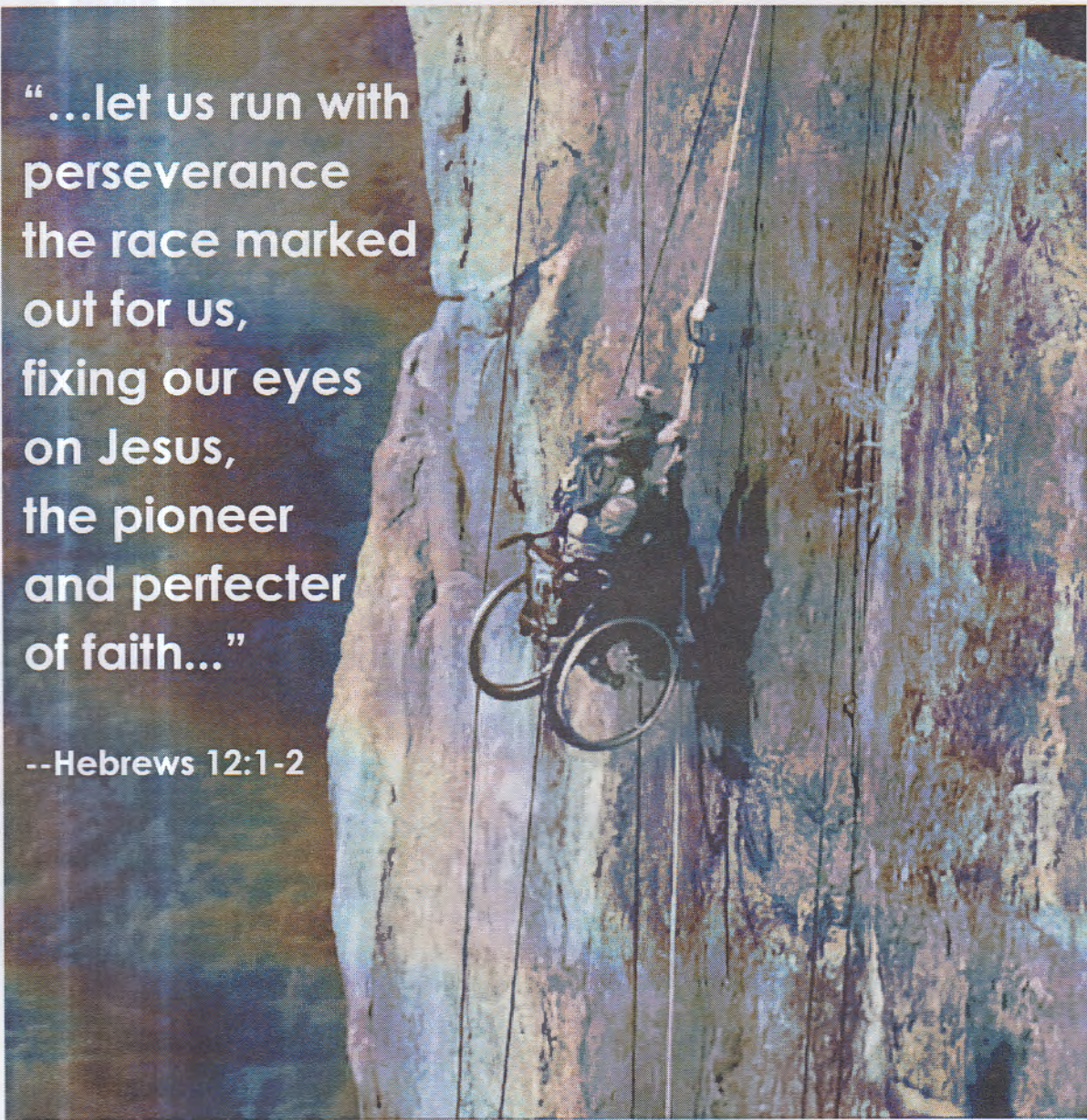


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August 18, 2019

Tenth 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

"The Way"

see insert

"I Can Only Imagine"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Most Gracious God, we greet you once again in this sacred space. How generous are your provisions for us! We are like the vine you planted, watered and protected. You provide for us out of your steadfast love: nourishment for our bodies, protection from the elements and safety. You ask in return that we respond to your love by working for justice: nourishment and protection for all. We have come because we need to be reminded of your love and your expectations for our living. We know in our hearts that you expect that we will seek righteousness as a way of life. In your loving care, show us again the way to participate in your realm. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 5:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:49-56

SERMON

"By Faith"

* 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

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection

* Doxology

#47

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We exalt thee, O Lord.

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go, encouraged by your faith in God to run the race set before you, keeping your eyes on Jesus as the perfecter of your faith. And may the work and power of the Holy Spirit accomplish God's work in you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

#411

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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*"He was teaching in one of the synagogues
on the sabbath..."*

-Luke 13:10

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Holy Spirit

United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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August 25, 2019

Eleventh 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

"Build My Life"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God of all goodness, you crown us with steadfast love and mercy. You seek us out from places where we hide from you and welcome us, forgive us and heal us. We come before you knowing we need your guidance and endurance for your call to work for justice, mercy, and healing. Reveal yourself to us in this moment. Show us the way to confidence and generosity so that we may be known as your people: Repairers of the broken places and Restorers of streets to safety and peace. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-29

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:10-17

SERMON

"Rules Can Lead Us Into Temptation"

* HYMN

"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

#638

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 of 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

"People Need the Lord"

McHugh-Nelson

* 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: Let us go and offer wholeness in the name of God, helping all people to "stand up straight." And may God's love, Christ's power and the Spirit's joy go with us.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Be Still My Soul"

#451

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude"

Cappelan

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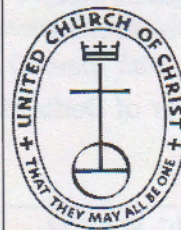
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*“For all who exalt themselves will be humbled,
and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”*

--Luke 14:11

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OUR MISSION

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Becoming living examples. Bonding all with the love of God

September 1, 2019

Twelfth 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

"His Banner Over Me"

see insert

"I Am the Bread of Life"

#703

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Welcoming God, you invite us to a banquet where the last are first, and the humble and the mighty trade places. We struggle to follow your example of extravagant welcome and generosity. Help us share your abundance with no fear of scarcity; help us greet strangers as angels you have sent! Send your Spirit now so that we may find a place at your table and welcome others with radical hospitality. In the name of Jesus, Guest at all our tables, we pray. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The Spirit has been poured out on us to bring good news. The Holy Spirit is within us, with us and around us, always, empowering us to love one another; to forgive one another. With every breath, we know fullness of life. With every breath, let us give thanks.

All: Holy Spirit, move through us, breathe in us, and lead us onward.

* 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:

Jeremiah 2:4-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14:1, 7-14

SERMON

"Finding Our Place at the Table"

* HYMN

"As We Gather at Your Table"

#695

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#493

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Andante in D Major"

Mendelssohn

* 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: As you have feasted at the table at God's invitation, go into the world renewed and restored to share to Good News that there is a place for everyone at God's banquet table. And may the power of God, the peace of Christ and the joy of the Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

#731

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

Swann

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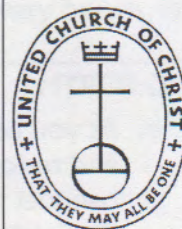
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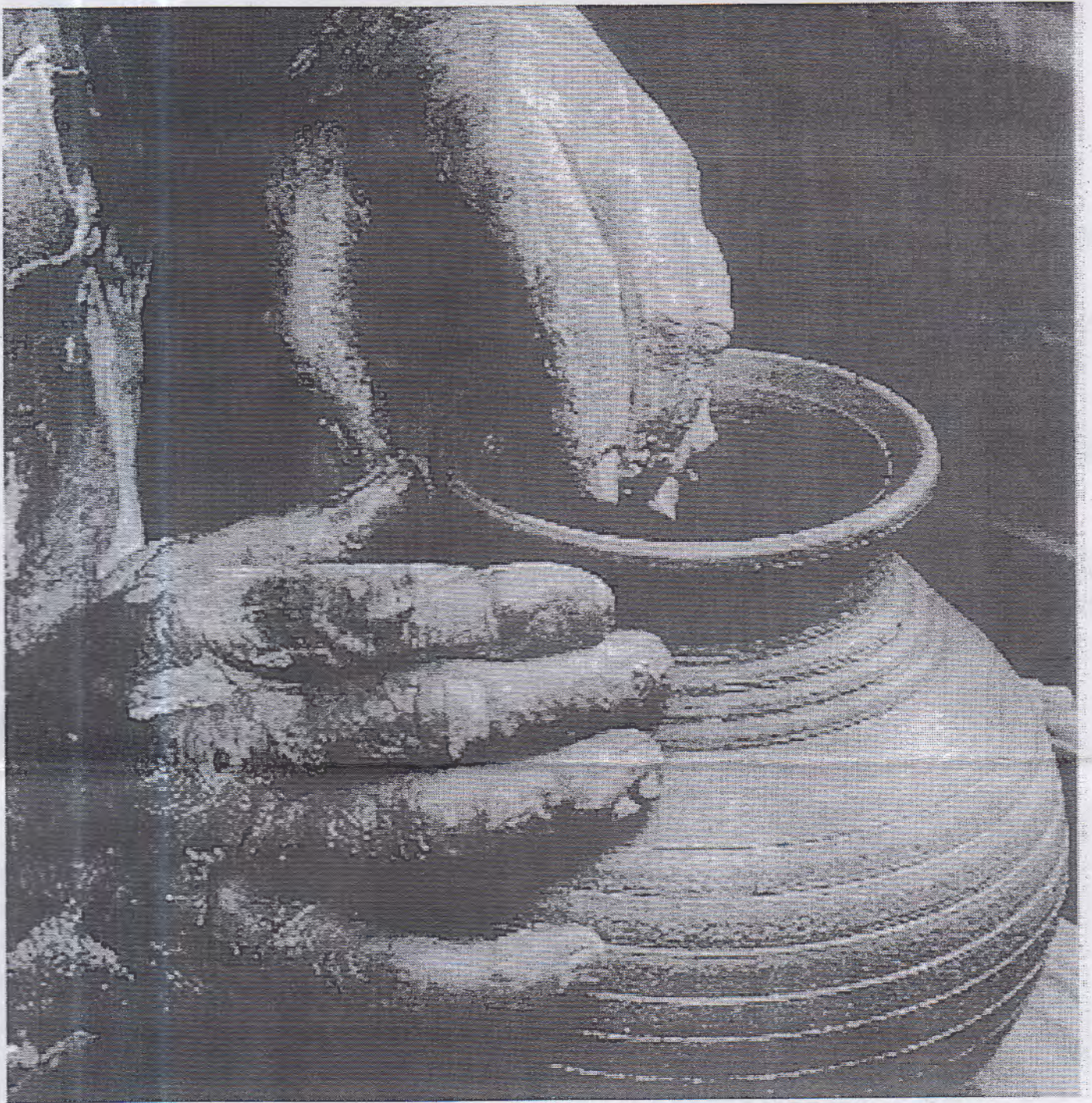
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“The vessel the potter was making out of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.”

--Jeremiah 18:4

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September 8, 2019

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 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 Will Follow"

Blue

"The Power of Your Love"

Gold

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O Great Potter, we have come to lay the clay of our lives on your wheel so that we might be shaped and fashioned into vessels for your Spirit to use. Create in us the spirit to serve those who are broken from laboring in life. Bless us with the gifts to mend those who suffer, heal those who are sick, and offer the outcast loving shelter, even as you mend, heal and shelter us. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The Spirit has been poured out on us to bring good news. The Holy Spirit is within us, with us and around us, always, empowering us to love one another; to forgive one another. With every breath, we know fullness of life. With every breath, let us give thanks.

All: Holy Spirit, move through us, breathe in us, and lead us onward.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

#19

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 18:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philemon 1:1-2129

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14:25-33

SERMON

"Shaped by Love"

* HYMN

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Green

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

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Change My Heart, O God"

Espinosa

* 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 here to minister to all of God's children knowing that all things are possible in the Potter's Hands. And may the healing power of God, the peace of Christ and the understanding of the Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

White

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Conkey

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*The Son of Man came to seek
and to save the lost.*

—Luke 19:10

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September 15, 2019

Fourteenth 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

"Amazing Grace"

#422

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O Holy One, we come to this new day after a long week, carrying all kinds of feelings, emotions and expectations. We gather here in your presence because we know we will find protection and comfort. We are aware that at times we lose our way and we do not carry out justice; nor do we revere the creation you have given us. All Patient God, we want to be among those whom you seek. In this hour of worship let your Holy Spirit move us to a place of rejoicing in which new hopes abound. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The Spirit has been poured out on us to bring good news. The Holy Spirit is within us, with us and around us, always, empowering us to love one another; to forgive one another. With every breath, we know fullness of life. With every breath, let us give thanks.

All: Holy Spirit, move through us, breathe in us, and lead us onward.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

#19

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:2-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Immortal Invisible" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-10

SERMON

"When You Know You Are Lost"

* 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

#493

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of 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

"Amazing Grace"

arr. Bish

* 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 from this place rejoicing, knowing that you are loved, sought after and cared for by your God. And may the joy of the Creator, the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

#508

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on ST. DENIO"

Innes

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You cannot serve God and wealth

--Luke 16:13



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September 22, 2019

Fifteenth 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

"Your Love O Lord"

see insert

"Revelation Song"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God of our hearts, you are our Physician in times of hurt; your balm heals our wounds. You hear our prayers, intercessions and supplications; and we rejoice in your loving embrace. We know that sometimes, O God, we fail to notice the hurt and wounds of others. Bring our awareness to justice for all so the souls of your people will be restored. In Christ we pray. Amen!

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The Spirit has been poured out on us to bring good news. The Holy Spirit is within us, with us and around us, always, empowering us to love one another; to forgive one another. With every breath, we know fullness of life. With every breath, let us give thanks.

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* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

#19

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"O Lord, Hear Our Prayer" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 16:1-13

SERMON

"Riches vs Richness"

* HYMN

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

#631

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

#493

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

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: Go forth, following as God leads you, into faithful living. Taking the balm of grace and healing you have received, offer it to all you encounter. And may the healing power of God, the love of Christ, and the joy of the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Forth in Your Name"

#718

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Festival Toccata"

Fletcher

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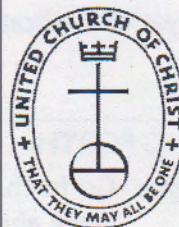
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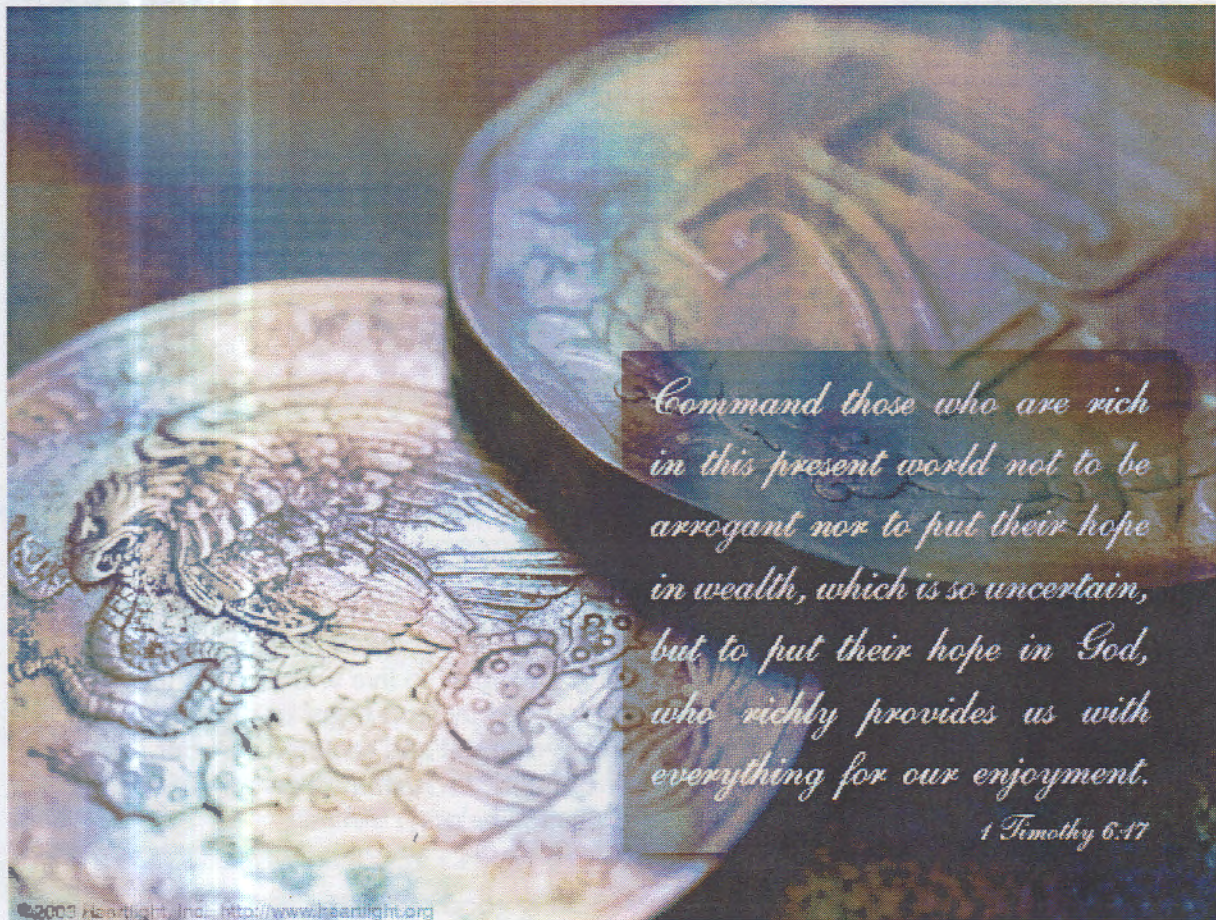
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*Command those who are rich
in this present world not to be
arrogant nor to put their hope
in wealth, which is so uncertain,
but to put their hope in God,
who richly provides us with
everything for our enjoyment.*

1 Timothy 6:17

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September 22, 2019

Fifteenth 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

"Build My Life"

see insert

"Give Me Jesus"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: As we gather to worship you, Holy One, we are thankful for the wonder and awe we know in your presence. We know that we have brought nothing into the world, and we will take nothing out of it. Help us to live with this humility and grounded-ness, especially when we feel trapped by fear, eager to run away, and longing for more riches and power. May we be still and centered on your light so that generosity and sharing may flow from our hearts, and others might see the Life that is really Life through us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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* 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:

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"When It's All Been Said and Done" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 16:19-31

SERMON

"Hope"

* HYMN

"Give Thanks"

#359

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

#493

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Fight the Good Fight"

arr. DeCou

* 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 to share the life that is really life! And may the love of God, the healing of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen!

* HYMN

"On Eagle's Wings"

#438

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Fugue"

Handel

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*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*

--Lamentations 3:22-23

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October 6, 2019

Seventeenth 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

"10,000 Reasons"

see insert

"The Way"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Source of Justice, we are your one body, called to follow Jesus and to create beauty and justice for all people and your planet. As we experience your Word, may we be awakened to see how suffering hurts the entire body and how beauty enlivens us all. Strengthen us. Draw us in to witness your vision, and to be resilient, resistant and faithful in the timeless in the work for justice. In Christ we pray.
Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The Spirit has been poured out on us to bring good news. The Holy Spirit is within us, with us and around us, always, empowering us to love one another; to forgive one another. With every breath, we know fullness of life. With every breath, let us give thanks.

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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:

Lamentations 1:1-6

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Table of Grace" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:5-10

SERMON

"Suffering and Hope"

* HYMN

"Come, Share the Lord"

#696

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#493

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of 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

"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

†(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: From East, West, North and South we have been fed. Now may the God of Community, three-in-one, be with us all as we go to be a just, free, and gentle people.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#72

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Christ the Lamb of God"

Bach

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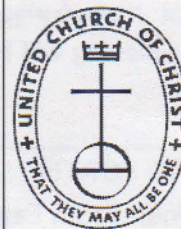
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Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him.

--Luke 17:15-16a

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United Evangelical United Church of Christ

OUR MISSION

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October 13, 2019

Eighteenth 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

"Your Love O Lord"

see insert

"Blessed Be Your Name"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: We stand in awe of you, Most Gracious God. You love your people no matter the circumstance. We know that you want us to live meaningful lives with you at the center. Even so, we also know that we lose our focus and place things other than you at the center of our lives. We admit that we don't pray for our communities. We fail to recognize your healing work and claim for ourselves the honor due to you. Compassionate God, place new desires in our hearts so that we sing to you and to you alone. Open our hearts to receive and our minds to be challenged by the teachings of Jesus Christ. This we pray in your Holy Name. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The Spirit has been poured out on us to bring good news. The Holy Spirit is within us, with us and around us, always, empowering us to love one another; to forgive one another. With every breath, we know fullness of life. With every breath, let us give thanks.

All: Holy Spirit, move through us, breathe in us, and lead us onward.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

#19

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:8-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"A Faithful Saving" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

SERMON

"9 out of 10 people"

* HYMN

"Thank You, Lord"

#365

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 of 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

"Andante in D Major"

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 singing God's praises, remembering God's promises and blessings.
Joyfully give back to the world the love you have received. And may the God
of Creation, the Christ of Compassion and the Holy Breath of Healing abide with
you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#358

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Tuba Tune"

Lang

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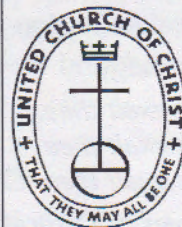
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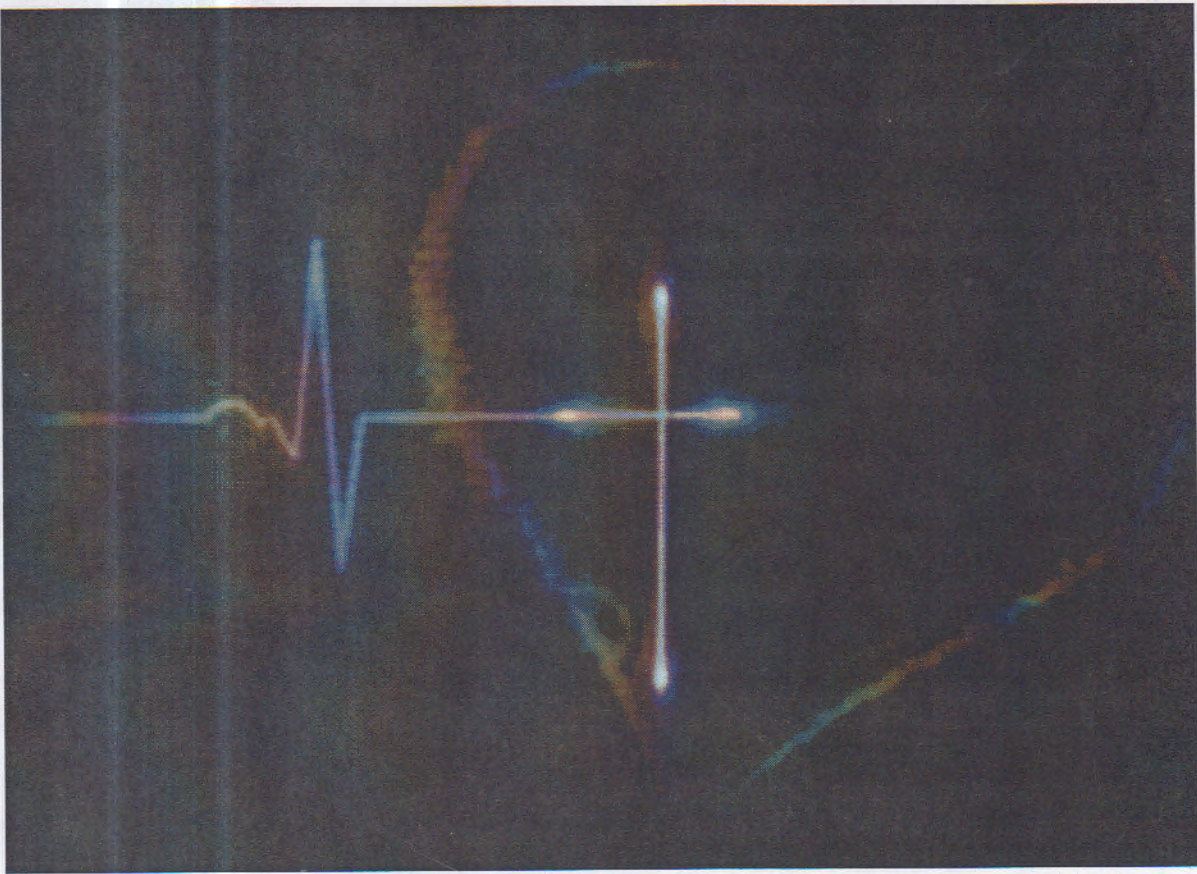
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The days are surely coming, says the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
and the house of Judah. I will put my law within them,
and I will write it on their hearts.

--Jeremiah 31:31, 33b

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October 20, 2019

Nineteenth 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

"The Power of Your Love"

#467

"As the Deer"

#471

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Divine One, you write your Word on our hearts, and welcome us into depths of understanding. Although you are beside us, within us, above us, all around us we still manage to ignore you. We are busy with other things that occupy our time and hearts. Help us to be your people as you are our God. Help us not to be so are confident in what we have learned and what we have believed that we cannot learn anew from the living words of scripture. Meet us here and lead us deeper into you; equip us for every good work. Join our desire to learn with your willingness to teach us your ways of justice and joy. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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All: Holy Spirit, move through us, breathe in us, and lead us onward.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

#19

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 31:27-34

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Write It on My Heart" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18:1-8

SERMON

"In My Heart"

* HYMN

"Thy Word"

#664

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 of 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

"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: Go from here to meditate on God's love written in scripture and on our hearts.
And may the presence of the Covenanting God, who is Creator, Christ and Spirit,
surround you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#68

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

Swann

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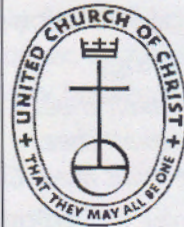
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God,
be merciful
to me,
a sinner!

—Luke 18:13



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October 27, 2019

Twentieth 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

"Do It Again"

see insert

"Holy Spirit Rain Down"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Loving God, we give you thanks for all the ways that you bless our lives: in the beauty and abundance of nature, the love of family and friends, the joy of knowing you and hearing your word. We know that we don't always hear your voice when it comes from an unexpected place. Convinced that we are right, we miss the Good News of your reconciling love. Send your Spirit during this time of worship so that we might dream your dreams and see visions of the world as you created it to be. Guide our thoughts and actions. Restore us with humility and awaken us anew to your presence and your promise. Bring us closer to you so that we might do your will and dwell in your house forever. In Christ Jesus we pray.
Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The Spirit has been poured out on us to bring good news. The Holy Spirit is within us, with us and around us, always, empowering us to love one another; to forgive one another. With every breath, we know fullness of life. With every breath, let us give thanks.

All: Holy Spirit, move through us, breathe in us, and lead us onward.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

#19

*Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come;
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:

Joel 2:23-32

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18:9-14

SERMON

"Prayer"

* HYMN

"What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

#473

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

#493

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Interlude on Ein' Feste Burg"

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 into the world, renewed in hope and restored by God's vision.

Many: We go to share God's grace and mercy and to proclaim the Good News of what God has done for us.

One: May the blessings of God be with you this day and forevermore.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

#507

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on A Mighty Fortress"

Hustad

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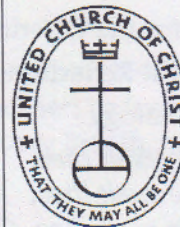
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The LORD is my light & my salvation--
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life--
of whom shall I be afraid?

-Psalm 27:1



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November 3, 2019

Twenty-first 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

"Gather Us In"

#649

"Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: We do not find it easy to speak of how we do not live as your people, but you invite us to share our weaknesses and failures with you, Inviting God. Tempted to think your salvation is for a select few, we put up barriers for others. Clinging to all you give to us, we are reluctant to share with those in need. Surrounded by evil and violence, we find it easier to close ranks with those just like us, rather than seeking peace and reconciliation for our world. Forgive us, Salvation's God. Open our eyes to our sisters and brothers all around us. Open our ears to the word of hope you speak to us. Open our spirits to the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who flings wide the open doors of your kingdom, that all might find life with you. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Here is the good news, my friends: Christ came searching for us, calling us by name, leading us into God's kingdom.

All: In Christ, we become new people: broken, we are made whole; lost, we are found; forsaken, we are restored to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Blessed be the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come;

#19

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Psalm 27: 1-6, 13-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews: 2: 10-17a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"We Glorify Your Name" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6: 25-34

SERMON

"Play Clothes"

* HYMN

"Stand By Me"

#495

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#493

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of 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

"Be Thou My Vision"

Hopson

* 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: Life is but a breath.

All: What we have is each other and our place in the whole.

One: And the Love that holds it all together.

All: Let us go from here in a spirit of gratitude, captivated by the wonder of all God has given us, clinging to nothing, free to truly live. Amen.

* HYMN

"Hymn of Promise"

#515

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

Lemmens

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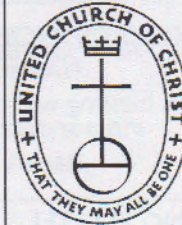
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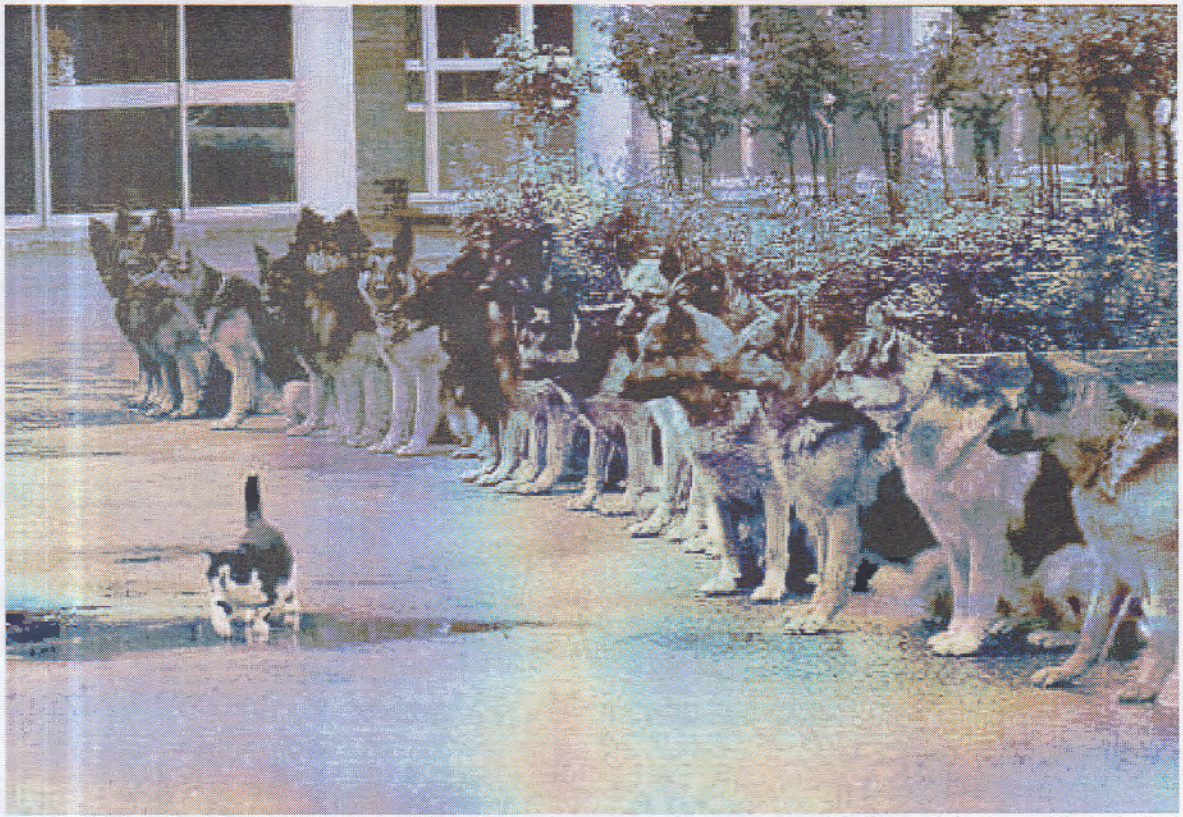
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"Take courage all you people," says the Lord,
"for I am with you."

--Haggai 2:4

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November 10, 2019

Twenty-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

"Shout to the Lord"

#94

"How Great Is Our God"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy One, you have promised to be with us always. You sent your Spirit to abide among us and to guide us to a future of goodness and hope. We come here, O God, longing to rest in you, to trust in your goodness and your care for us. Slow us down, Holy One for we have forgotten how to rest. You know our hearts so well, you see our deepest fears and you hear our secret longings. Attend to us, Loving God, touch our hearts with your grace, heal our souls with your peace and speak your hope into our lives. Show us that you are our salvation and our resting place. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING *"I Will Extol Thee My King and My God"* The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 20:27-38

SERMON

"Courage"

* HYMN

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

#446

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

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"I Sing Praises to Your Name"

MacAlmon

* 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 you go from here full of life and love, forgiveness and humility, kindness and justice. And may Jesus Christ, and God our Father and Mother, who loves us and through grace gives us eternal comfort and good hope, give joy to your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Surely It Is God Who Saves Me"

#423

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on St. Margaret"

Jordan

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For I am about to create
new heavens and a new earth;
the former things
shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

--Isaiah 65:17

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November 17, 2019

Twenty-third 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

"The Way"

see insert

"Do It Again"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Eternal God, we come before you with grateful hearts. In this season of thankfulness, we acknowledge all the goodness you bring into our lives. We also acknowledge that we are not always aware of our blessings and we turn away from others in their time of need. Help us to seek the well-being of others as you seek our well-being. Guide us to the healing and wholeness of others, for in doing so we will find our own healing and wholeness. Show us how to be good stewards of all that you give to us. In the name of Christ, our Great Physician and Loving Shepherd, we pray. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The Spirit has been poured out on us to bring good news. The Holy Spirit is within us, with us and around us, always, empowering us to love one another; to forgive one another. With every breath, we know fullness of life. With every breath, let us give thanks.

All: Holy Spirit, move through us, breathe in us, and lead us onward.

* 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:

Isaiah 65:17-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Soon and Very Soon" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:5-19

SERMON

"Seeing a New Creation"

* HYMN

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

#721

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 of 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

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Bliss

* 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: Brothers and sisters, do not weary in doing what is right.

Many: We go to bring food and shelter, love and companionship to our neighbors.

One: Go to offer reconciliation in every broken place, to every shattered person.

Many: We go to participate in bringing forth a new heaven and a new earth.

One: And may the God of hope, the Prince of Peace and the Spirit of love guide you on your path.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Forth In Your Name"

#718

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"The Rejoicing"

Handel

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God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear...
though the waters of the sea roar and foam.

--Psalm 46:1-3

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November 24, 2019

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

"Revelation Song"

see insert

"I Can Only Imagine"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy God, you are the One who is present in the beginning and ending of each day, of each season; of each life. You are the One who forms the rhythm of our days. We thank you for the many gifts in our lives: the gifts of the harvest time, the gifts of friendship, the gifts of family; the gifts of faith community. Teach us to number our days that we might be wise with all the blessings you give to us. Call us into a life full of gratitude, that our lives might reflect your blessings to all humanity, and to all creation. May we live in ways that reconcile us to the earth, to others, and to you. In the name of Christ, we give thanks and offer our prayers. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The Spirit has been poured out on us to bring good news. The Holy Spirit is within us, with us and around us, always, empowering us to love one another; to forgive one another. With every breath, we know fullness of life. With every breath, let us give thanks.

All: Holy Spirit, move through us, breathe in us, and lead us onward.

* 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:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:11-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Blessing and Honor" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 23:33-43

SERMON

"Be Still and Know I Am God"

* HYMN

"We Will Glorify"

#337

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

#493

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of 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

"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: For food and drink.

Many: For being together in the ways of Jesus.

One: For living in the ways of peace and community.

All: We give thanks!

One: Go rejoicing in the abundance of your life. And may the King of Heaven, the Prince of Peace and the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"For All the Saints"

#529

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Fantasy on Sine Nomine"

arr. White

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Hope



THERE SHALL BE A ROOT OF JESSE, AND HE...
SHALL RISE TO REIGN. ROMANS 15:12

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December 1, 2019

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 CANDLES

One: All around us days shorten and nights lengthen, but we believe the promise that the night is almost over, and a light is drawing near.

Many: We wait on your light together, O God.

One: Chaos surrounds us as the business of the season approaches, but we are called along pathways of peace

Many: We wait on your peace together, O God.

One: In this season of friends and family, we dearly miss the faces that are absent this year

Many: We wait on your comfort together, O God.

One: Though the world can seem dark and chaotic both within and without, but we proclaim that God will build a house among us.

Many: We wait with hope on God's presence together. Come, Emmanuel, come.

The Candle of Hope is lit.

* 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: Lord of mercy, God of grace, we give you thanks for the joy and hope this season brings. At times we find ourselves distracted by all the preparations and stresses that surround us. Help us to focus on you our Rock and Redeemer. Restore our hearts to your message of love and your call to peace, so we can carry this message

to those who are hurting and are tired. In the name of your Child, Jesus Christ,
who walked among us, we pray. Amen

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Be strong, do not fear! For our God hears our prayers and is coming with
vengeance, to save us.

All: Praise be to God.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory be to God on High!

#195

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:

Isaiah 2:1-5

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Until Jesus Comes" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON

"What Time is it Mr. Fox?"

* HYMN

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"

#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 of 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

"Pastorale"

Spong

* Doxology

Greensleeves

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

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: As God came into the world to know us, now go out to unknown people with the same compassion which we have received. And as we leave this place, may God's hope, the watchful perseverance of Jesus Christ and the peace of the Holy Spirit to be with us.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"

#176

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Savior of the Nations Come"

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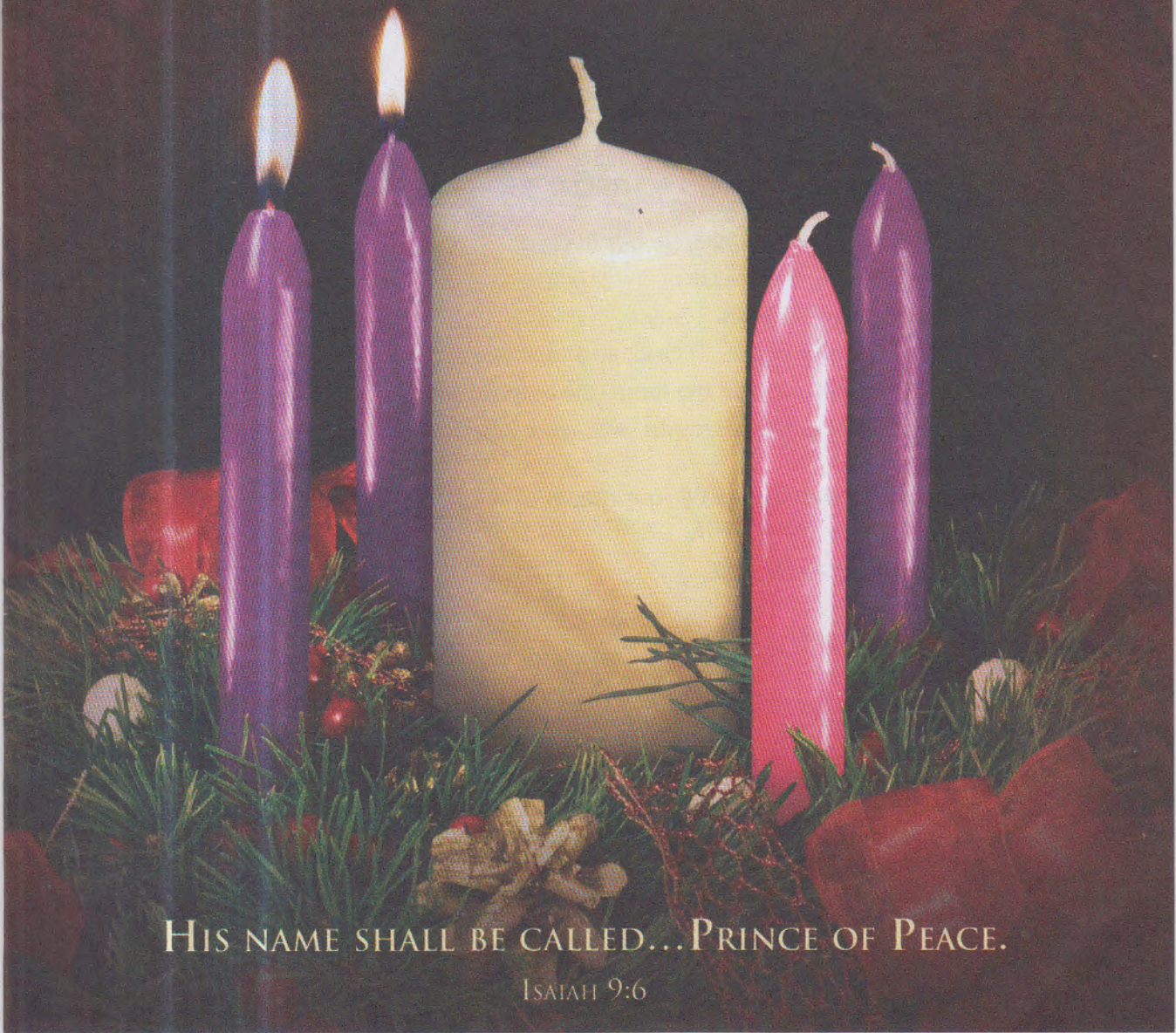
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PEACE

Peace



HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED...PRINCE OF PEACE.

ISAIAH 9:6

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December 8, 2019

Second 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 CANDLES

Candle of Hope is re-lit

One: The Reign of God is drawing near:

Many: The prophet calls us to change our lives!

One: Prepare the way for the Lord:

Many: A just and peaceful path!

One: We long for your peace, O God, and trust in your promise:

Many: "The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid."

One: Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace.

Many: Open us to the challenge of your dream of wholeness for all, that your glory may fill the earth!

The Candle of Peace is lit.

* TIME OF PRAISE

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

#154

"Refiner's Fire"

#374

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God, you call us to turn our lives around, and work with patience and diligence to prepare the way for your Reign. We know that we often get discouraged and are tempted to give up when we don't see instant changes in our world and in ourselves. Help us to remember that you are the Savior of the world, capable of

all we are not able to do. Help us to remember that we need to work together to prepare your way and build your Kingdom here and now. O Holy Child of Bethlehem, enter in, be born in us again today. Let us see what you are doing in our lives and in our world with fresh hearts, that we may be filled with all joy and peace in believing. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Be strong, do not fear! For our God hears our prayers and is coming with vengeance, to save us.

All: Praise be to God.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory be to God on High!

#195

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:

Isaiah 11:1-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 5:4-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Prepare Ye the Way" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:1-12

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

see insert

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

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 of 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

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth in peace, alert for the signs of the reign of God. Wait in hope, turn toward love, practice justice. Have confidence in our Good God. And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

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

#156

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

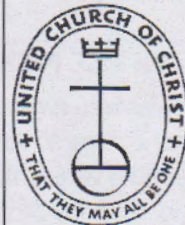
"From Heaven Above I Hither Come"

Bach

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JOY

Joy



BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS
OF GREAT JOY. LUKE 2:10

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December 15, 2019

Third 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 CANDLES

Candles of Hope and Peace are relit

One: Advent calls us to "wake up!" and rejoice in the hope that is ours.

Many: Day is coming, and with it the promise of new hope in Christ.

One: Sorrow and sighing shall flee away at the coming of the Lord.

Many: Everlasting joy shall be upon the redeemed of the Lord.

One: Singing and joy and gladness is our inheritance.

Many: We rejoice for the Mighty One has done great things for us,

The Candle of Joy is lit.

* TIME OF PRAISE

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

#153

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

#191

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God of Advent preparation, we ask that you give us ears to hear and eyes to see our bad habits that are too comfortable to shed, and keep us half asleep and unable to follow Jesus. As we watch and wait for your coming, call us into active participation in your creative work in this world. Show us where bitterness, quarrels, injustice and violence bind us and hinder fullness of life for all involved. May we create something new in our community, as you create something new in us. Make us ready, with open hearts and joyful spirits, to follow in Christ's Way. Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Be strong, do not fear! For our God hears our prayers and is coming with vengeance, to save us.

All: Praise be to God.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory be to God on High!

#195

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:

Isaiah 35:1-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11:2-11

SERMON

"Believe It or Not"

* HYMN

"Mary, Did You Know?"

#192

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

#493

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of 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

"What Is This Lovely Fragrance"

Lovelace

* Doxology

Greensleeves

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

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

Many: Christ has come, Christ has died, Christ will come again

One: And may the mercy of God, the peace of Christ and the joy of the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Long Ago, Prophets Knew"

#167

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Savior of the Nations Come"

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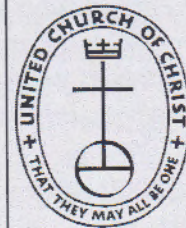
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LOVE

Love



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE
HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON. JOHN 3:16

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December 22, 2019

Fourth 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 CANDLES

Candles of Hope, Peace and Joy are relit

One: Awake! Our time of waiting is almost complete.

Many: Our hearts are filled with joyful anticipation as we await the birth of the Christ-child.

One: We are waiting for Jesus, who is God's Incarnate Love.

Many: We are waiting for the angels to sing, for the shepherds to come;

One: We are waiting for Jesus, the One who saves, to be born again in our hearts.

Many: We are waiting for Jesus, who came in love to us, for us and to be with us, to come again.

The Candle of Love is lit.

* TIME OF PRAISE

"The King of Glory Comes"

#159

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

#188

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Coming One, we gather with hearts full of joy even while this season also brings stress and anxiety. Many of us are busy making plans with family and friends, while others struggle with loneliness. Help all of us to free our hearts and minds of the planning and worry which takes our focus away from the coming of Christ. During this time of worship let your Spirit flow through this place, empowering us to open our hearts and minds so that we will hear your Word, for we have much to learn of how to love and cherish. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*** WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: Be strong, do not fear! For our God hears our prayers and is coming with vengeance, to save us.

All: Praise be to God.

*** RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory be to God on High!

#195

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:

Isaiah 7:10-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Somewhere in Your Silent Night" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON

"The Power of Love"

*** HYMN**

"Once in Royal David's City"

#183

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

#493

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of 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

"Coventry Carol"

arr. Innes

* Doxology

Greensleeves

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* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Where there is a need, may we meet it.

Many: Where there are shadows, may we be light.

One: Where there is hopelessness, may we offer hope.

Many: Where there is hatred, may we be love.

One: And wherever people forget, witness to the truth that God is with Us. And may the God of love, the Christ of peace and the Holy Spirit of joy go with us.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Silent Night"

#186

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Noel"

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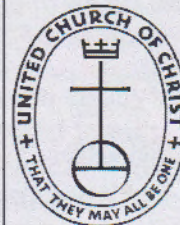
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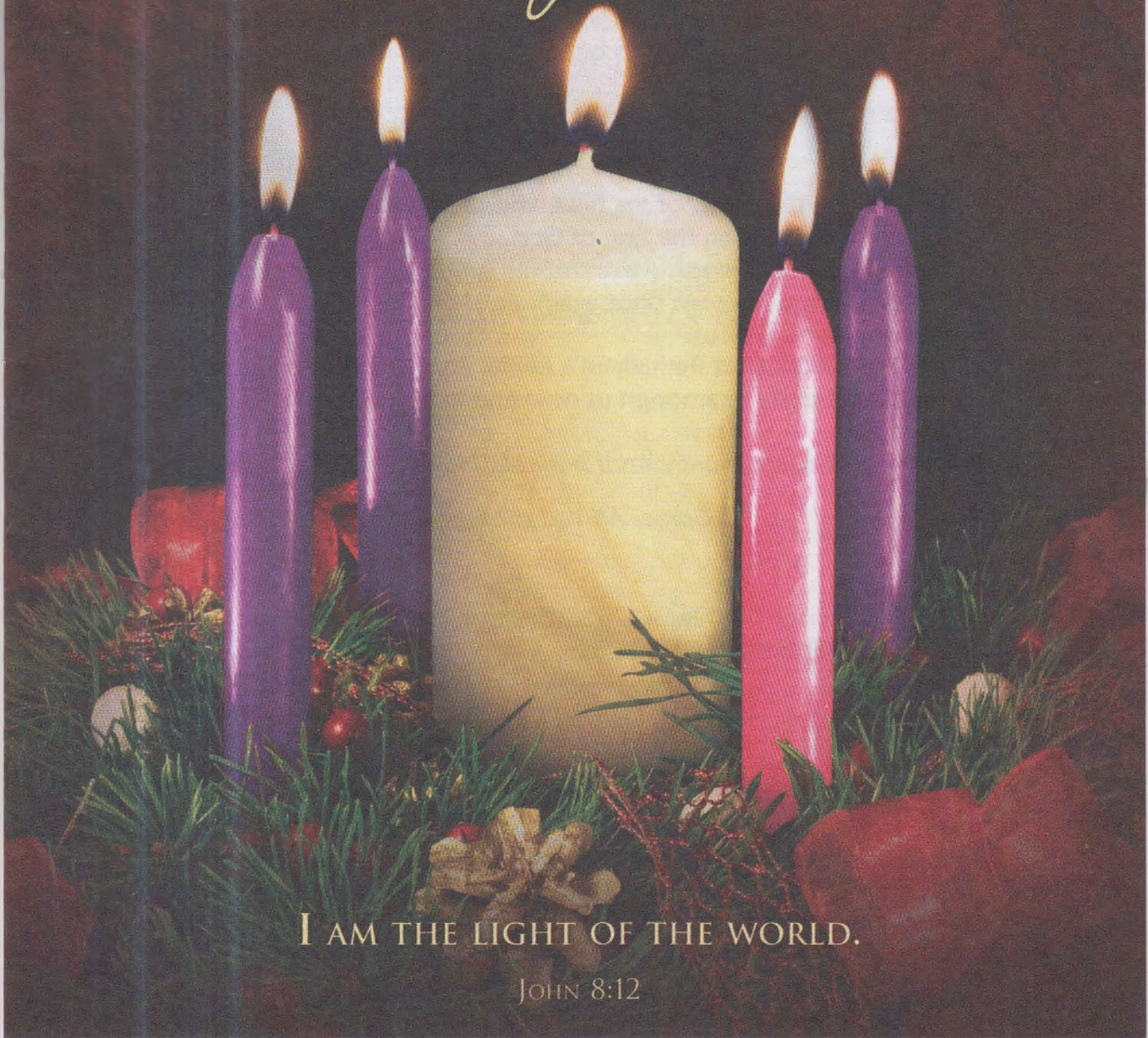
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LIGHT

Light



I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

JOHN 8:12

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December 24, 2019

Christmas Eve

7:30 pm

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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

* LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE *(from the Iona Community)*

The Advent candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love are re-lit.

One: Starlight and song have once again summoned us home to the stable.

Many: And so, with the beasts of the field, and the humble and the high, we have come to gaze on the face of God.

One: And here, through words worn smooth with telling, and gifts given life through sharing, may we once again see and know you, Emmanuel, God with us and for us.

Many: Christmas Child, as at Bethlehem's stable, and as at the beginning of all things, steal softly in amongst us now and heal and hallow us with your Presence.

The Christ Candle is lit and the baby Jesus is placed in the crèche.

* OPENING HYMN *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* #182

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God of magnificent stars and lowly shepherds, your Child is born tonight in a stable slipping in among the poor and outcast, revealing your transforming grace and love. We have been actively waiting, preparing and getting ready for your love that makes all things new. Slow us down O God, so that we might feel the revolution of a love that has

slipped into the world in your son Jesus Christ. May his presence in our lives provide hope that does justice, peace that forgives and joy that is merciful. From the hidden depths of our souls may we find the courage to sing with Mary a song of a love that lifts up the lowly and feeds the hungry. Let us rest in the love you so abundantly give, that we may celebrate Christ's birth and meet the challenge of God-with-us in our world. 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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*** 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

"Noel" 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

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Musical Reflection

“I Wonder as I Wander” Katie Chambers - Cello

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is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to
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* Prayer of Dedication

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

As people come forward to receive communion, please join in singing the hymns listed below.

The First Noel

*The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Refrain:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!*

*They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.*

Refrain

*And by the light of that same star
Three Wise men came from country far
To seek for a King was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went.*

Refrain

*This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both pause and stay
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay.*

Refrain

*Then entered in those wise men three
Full reverently upon their knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.*

Refrain

*Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of naught
And with his blood our life has bought.*

Refrain

O Holy Night

*O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appeared and soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!*

*Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born!
O night divine, O night, O night divine!*

*Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing heart by his cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from the Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend;*

*He knows our need, he guards us from all danger,
Behold your king; before him lowly bend!
Behold your King; before him lowly bend!*

*Truly he taught us to love one another;
His law is love and his gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raising,
Let all within us praise his holy name.*

*Christ is the Lord! O praise his name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Loving God, Giver of all good gifts, you have created us for life together with you and each other. We thank you that at this table we have encountered the grace that brings the life that is really life, come to us in the Christ Child. As we step into the night, may we pay attention to signs of your presence and love all around. Move us and open our hearts so that we might do a new thing in the world. In your Holy 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

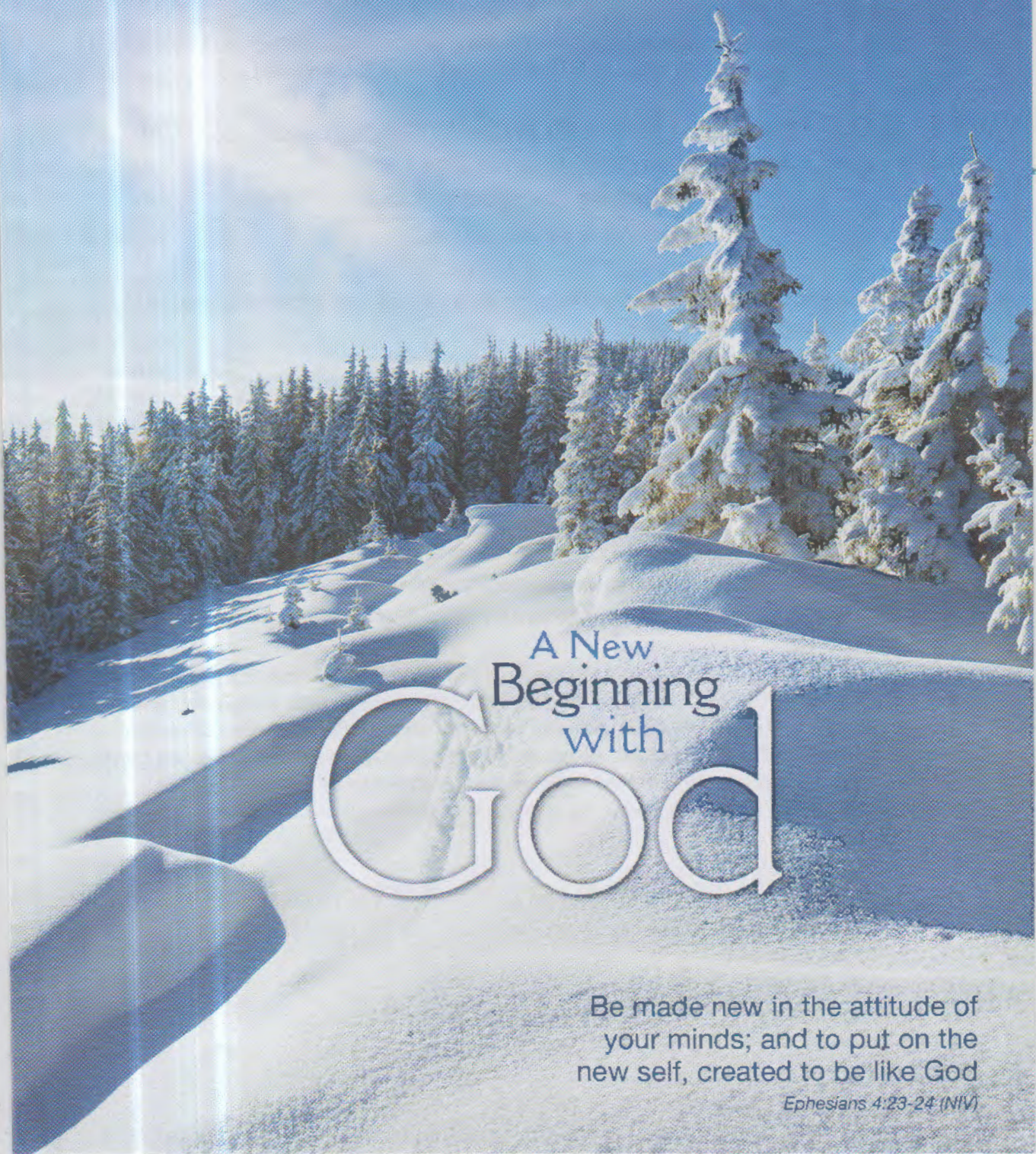
“Postlude on *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*”

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A New
Beginning
with
God

Be made new in the attitude of
your minds; and to put on the
new self, created to be like God

Ephesians 4:23-24 (NIV)

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December 29, 2019

First Sunday after Christmas

10:00 am

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PRELUDE

"In the Bleak Mid Winter"

arr. Innes

GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let us recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of our God.

Many: The Lord has shown us great favor, according to God's mercy and abundance of steadfast love.

One: The Lord has become our Savior, the presence of the Lord has saved us.

Many: By God's love and kindness we have been redeemed.

* OPENING HYMN

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

#185

* OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we sing to you a new song because you have done wonderful things! We give you thanks for the birth of Jesus, child in a manger come to save the world. Even though we love this season and are grateful, we grow weary of all the stimulation and want to go back to "normal." Help us not to go back, but to go forward changed by the birth of Jesus. When we are tempted to leave the Good News of this season aside, forgive us, and help us to take it with us into the world throughout the coming year. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

The Light of Hope

Scripture—Luke 1:68-79

Meditation

“Adore” The Choir

The Light of Peace

Scripture—Isaiah 11:1-9

Meditation

Hymn—“O Little Town of Bethlehem (#180)

The Light of Joy

Scripture—Isaiah 55

Meditation

Hymn—“Good Christian Friends Rejoice” (#198)

The Light of Love

Scripture—1 John 4:7-12

Meditation

Hymn—“Angels from the Realms of Glory” (#189)

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* SENDING FORTH—The Light of Christ--John 1:14, 16

One: What came into being through God's Word was life, and this life was the light for all people. Go and shine the light of God, proclaiming in word and deed, that God's love has come to live in our midst, and nothing – nothing – can ever overcome it.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"

#218

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