

O star of wonder,
star of night

Star with royal
beauty bright

Westward leading,
still proceeding

Guide us to
thy perfect light



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OUR MISSION

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

January 5, 2020

Second Sunday after Christmas

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

One: Grace to you and peace in this new year.

Many: We will bless God who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

One: In Christ we have obtained an inheritance.

Many: We have been redeemed as God's own people. Praise be to God!

* TIME OF PRAISE

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

#181

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

#243

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Creator of the Stars and Sun, creator of all light we know: we confess that at times it is difficult to find light, to trust that hope is alive. When children are separated from their parents in cages; when floodwaters threaten and wildfires wreck havoc and climate change spirals out of control; when a nation is divided and families are divided: come unto us, O Creator God. Be the light in our world. Help us to shine Your light and to become the light the world needs. Breathe into us the breath of hope, speak into us Your truth, that Your love reigns. Life and light have the last word, not death and destruction. Reveal in us Your light, and send us forth to become living hope to the world. In the name of Jesus, the Light of the World, we pray. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Every moment is a new beginning, a fresh start with God. In every moment, grace is present, forgiveness granted, and love revealed. You are forgiven, loved, and restored. Begin this moment afresh now, with God and with one another.

Many: Amen.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE
Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 31:7-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"The Word Became Flesh" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:1-18

SERMON

* HYMN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

#185

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

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Matthews

* 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: God of New Beginnings, You are bringing forth something new in our world and in our lives.

Many: In this new year, may we commit to being open: open-minded to new ideas; open-hearted to loving one another; open-handed to serving wherever we are needed.

One: Plant in us the seeds that will bloom into new ideas, new insights, and new hope, for the world needs what You are growing in us.

Many: Bless us, encourage us, and help us to shine Your light into this world in 2020. Amen.

* HYMN

"Joy to the World"

#179

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Angels We Have Heard on High"

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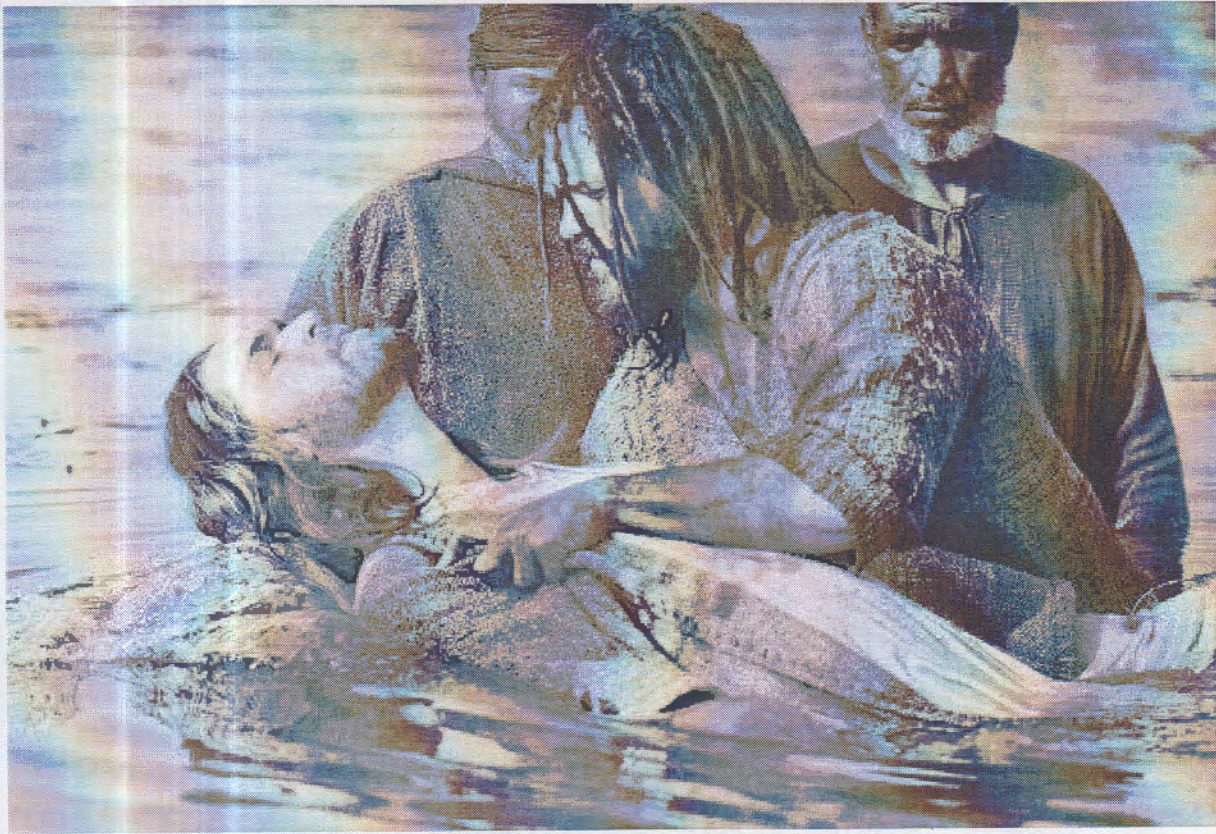
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Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

--Isaiah 42:1

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January 12, 2020

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

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

#656

"Here I Am to Worship"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of grace and majesty, we exalt you for your wisdom, compassion, strength, and love. We come before you this day to offer our worship and to seek your presence. Thank you for choosing to walk among your people in all the circumstances of our lives. Almighty God, we ask for the strength, the courage and the conviction to do justice, to speak loudly for those who need water and food; and to speak to those who need the refreshment that comes only from you. May we walk as angels in the places we live, striving to live in the way of Jesus. Restore us to do great things among your people. In the name of Jesus the 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.

Many: Thanks be to God.

* 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:

Isaiah 42:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON

What did you get for Christmas?

* HYMN

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

#248

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

LITANY FOR RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

#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

"Borning Cry"

Ylvisaker

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

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"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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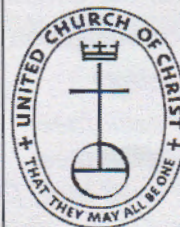
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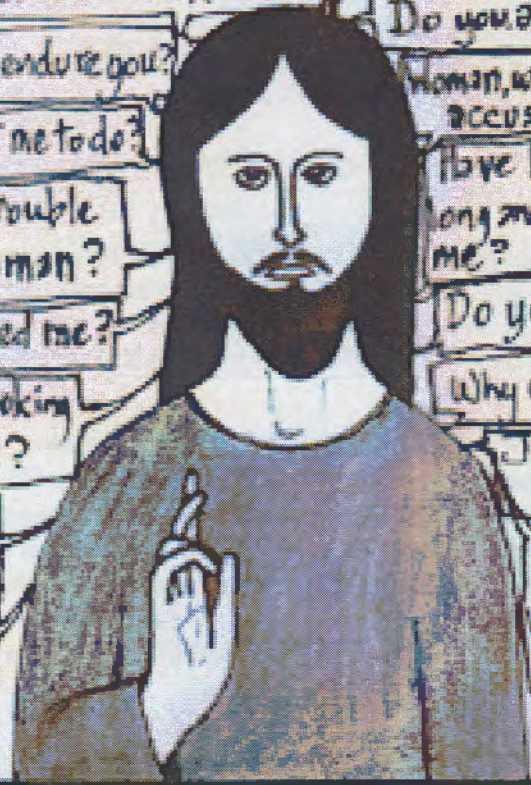
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IF JESUS IS THE ANSWER, WHY'D HE HAVE SO MANY QUESTIONS?

Do you believe I can do this? What are you guys talking about?
Who is my mother? Who are my brothers? Anything to eat?
Who do people say that I am? How does this concern of yours affect me?
Do you not yet understand? Do you also want to leave me?
How long must I endure you? Woman, where are your accusers?
What do you want me to do? Have I been with you so long and you still don't know me?
Why do you make trouble for the woman? Do you love me?
Who just touched me? Why did you hit me?
Why were you looking for me? Judas... with a kiss?
How do you read the law? My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Who appointed me as your judge?



Richard 12

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January 19, 2020

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

"I Will Follow You"

see insert

"Build My Life"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God of wonders, our mouths are full of your praise. For you are the One who hear our cries, who lifts us out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; and sets our feet on a rock, giving us a firm place to stand. You have chosen us; our ears have been pierced by your call. We come here on this day to listen as we walk with you. Help us to accept our calling so we might pierce the darkness with the light you have poured into us. May we be eager to serve you, to be your bright arrows in the work of justice and reconciliation. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

* 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:

Isaiah 49:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Behold the Lamb of God" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:29-42

SERMON

Questions With No Answers

* HYMN

"The Summons"

#350

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

"Behold the Lamb of God"

Warren

* 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: Jesus said: "You ought always to pray and not to faint."

Many: We do not pray, Lord, for easy lives, but to be stronger women, men and children.

One: Jesus said: Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.

Many: We do not pray, Lord, for tasks equal to our powers, but for power equal to your tasks.

One: As we go from here, may our work be no miracle

Many: But may Christ be the miracle in our work.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#72

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"The Rejoicing"

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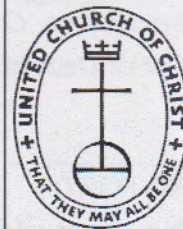
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The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom
shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

--Psalm 27:1

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January 26, 2020

Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

OPENING SENTENCE

* TIME OF PRAISE

"You Never Let Go"

see insert

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Gracious God, we gather here to seek your face and the assurance of your holy love. You are our light and our salvation; our shelter and refuge in days of trouble. As the body of Christ we are called to unity of mind and purpose. When our hearts turn toward separation and division, when we quarrel and tear down our brothers and sisters in faith, help us to remember that all have been baptized as one body into Christ's death and resurrection. Teach us to hold fast to those baptismal promises which draw us together in the Spirit, so that we may proclaim the power of your love to the wounded and broken places of our world. 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.

Many: 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 9:1-4

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"In a World Where People Walk in Darkness"
The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON

Do You See What I See?

* HYMN

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

#347

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

COMMISSIONING AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

#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

"The Lord is My Light"

Alliten

* 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 in peace, for Christ has called us to live in peace among our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Many: We go now in courage, for Christ has called us to be agents of redemption and partners in healing.

One: Go now in joy and thanksgiving, for Christ is our light!

Many: We go now as one body, to love and serve God as we love and serve the world!

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Arise, Your Light is Come"

#231

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Rondo in G"

Bull

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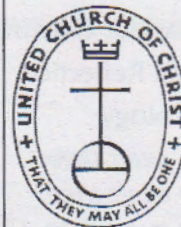
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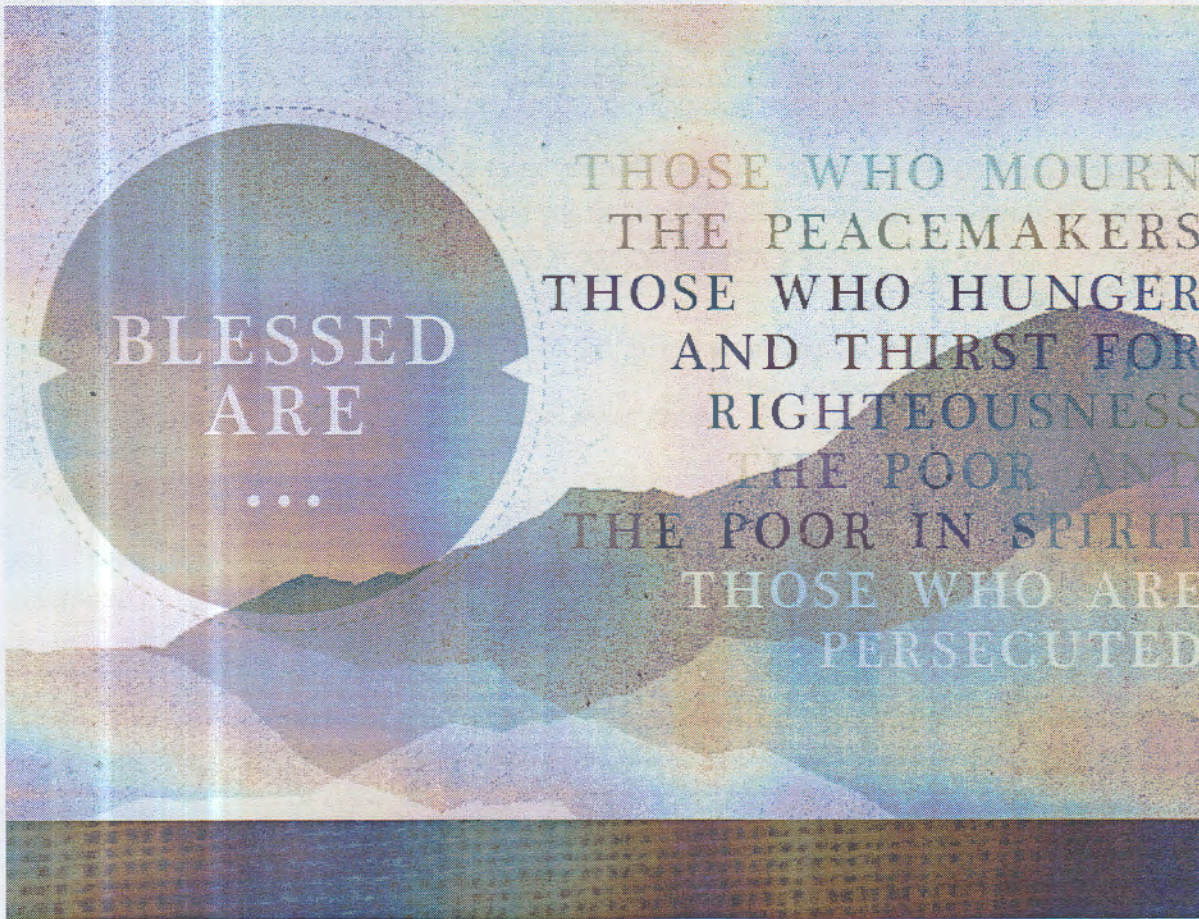
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BLESSED
ARE
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THOSE WHO MOURN
THE PEACEMAKERS
THOSE WHO HUNGER
AND THIRST FOR
RIGHTEOUSNESS
THE POOR AND
THE POOR IN SPIRIT
THOSE WHO ARE
PERSECUTED

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February 2, 2020

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

"Here I Am to Worship"

see insert

"How Beautiful"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of our lives, you are always turning the world upside down, calling us to follow you into new ventures, new challenges, new ways to care; new ways to touch the hearts of all. The world's wisdom surrounds us, calling us to "Look after number one..." to ask, "What's someone else's problems got to do with me?...to believe that "Only the strong survive...that money makes the world go 'round...that revenge is sweet." When we get tired, or feel disappointed, remind us that you can bring change and hope out of the most difficult situations. Empower us to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you always. 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.

Many: Thanks be to God.

* 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:

Micah 6:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Sent Out in Jesus' Name" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

Humility and Justice

* HYMN

"Blest Are They"

#666

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

"With What Shall I Come Before the Lord"

Beck

* 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: As you have learned wisdom—go and teach!

Many: As we have been fed, we go to feed the hungry.

One: As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.

Many: As we have heard – we go to proclaim.

One: And may the blessing which you have received from the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be always with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Now Let Us from This Table Rise"

#715

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"

Frescobaldi

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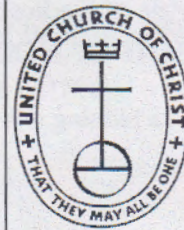
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**"DARKNESS CANNOT
DRIVE OUT DARKNESS;
ONLY LIGHT CAN DO
THAT. HATE CANNOT
DRIVE OUT HATE; ONLY
LOVE CAN DO THAT."**

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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February 9, 2020

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

"You Are Salt for the Earth, O People"

see insert

"Build My Life"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Wonderful God, we gather today to celebrate your presence in our lives. Isaiah reminds us that our prayer, fasting and pious ritual must be lived out in the world with compassion and justice. Send your Spirit to meet us here and guide us to do justice, and stand up for the powerless; to show compassion, and care for those in need; to create relationships of righteousness and peace. May your glory, O God, shine through our worship, our lives; our work. We pray through Christ Jesus. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

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Many: Thanks be to God.

* 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:

Isaiah 58:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"You are the Seed" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:13-20

SERMON

Good Works

* HYMN

"Song for the Nations"

#563

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

"You Are the Light of the World"

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: Let us go to be salty and bright, bringing compassion and justice into our world. And may the Mystery of God go with us, the Light of Christ shine through us, and the Wisdom of the Holy Spirit surprise us.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Renew Your Church"

#462

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

Swan

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February 16, 2020

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

"Our God is Greater"

see insert

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God of grace and majesty, we exalt you. You are the way to living water and never-ending life. We gather, bringing with us our messy lives and unclear future, asking that you speak to us here again today. You know we aren't perfect. Help us so that our ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes. Thank you for continuously teaching us what it means to choose life in you. Let us keep choosing you every time we wake up and have to decide, that we may be your people living lives that are blessings to you and all around us. 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.

Many: Thanks be to God.

* 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:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Draw the Circle Wide" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:21-37

SERMON

Life and Death

* 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

"Make Me a Servant"

Willard

* Doxology

#47

We exalt thee,

We exalt thee,

We exalt thee, O Lord.

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go now, with God's love,

Many: We will choose to be a blessing to others.

One: Go now, with Christ's hope,

Many: We will choose to serve those in need.

One: Go now, with the Spirit's peace,
Many: Go now, with the Spirit's peace,
All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Christ for the World! We Sing"

#561

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

Lemmons

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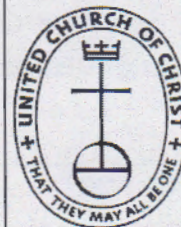
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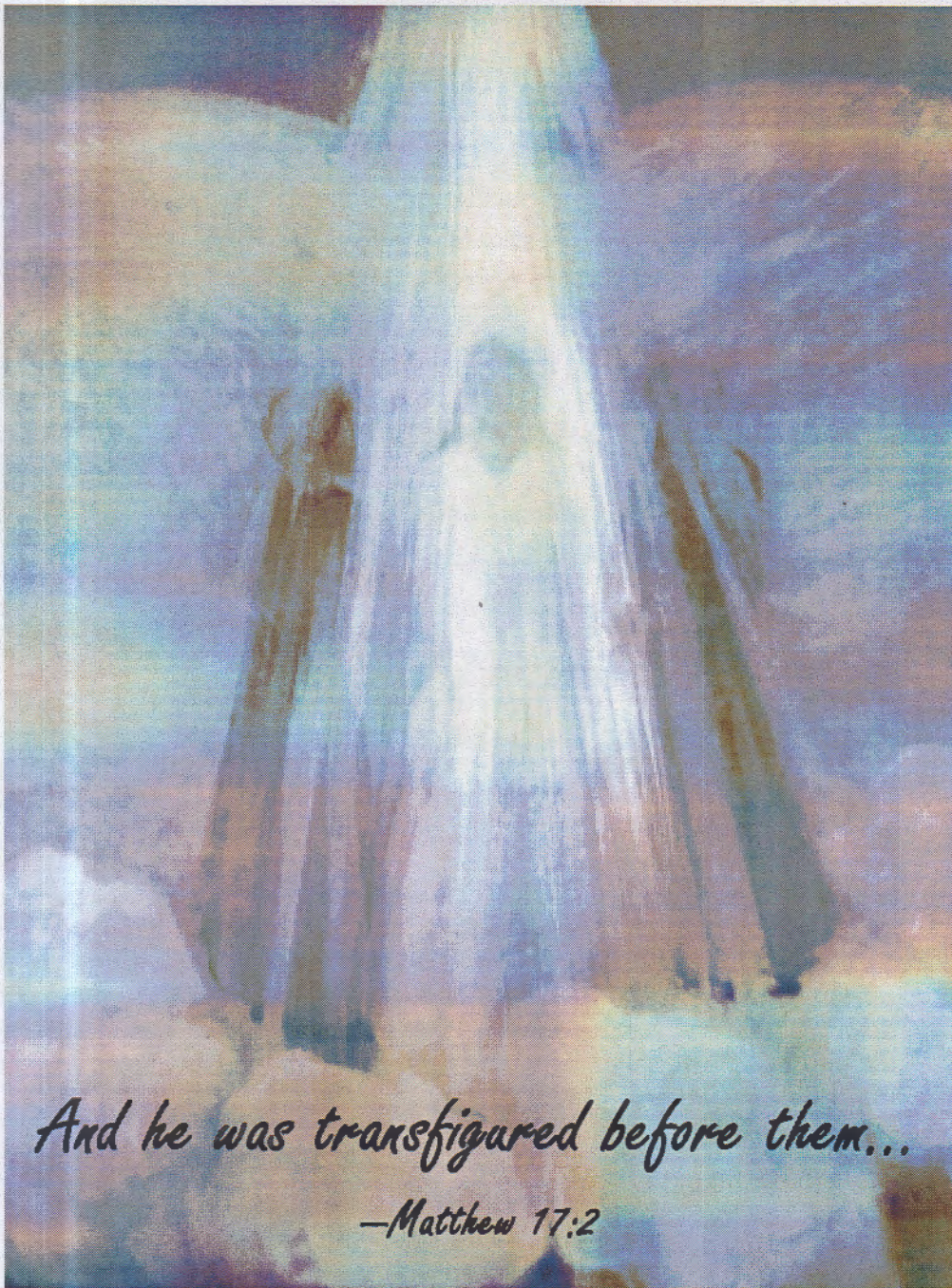
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And he was transfigured before them...

—Matthew 17:2

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February 23, 2020

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

"The Wonderful Cross"

see insert

"How Great is Our God"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy and Mighty One, we are assembled in this sanctuary, this holy place, to meet together with you away from the distractions of the world. We know you are a lover of justice. We have come to receive instruction in holiness, righteousness, compassion, and peace. Come and restore our insight to see the least among us, those whose rights have been trampled upon. Let the anointing oil of your Spirit open our ears to the sounds of weeping and the anguished cries for justice. Anoint us as your priests to those who live on the margins – the outcasts, the lonely, the ignored. Endow us with contagious joy that uplifts the downtrodden and inspires hope in you. Increase in us the faith and courage of the prophets, the love of Jesus, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. In your majestic 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.

Many: 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:

Exodus 24:12-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Ancient Words" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON

From a Star to Dazzling Light

* HYMN

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

#245

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

#493

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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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: The time has come to depart this holy place. Be not afraid. The Spirit of the Living God goes ahead of you, with you, guiding you. May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look kindly upon you and give you peace.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

#99

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Vision"

Rheinberger

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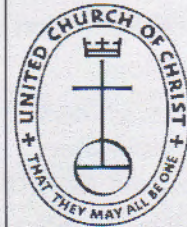
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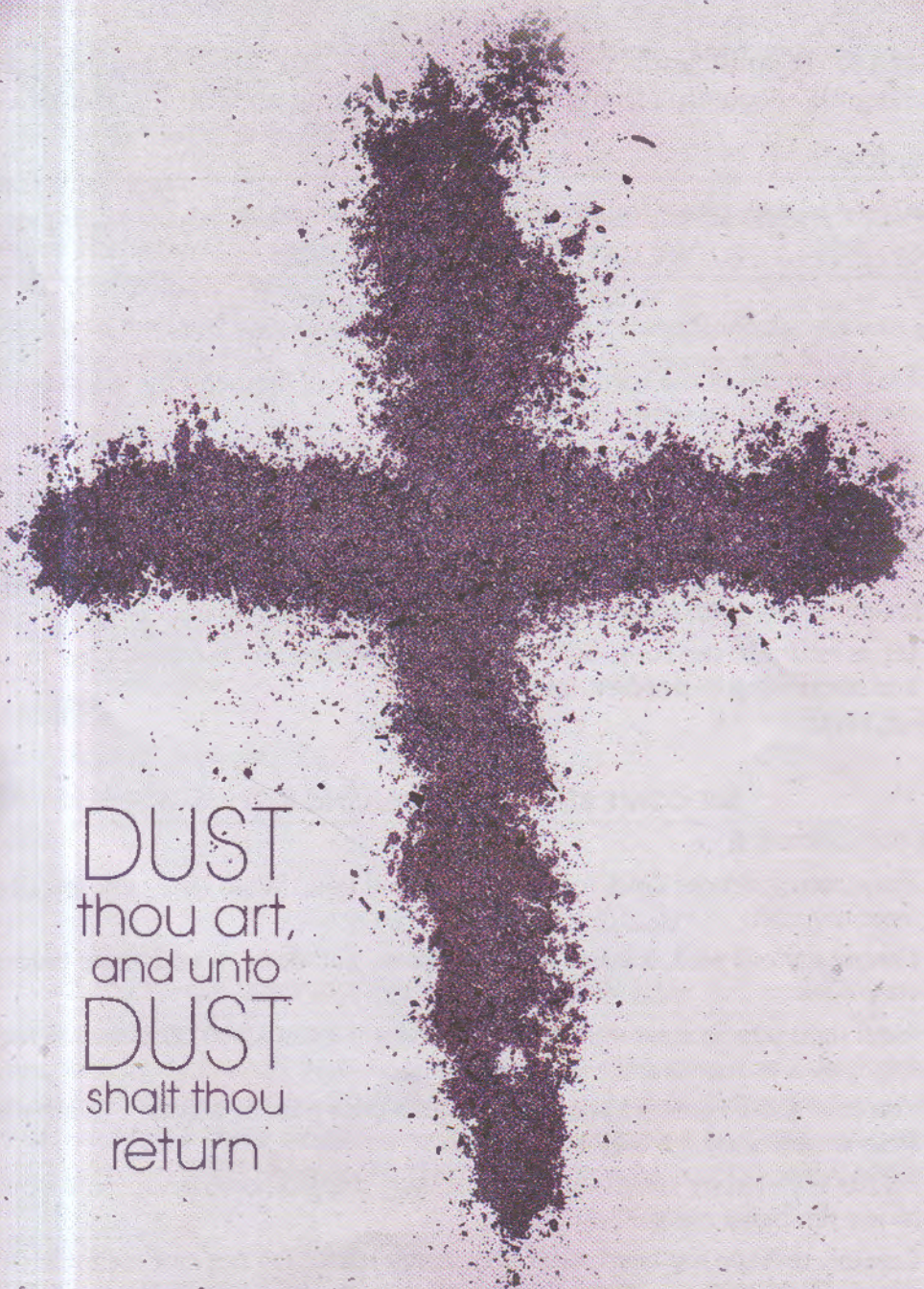
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DUST
thou art,
and unto
DUST
shalt thou
return

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February 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday

7:30 pm

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

Bach

GREETING

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

Many: And also with you

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* LITANY OF JOURNEYING TO THE CROSS

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

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

* GATHERING HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

#422

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Many: Help me, stop my tears, and I will sing your goodness. Lord, give me words and I will shout your praise.

(moment of silent reflection)

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Turn toward 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

MESSAGE

* HYMN

"Change My Heart, O God"

#373

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

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Musical Reflection

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

arr. Johnson

* Doxology

We exalt thee,

We exalt thee,

We exalt thee, O Lord.

#47

* 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 you, and by our lives may your love overflow to others. In Christ we pray. Amen.

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

* PARTING HYMN

"The Old Rugged Cross"

#260

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"O Savior Blest"

Bach

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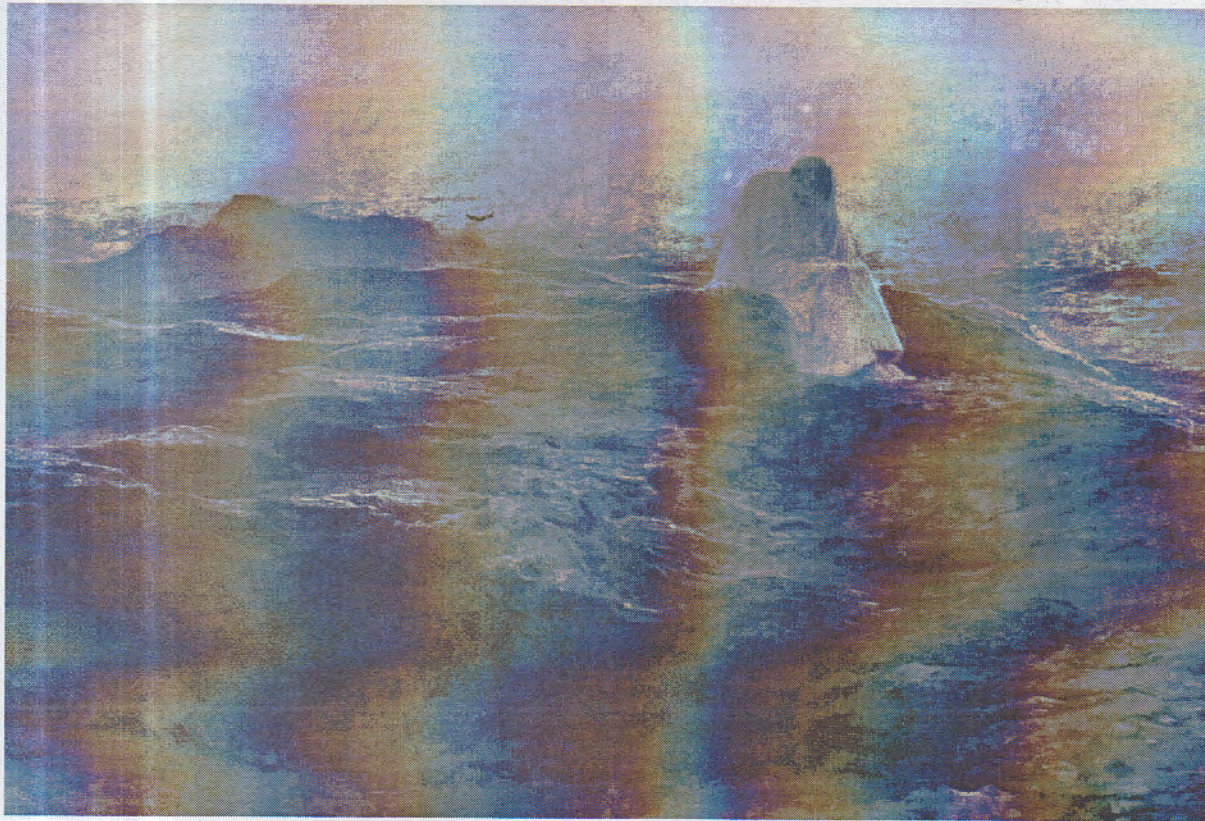


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March 1, 2020

First Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

OPENING SENTENCE

One: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

Many: The Word of the Lord is our daily bread.

One: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

Many: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

One: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

Many: We worship the Lord our God alone.

* TIME OF PRAISE

"Lord, I Need You"

see insert

"Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care, relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray; cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Return to the Lord our God. Who is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.

Many: Thanks be to God.

* 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:

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Jesus Full of Grace" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

The Screwtape Letters

* HYMN

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

#252

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"You Are My Hiding Place"

Ledner

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

Many: We'll create more beauty.

One: Resist temptations that lead to isolation:

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

One: Resist temptations based on false promises:

Many: We'll rest in the hope of God.

One: Love creation:

Many: We'll rejoice in its balance and harmonies!

One: And in all these things, let the Spirit of Christ fill and inspire all your deeds as you seek to be a faithful part of Christ's reconciling ministry. Let the people of God say:

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

#422

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"O Savior Blest"

Bach

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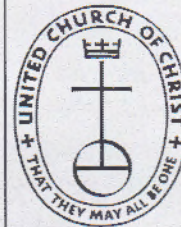
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* March 8, 2020 Second Sunday in Lent 10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

OPENING SENTENCE

* TIME OF PRAISE

"You Never Let Go"

see insert

"Give Me Jesus"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God our Creator, your kindness has given us a new morning, for you are the One who is able to make all things new. We are thankful for the gift of each day being an opportunity to do better, to be better. Help us to leave yesterday, not be anxious about tomorrow, and appreciate the unique gift of today. Open us to the movement of your Holy Spirit that we may desire to bring new order, new possibility, and new hope in this land, and new life in the depths of our being. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Return to the Lord our God, who is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.

Many: Thanks be to God.

* 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:

Genesis 12:1-4a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"For God So Loved the World" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:38, John 11:1-3, John 12:1-12

SERMON

Friends

* HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#473

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

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

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: As we leave this place, but not the presence of God, may the Lord take us not away from danger,

Many: But give us the courage to face it.

One: Take us not away from difficulty,

Many: But give us strong hearts to bear it.

One: Take us not away from evil,

Many: But give us the power to overcome it.

One: Go now in peace and may the love of God surround you, the peace of God dwell in you, and the justice of God compel you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Lead Me to Calvary"

#253

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude in G"

Couperin

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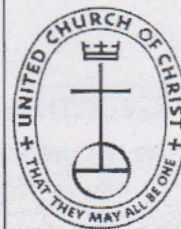
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March 15, 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

OPENING SENTENCE

* TIME OF PRAISE

"O Come to the Altar"

see insert

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of grace and truth, we come to your house today to worship you. We bring all of ourselves to you, all of the good, the bad, and the ugly. We entrust our hidden, fearful, and fragile selves to your transforming power and gentle, loving care. Remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. Show us what it means to love and direct us in the way of peace, we pray. Send your Spirit to break into our lives and into this troubled world. We offer this prayer in the name of the One whose name is above every name, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Return to the Lord our God, who is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.

Many: Thanks be to God.

* 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:		Exodus 17:1-7
One: The Word of the Lord		
Many: Thanks be to God		
SECOND READING		Romans 5:1-11
One: The Word of the Lord		
Many: Thanks be to God		
MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>"Who Can Satisfy My Soul Like You"</i>	The Choir
GOSPEL LESSON		Luke 7:36-47
SERMON	Hospitality	
* HYMN	<i>"Amazing Love"</i>	#259

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 #474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection *"Oh How He Loves You and Me"* Kaiser

* 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: Restored and refreshed by the hospitality of the Lord, go forth into the world as witness of God and ambassadors of Christ's reconciliation. And may the grace of God, the peace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

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

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude in C"

Bach

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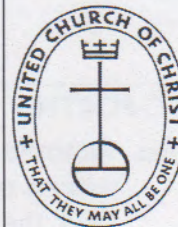
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I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,

—Psalm 89:1a



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June 28, 2020

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

"Our God is Greater"
"You're Worthy of My Praise"

see insert
#648

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy One, who calls us into community, and invites us to welcome your prophets and messengers, let us experience your welcome to us as we are gathered in various places but joined in this moment. God of all, you call us to honor your image in all whom we meet. Help us not to ration your welcome to a very few. God of abundance, help us to trust in your goodness to provide all we need when we are tempted to grasp and hoard and not share. God of hope, when we stop short of your vision of your world of mercy and justice for all, help us to imagine a future where all find a place at the table, a safe and joyful welcome. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Genesis 22:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"How Great is Our God" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10:40-42

SERMON

What is your song?

* 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

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"God Hath Provided a Lamb"

Almond

* 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 sing your song about the Good News of God's love. And may the power of God, the peace of Christ and the joy of the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"All Are Welcome"

see insert

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POSTLUDE

"The God of Abraham Praise"

arr. Innes

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Come to me,
all you that
are weary
and are
carrying
heavy
burdens,
and I will
give you
rest.

--Matthew 11:28



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July 5, 2020

5th 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

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy God, we praise you for breathing the breath of life into us and making us part of the family of Christ. As your family you call us to follow in your ways and live out justice and mercy. You know the many ways we don't listen to your call to us. When we get worn out by trying to do things our way instead of yours, you still call us to come to you that we might find rest for our weary souls. Loving God who carries our burdens, come to us in this hour. Immerse us in the beauty of life with you. Enliven our community with the intensity of your love and embolden us with the urgency of your justice in the name of the Jesus, our beloved. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 7:15-25a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SERMON

The Come to Jesus Talk

* HYMN

"Come Away from Rush and Hurry"

#655

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection

"Fugue on America"

Thayer

* 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: Go forth to live into Jesus' command: "Come to me!" that we may follow him
into a rest that bears fruit in justice, love and peace for each of us, and all of us.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"America the Beautiful"

#727

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Fantasia on America the Beautiful"

Koury

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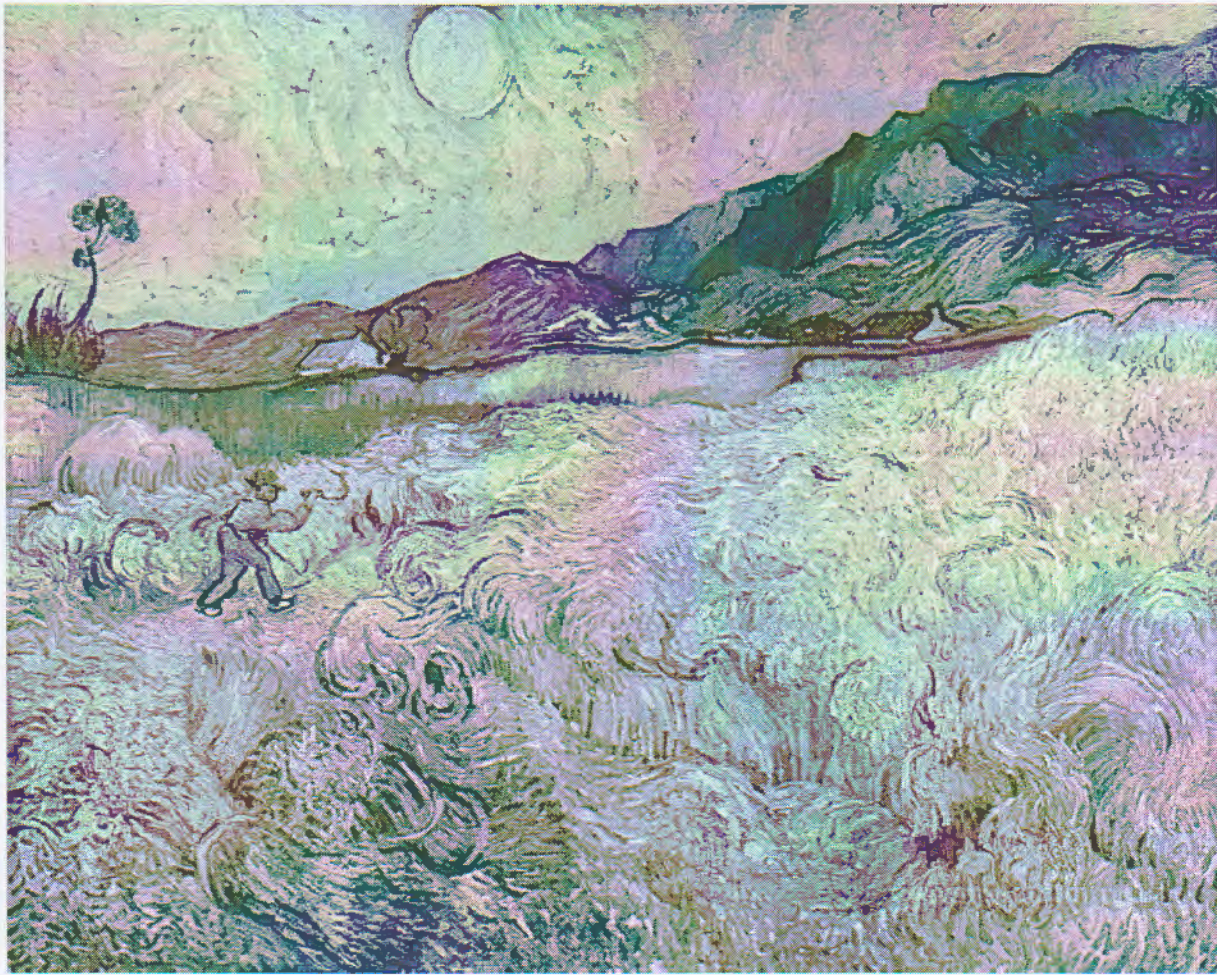
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A farmer went out to sow his seed

--Matthew 13:3



Wheat Field with a Reaper by Vincent Van Gogh (1889)
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July 12, 2020

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

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

#344

"Build My Life"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Loving God, you created life in us and all around us. All good gifts are from you. Help us not be distracted by the lure of wealth or the cares of the world. Open us to receive the gift of your word today. May we nurture it so that it grows roots within us. Let us be good soil, receiving your word, understanding it, and acting upon it that we may be not just hearers of the word, but doers also. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Genesis 25:19-34

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON
* HYMN

The Heart of a Sower
"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

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection

"Prayer"

Boelleman

* 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 tend the seed of the Word that has landed upon you. And may the joy of God, the peace of Christ and the energy of the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"The Trees of the Field"

#710

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POSTLUDE

"Festival Toccata"

Fletcher

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So when the plants came up and bore grain,
then the weeds appeared as well.

--Matthew 13:26

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July ¹⁹ 12, 2020

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

"Refiner's Fire"

#374

"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: We come, Amazing God, to pray and praise and offer ourselves to you. You know us completely and love us unconditionally. You know where we strive to be fruitful, and where we fall short. You know when we sleep and wrongdoing creeps into our lives and threatens to overwhelm the good we do. Keep us awake so that we can produce the lives you call us to live; lives that transforms the unjust systems around us, lives that are vigilant to our own errors. Help us to know you better; to see your presence in our lives more clearly. Fill our worship with your Spirit as we celebrate your blessings. In your Holy Name we pray.
Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Genesis 28:10-19a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

 WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

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Musical Reflection

"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

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, knowing that God's spirit is always with you.

Many: **Wherever we go, God is there!**

One: In all places, may you know that God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, holds you fast.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#68

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

Swan

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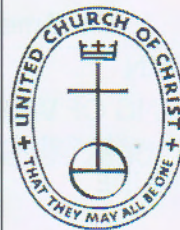
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The king had John
beheaded. When Jesus
heard this, he withdrew
from there in a boat to a
desolated place by
himself.

--Matthew 14:10, 13



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August 2, 2020

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**

"Blessed Be Your Name"

see insert

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

#699

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*** GATHERING PRAYER**

All: God, you see us. You see our struggles, you see our difficulties. You see our possibilities, you see our promise. You see that our entire heart is not always yours; that our love of neighbor falls short. There are things within and around us; things that we think, things that we do, that separate us from you. But you are a good God, always ready to bless. Call to us in our wandering we pray, so we may hear you say our names. Lead us on your path of righteousness and satisfy our longings as with loaves and fish and manna from heaven. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Genesis 32:22-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

 WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

arr. Johnson

* 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: The God who gives, gives all. The God who loves, loves all. The God who forgives, forgives all. So go to hold, nourish and uplift this world. And may God's peace keep you, may Christ's love enfold you, and may the Spirit's inspiration lead you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"When Peace Like a River"

#428

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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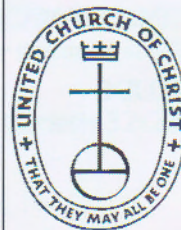
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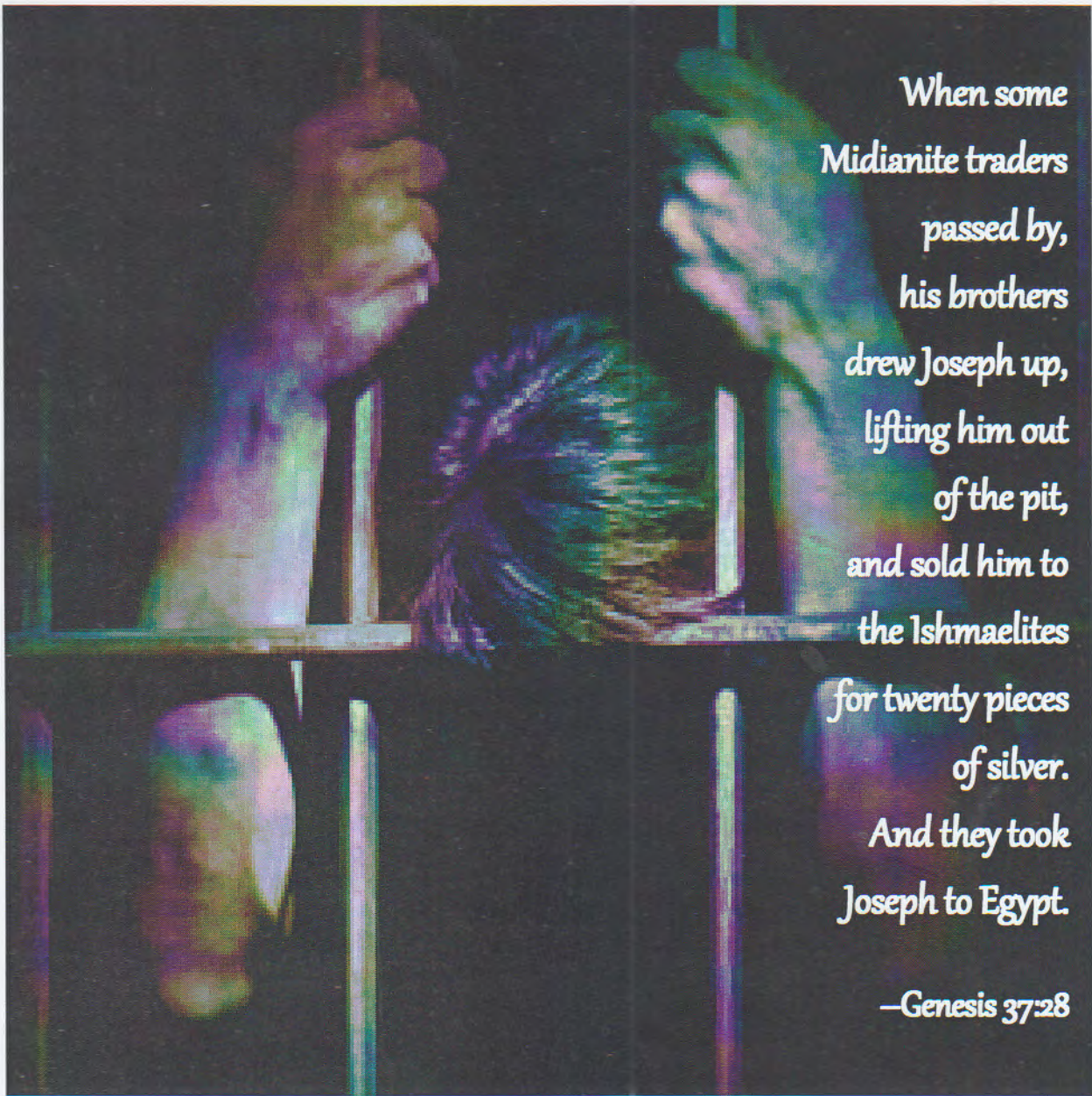
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When some
Midianite traders
passed by,
his brothers
drew Joseph up,
lifting him out
of the pit,
and sold him to
the Ishmaelites
for twenty pieces
of silver.
And they took
Joseph to Egypt.

—Genesis 37:28

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August 9, 2020

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

"10,000 Reasons"

see insert

"Do It Again"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of Presence, as you walked upon the water to meet the disciples, meet us here as we worship you. Guide us through troubled times with care and with the confidence that you are present with us and will see us through to the other side. God of Renewal, lift us, as you lifted Peter from the water, that we may go from despair to hope, from distraction to focus, and from death to life. Direct us in your way, work out your purpose in and through our lives, that we may bear one another's burdens and share in one another's celebrations. Remind us always to pray, to care, and to reach out to each other, so that we might travel through the times of doubts and challenges with hope leading us forward. In the name of Christ, the Light of the World that guides us, we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON

When All Seems Lost

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

#429

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

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

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Musical Reflection

*** Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.**** Prayer of Dedication****GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD***** SENDING FORTH**

One: You have been raised with Christ. So do the work of Christ in the world: extend a hand to those in need, speak up for those others would cast aside and build bridges of reconciliation. And may the God who created you, the Christ who redeems you and the Spirit who empowers you, be with you this day and ever more.

All: Amen.

*** HYMN***"Abide With Me"*

#521

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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**How very good and pleasant it is when
kindred live together in unity!**

--Psalm 133:1

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August 16, 2020

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

"I See the Lord"

see insert

"Revelation Song"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Maker of Our Days, we have gathered here to worship you. You have created each of us unique beings with differing strengths and weaknesses. Help us to not only use our strengths to assist others but also to allow others to use their strengths to meet our weaknesses. Help us to trust in your love so we might let our facades of self-sufficiency fall away, and be drawn into right relationship with you and one another. In this hour fill us with your presence, invigorate our worship, set us on fire so that others might be drawn into your light and nurtured by the warmth of your loving care. In Christ we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Genesis 45:1-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

 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

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

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: We have been reconciled with Christ. So let us do the work of Christ in the world. And may the Maker of Our Days, the Restorer of Our Souls and the Breath of Our Lives be with us this day and ever more.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

#356

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

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*But the women
feared God; they
did not do as
Pharoah
commanded
them...*

--Exodus 1:17



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United Evangelical United Church of Christ

OUR MISSION

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Becoming living examples. Bonding all with the love of God

August 23, 2020

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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**

"Awesome God"

see insert

"Your Love O Lord"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*** GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Almighty God, meet us here today and help us to remember that you are alive in us. Renew and restore us, when the challenges of the world seem insurmountable. When we feel downtrodden, when we are struggling, remind us that you have walked this path and walk it with us now. Call us away from the worldly ways of looking after ourselves and our loved ones, to your ways of seeing all of your people as our kin, all of creation as our home, that all may live in your justice, peace and mercy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Exodus 1:8-2:10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:13-20

 WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

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Musical Reflection

* Doxology

#47

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

* Prayer of Dedication

 GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go out as God's people, to share the Good News. Do God's work in the world. Serve wherever you have the chance. Proclaim peace to all. And may the God of transformation, the Savior of souls and the Spirit of power be with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Trust and Obey"

#443

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

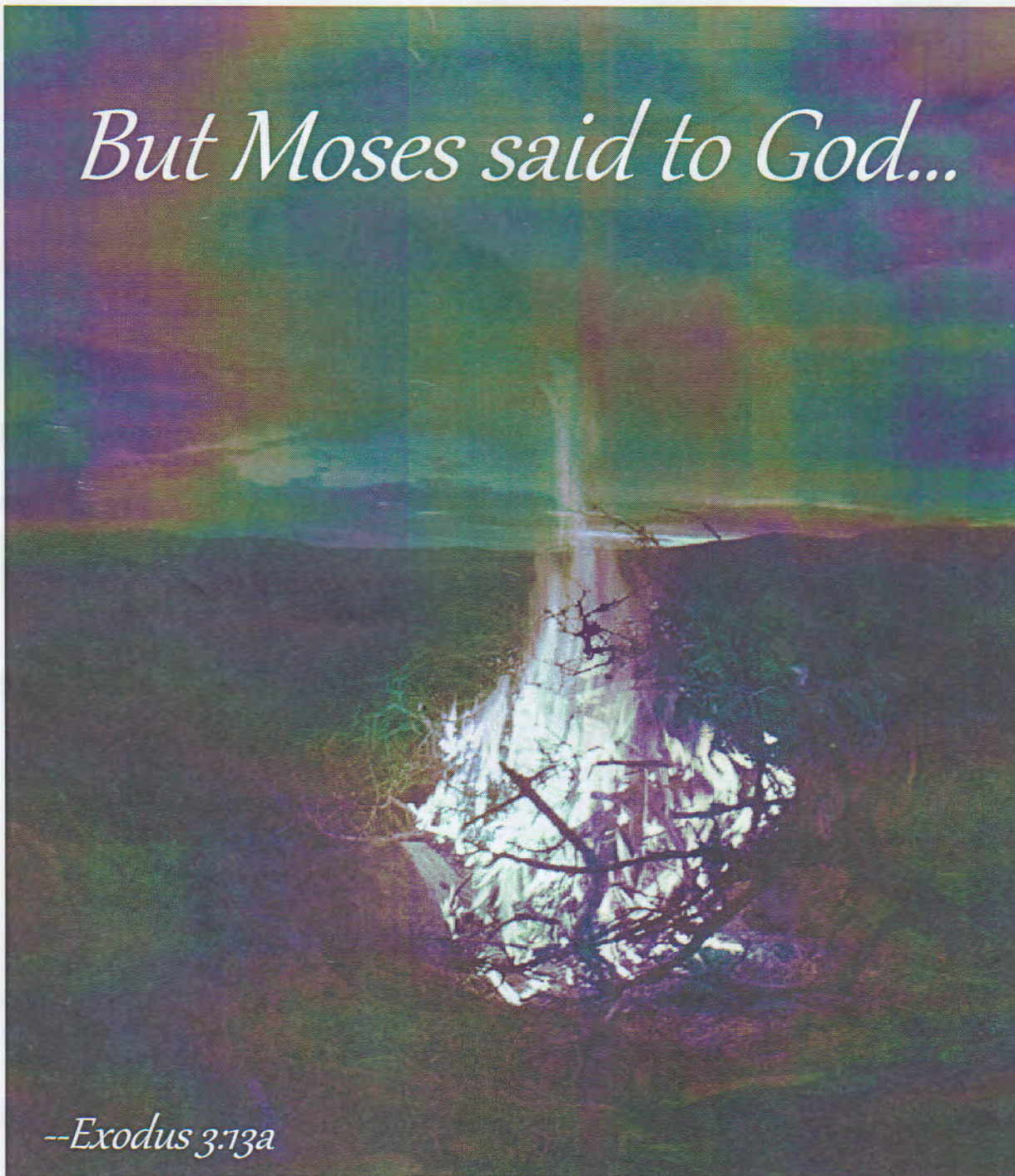
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But Moses said to God...



--Exodus 3:13a

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OUR MISSION

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August 30, 2020

Thirteenth 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

"Holy is the Lord, God Almighty"

see insert

"Take Up Your Cross"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God, you are made known to us in the rustling wind that blows, in the blazing fire that does not consume, in the face of the good, and in the deep of the unknown. We meet you here and welcome your inspiration. We await the change you have in store for us. Draw us into you. Inhabit our spirits. Focus our attention. Help us to be as you would have us be so that our love will be genuine, that we will resist the evil we see, and we will consistently seek to serve you. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Exodus 3:1-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:21-28

 WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

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: Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. And may the blessing of Almighty God: Creator, Word and Spirit, be with us now and always.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

#559

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This day shall be a day of
remembrance for you.

--Exodus 12:14a

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September 6, 2020

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

"Power of Your Love"

#467

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*** GATHERING PRAYER**

All: As we gather here in your name, O Christ, you are already among us. Gracious One, too often we take you for granted. Keep us open to your presence in us and around us that we may grow closer to you. Help us to trust in you, when things are falling apart in our world wracked by violence. Help us to seek you, and to turn our focus away from ourselves and to see how we can be a difference in the world. Guide us in your ways of love, justice and mercy, so that we might live the life you have set before us. Make us ready to go where you lead us. In the name of Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Exodus 12:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

 WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

arr. Johnson

* 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: Let us go forth into the world to meet all creation with hope and justice. And may the grace of God, the love of Christ and the joy of the Spirit go with us.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Now Let Us From This Table Rise"

#715

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"


Swan

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Love,
Forgive,
Practice Peace

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September 13, 2020

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

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" (verses 1 & 2)

#111

"This is My Father's World" (verses 1 & 2)

#21

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God of Compassion and Patience, draw near to us. Fill us with confidence in your good news: that you love us as parents love their children; that your mercy is boundless and generous, that you beckon us always and will wait forever as we find our way back to you. Open our hearts to receive your compassion; and then show us how to forgive, so that we may be vessels of resurrection hope in our troubled world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Exodus 14:19-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON

The Disciple's To-Do List

* HYMN

"Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me" (verses 1 & 5)

#401

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

#474

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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: Let us go forth to forgive as we have been forgiven; to do justice, to love mercy, to walk confidently, and humbly, with God. And may the blessing of God, the friendship of Christ and the strength of the Holy Spirit go with us.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"I Then Shall Live" (verses 1 & 2)

#372

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Tuba Tune in D major, Op. 15"

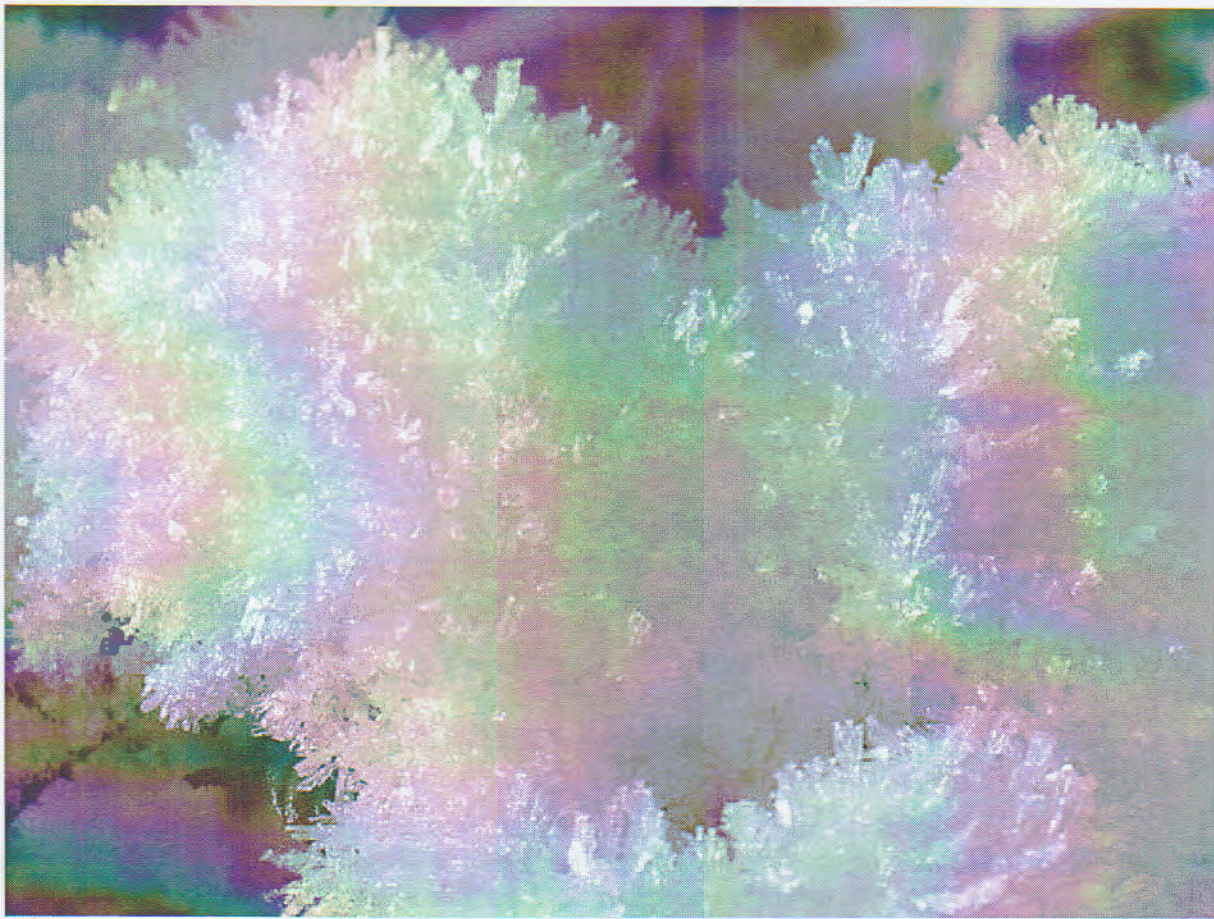
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When the Israelites saw it,
they said to one another, "What is it?"
For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them,
"It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

—Exodus 16:15

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September 20, 2020

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

"Indescribable"

see insert

"Blessed Be Your Name"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Fresh as each morning, O Bread of Heaven, you come to us. Your grace rests gently upon us, waiting to become the bread of life we share throughout the day. As we gather to worship you open our hearts, that we might be filled with your love and compassion so that instead of grumblers, we may be ambassadors of grace, carrying compassion to the hurting. Guide our minds to focus on you so that instead of worrying we may be workers with Jesus Christ, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet. In Christ we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Exodus 16:2-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Enough" The Choir

 WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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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: Let us go to continue in our work; living in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. And may the God of surprises, the Christ of strength and the Spirit of joy go with us.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

#458

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

Lemmens

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*...at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and
every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.*

--Philippians 2:10-11

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September 27, 2020

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

"Holy is the Lord"

see insert

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Dear God, you are our Encourager. You bless us with your compassion and mercy. In this hour of worship disrupt us. Let us hear your voice calling us out of slumber and complacency, into the consciousness of your presence. Change us, move us, mold us for the better. Show us how to be humble servants. May our love for you guide our relationships and all we do. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Exodus 17:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Glory to God Forever" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:23-32

 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

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"At the Name of Jesus"

Berry

* 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 watch and listen for the wonders of our God. And may the goodness of God, the humility of Christ and the guidance of the Spirit go with us.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"At the Name of Jesus"

#321

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

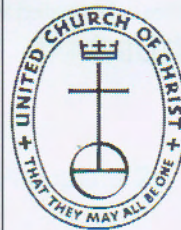
"Trumpet Voluntary"

Stanley

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

"That They May All Be One"



THEN GOD SPOKE ALL THESE WORDS...

Exodus 20:1

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October 4, 2020

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

"Thy Word"

#664

"Ancient Words"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy and Gracious God, on this World Communion Sunday, we gather for worship with all your people throughout creation. In this time help us to be open to your presence that we might receive you fully and respond to you wholeheartedly. Help us to think differently, to love deeply, and to live in peace with one another, seeing those in need as sister and brother. May we be a people of justice and hope that challenge the ways of this world. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"In Remembrance of Me" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46

SERMON

Feasting on the Word

* HYMN

"One Body, One Bread"

#689

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

arr. Johnson

* Doxology

#47

We exalt thee,

We exalt thee,

We exalt thee, O Lord.

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

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GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Let us go to be love and compassion to all, serving our sisters and brothers wherever they are. And may the blessings of God, the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, go with us into the world.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

#665

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"

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The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once!
Your people, whom you brought up out of
the land of Egypt, have acted perversely;
they have been quick to turn aside from the
way that I commanded them;

--Exodus 32:7-8a

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October 11, 2020

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

"O Come to the Altar"

see insert

"Refiner's Fire"

#374

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Living God, we gather this morning at the mountain of your holiness to celebrate who you are to us. We know that you pour blessings upon us even when we choose to go our own way. We know that when we go astray, you will always welcome us home. Let today be a day of transformation for us, O God. Let us be aware of all the ways we are distant from you and those around us. And teach us instead to stand in the gap between you and your children so your healing and wholeness may pour out on all. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Exodus 32:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Come to the Table" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON

The Golden Calf

* HYMN

"Softly and Tenderly"

#348

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

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

arr. Johnson

* Doxology

#47

We exalt thee,

We exalt thee,

We exalt thee, O Lord.

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth, strengthened to do the work of Christ, rejoicing in the Lord. Let your gentleness be known to everyone; not worrying about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

#63

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Toccatà in C"

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*And Moses said to God,
"If your presence will not go,
do not carry us up from here."*

--Exodus 33:15

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October 18, 2020

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

"I See the Lord"

see insert

"Holy Ground"

#654

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of forever and right now, we gather seeking to know your grace and to see your glory. By your Spirit open our ears to hear your Word to us in scripture, in sermon, and in song. Open our eyes to see your Word to us in children's faces, in troubling statistics, and in our action together. Open our hearts to feel your Word to us in the warmth of love, in the ache of sadness, and in the energy of commitment. Allow us to grow into your ways and find favor in your sight. Strengthen our desire for justice for all your people, and strengthen our wills to advocate and organize, so that all children may grow up safe, and thrive in community. In Jesus' Holy Name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Exodus 33:12-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 22:15:22

SERMON

To the Glory of God

*** HYMN***"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

#476

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

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH**Call for the Offering****Musical Reflection***"More Precious than Silver"*

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*** 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 reveal the glory of God that is within you. And may the fierceness of God, the boldness of Christ and the gentleness of the Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

*** HYMN***"Rock of Ages"*

#384

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE*"Festival Toccata"*

Fletcher

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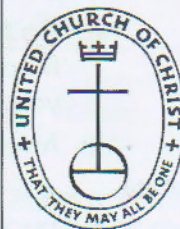
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Jesus said to him,
“You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and
with all your soul, and
with all your mind.’

--Matthew 22:37

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October 25, 2020

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

"Our God is Greater"

see insert

"Grace Alone"

#436

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of All Seasons, we come to you in this turning of the season, experiencing your beauty in creation all around us. Remind us that we, too, are works in progress, changing and turning into a new creation. You know our hearts and you see our ways. Help us to be shaped into the people you have called us to be. Guide us that we may learn and grow, so that we may see a new point of view, experience a new way of living, and know that only your love is steadfast and unchanging in our turning world. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"To Know You More" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:34-46

SERMON

Re-form-ation

* HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

#84

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

LITANY FOR SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

Doane

* Doxology

#47

We exalt thee,

We exalt thee,

We exalt thee, O Lord.

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Now go forth, to love God with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your soul:

Many: **We go to love with passion, with prayer, and with intelligence;**

One: Go to love your neighbor:

Many: **We go to love with forgiveness, with service, and with compassion;**

One: And go to love yourself:

Many: **We go to live immersed in the grace of God.**

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

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

#507

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Ein' Feste Burg"

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The Lord said to Joshua,
“This day I will begin to exalt you
in the sight of all Israel,
so that they may know that
I will be with you as I was with Moses.

–Joshua 3:7

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November 1, 2020

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**

"You Never Let Go"

see insert

"Give Me Jesus"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*** GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Holy One, you have created us and called us into community. Open your words of life for us today as we gather to hear your Gospel, and sing your praises. Impart to us your wisdom and courage that we may be leaders in this confusing time. Show us the way to justice and peace that we may follow you joyfully into the future you hope for our world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Joshua 3:7-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Hallelujah to the Lamb" The Choir

 WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power"

LaFeillé

* Doxology

#47

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

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

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

 GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Filled with gratitude for the Word of God we have received, let us go into the world to witness to the reign of Christ; letting the Gospel of Christ work through us to bless the world. And may the Strength of God, the hope of Christ and the courage of the Holy Spirit go with us.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

#728

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"For All the Saints"

arr. White

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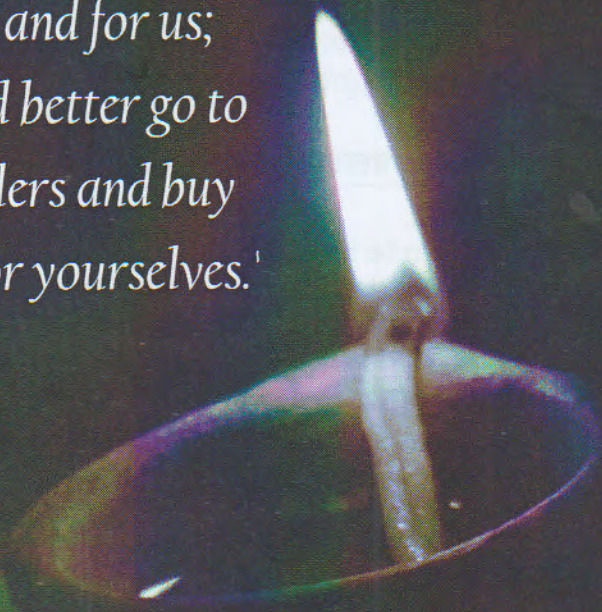
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The foolish bridesmaids said to the wise bridesmaids, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

But the wise bridesmaids replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'



--Matthew 25:8-9

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November 8, 2020

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

"I Will Follow"

see insert

"I Give You My Heart"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy God, we delight to be here, together in worship, in your presence. We know that our praise, our worship, our singing, must be accompanied by the work of justice in our community. You sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to dwell in our midst and lead us to abundant life. Keep us alert to the call to follow, ready to respond with justice and joy, that our lives and work may bless our world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"This Kingdom" The Choir

 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

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

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: Keep your lamps filled and your hearts open, ready for the call of God. And may the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

#405

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"The Rejoicing"

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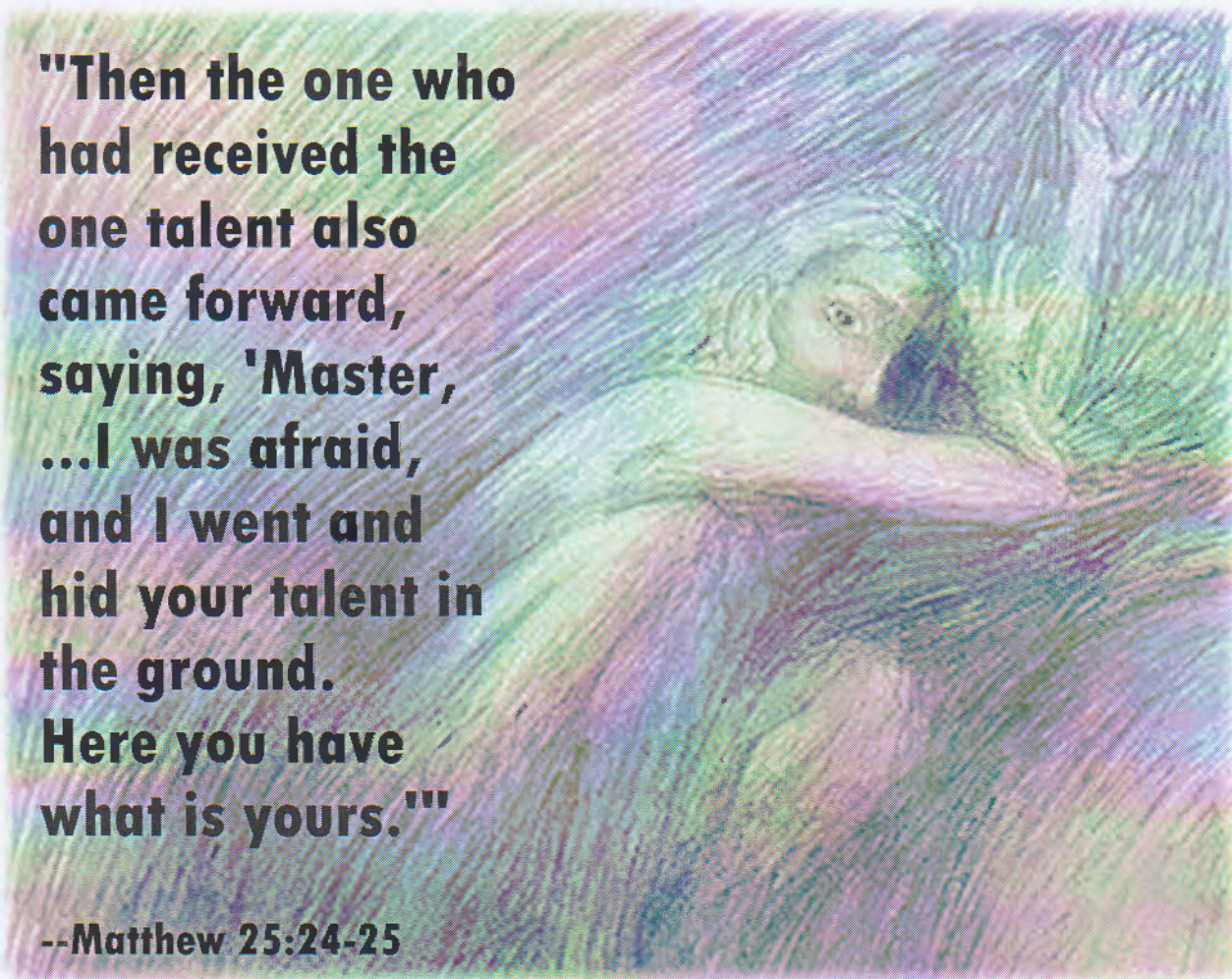
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"Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, ...I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'"

--Matthew 25:24-25

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November 15, 2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

OPENING SENTENCE

*** TIME OF PRAISE**

"Holy is the Lord"

see insert

"Your Love O Lord"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*** GATHERING PRAYER**

All: O God of Life, your richness greets us here and surrounds us. You fill our emptiness; you hold us in our weakness. You bless us and challenge us to grow. You call us to seek right-living, justice and mercy so that others may live in fullness, that the marginalized and the oppressed may be lifted up, and that all may know your love. Let this time together inspire us so we might turn our lives back to your ways. Guide us into the ways of peace so that all might thrive and love prevail. In the name of Christ, our companion, our friend, and our Savior, we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Judges 4:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"The Highest and the Greatest" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON

Fear

* HYMN

"Find Us Faithful"

#497

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes"

Schreiner

* Doxology

#47

We exalt thee,

We exalt thee,

We exalt thee, O Lord.

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go now as children of the light: ready to serve, eager to give, delighted to love.
And may God bless and keep you, may Christ lead and teach you, and may the Spirit mold and inspire you now and forever.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

#466

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

Swan

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All the nations
will be gathered before him,
and he will separate people
one from another as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats,

--Matthew 25:32

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November 22, 2020

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**

"I Can Only Imagine"
"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

see insert
#72

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*** GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Gracious God, we worship you with gladness for you are good; your love is steadfast and your faithfulness endures forever. We long to know you better. Open us to recognize your presence, to receive you fully, and to be ready to follow your leading. Help us to not overlook the needs of people around us while we proclaim our devotion to you. Show us where we can do more to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger and heal those broken by this world. Open our eyes to see your presence in every person, and to respond to their needs so that we may be rightly called by your name. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Well Done" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON

We Gather Together

* HYMN

"On Eagle's Wings"

#438

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

TOTENFEST LITANY PRAYER

see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Meditation on Eagle's Wings"

Smith

* Doxology

#47

We exalt thee,

We exalt thee,

We exalt thee, O Lord.

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, that you may know the hope to which God has called you. And may the blessings of God, the love of Christ and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit go with you this day and always.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"For All the Saints"

#529

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Sine Nomine"

White

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Hope

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OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.
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November 29, 2020

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: O Holy One, we light this first candle, a candle of grief, in the midst of the stories of the last year. Let it burn through these weeks as a beacon to become the light of Hope. Let it guide us to your presence in our midst, leading us to your Justice and Joy in the service of Peace.

Many: God be with us in this Light of Hope.

The candle of Hope is lit.

*** TIME OF PRAISE**

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

#154

"Here I Am to Worship"

see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*** GATHERING PRAYER**

All: O Holy One, we enter into this season of Advent expectant of your coming. We know that this has been a year to wake up—to read the "signs of the times"; to wake up to painful truths, and to ponder the changes needed for a just world for all. Come into our midst today in whatever way you choose—bring clarity in confusion, a green shoot in a barren landscape, a song arising in a weary soul. Come. Shake us up. Help us find you at work in our lives, and encourage us in the face of brutal realities all around us. Empower us to do justice, to love mercy, and walk humbly with you; following you on the way to make all things new. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 64:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13:24-37

SERMON

Let's Start Over...Again

* HYMN

"All Earth is Hopeful"

#163

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

#474

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"We Shall Behold Him"

Rambo

* Doxology

Greensleeves

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go into the world refreshed in hope; awake, alert, and attuned to God's presence. And may the God of hope, the Christ of new beginnings and the Spirit of power join you in your work of blessing all.

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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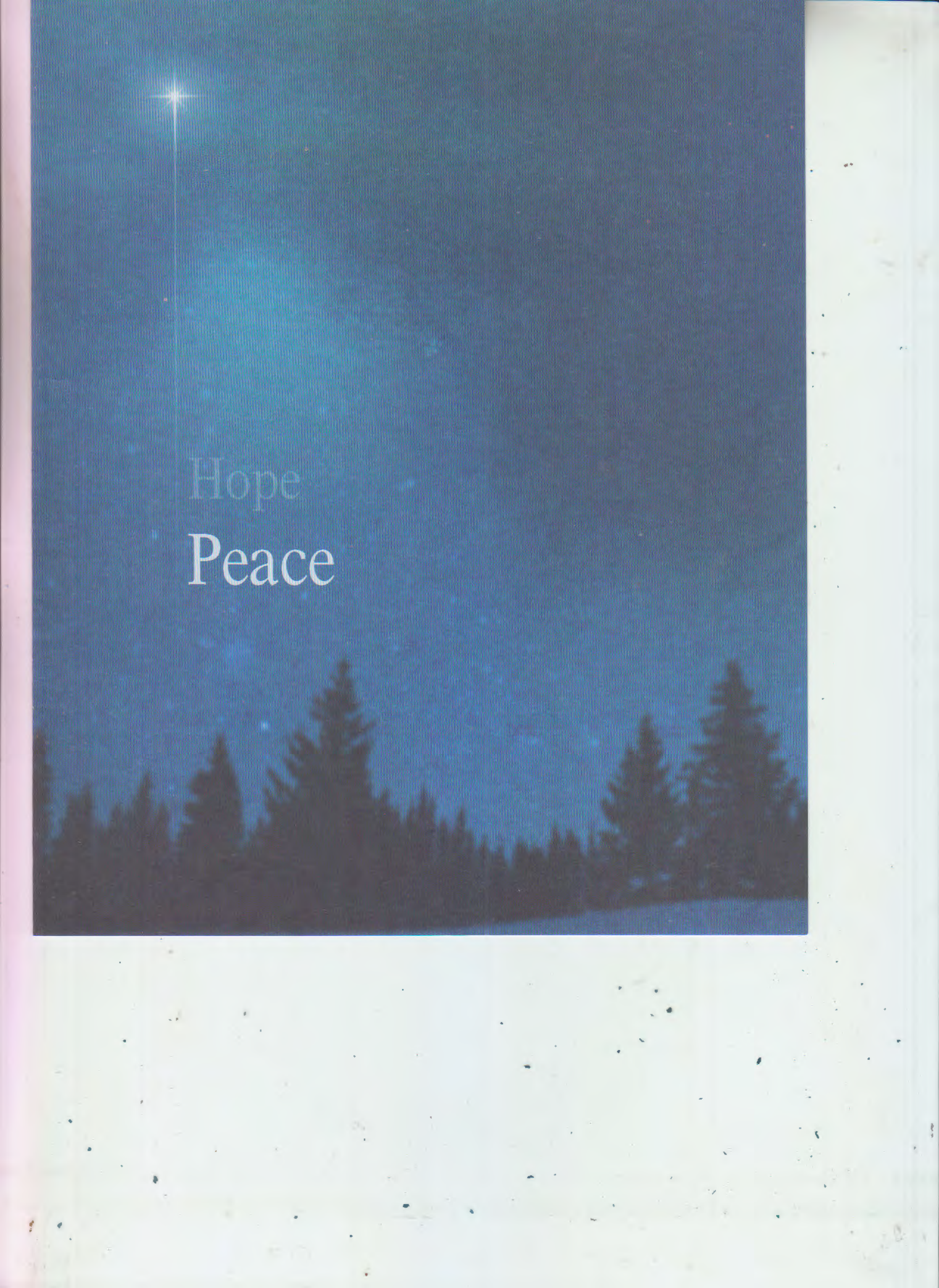
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Hope
Peace

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December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of 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.

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The candle of Hope is relit.

One: O Holy One, we light this second candle, a candle offering comfort to weary spirits after a year of pain and loss. Let its glow remind us of your tender care, and warm our lives in the Light of Peace. Let it guide us to your presence in our midst, leading us to your Justice and Joy in the service of Love.

All: **God be with us in this Light of Peace.**

The candle of Peace is lit.

OPENING SENTENCE

* TIME OF PRAISE

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

#181

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#180

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O Holy One, you are a Tender Shepherd, an Architect of the Way, offering hope to all who go looking for you deep in their lives. Help us to bring words of encouragement and comfort to anxious and weary hearts. Aid us as we work toward the kingdom of the One who is to Come, where righteousness is at home. Surprise us here with kindness, challenge, vision—whatever we may need in this moment to recognize you and follow you into the future. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Beloved. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 40:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Every Valley" The Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:1-8

SERMON

Flesh

*** HYMN**

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

#232

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Comfort Ye My People"

Handel

*** Doxology**

Greensleeves

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*** Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*** SENDING FORTH**

One: Go forth into the world energized to seek signs of God's future everywhere. Listen to the unruly, unkempt, and persistent voices of Prophets in our midst, who call us to prepare the way in our lives and our world for the Holy One who is coming! And may the comfort of God, the challenge of Christ and the fire of the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

*** HYMN**

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

#156

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POSTLUDE

"Now Comes the Savior of the World"

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Light of the World



*Unto you
is born this day...
a Saviour,
which is
Christ the Lord.*

— * —
LUKE 2:11

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OUR MISSION

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December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve

7:30 pm

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

*** LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

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

One: O Holy One in our midst! As we light your candle and open the Christmas season, we center ourselves in attention. We extend our arms to the heavens, reaching out toward your light in the darkness. May we open our lives to you and pay open-hearted attention to the signs of your presence. May we find rest in the love you so abundantly give us. And may we open our hands to the world, ready to receive you wherever you are to be found.

Many: **The Christ light shines! The Christ Child is born! We sing and rejoice in this Light of Christ.**

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 the Heavenly Host, your Child is born tonight in a stable under the night sky, slipping in among the poor and outcast, revealing your transforming grace and love. You came to live among us, to remind us that the true riches of faith are generosity, compassion and service to one

another in love. Interrupt us with this simple birth. Slow us down, O God, so we might feel the revolution of a love come to us in Jesus. Strengthen us in this Holy Season that we might find the courage to sing with Mary a song of a love that lifts up the lowly and feeds the hungry. In you Holy Name we pray. Amen.

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

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

HYMN

"Away in a Manger"

#203

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER – THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH

Words on Giving

Prayer of Dedication

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Tonight we will receive communion in procession. Please use the side aisles to come forward and to return to your seat. The darker liquid is wine, and the lighter liquid is grape juice.

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.

O Holy Night

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Eternal God, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, we give you thanks for the gift of this bread and wine. As we rise from this table, may we go to be the gift another needs, sharing your blessings of love and grace. May we comfort others, sharing Jesus' compassion with the poor and needy. May we go to enkindle the lives around us, sharing the Spirit's peace with all the broken, until that day when we gather with our sisters and brothers to join the angel choirs, forever singing your praises. Amen.

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*** 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.

* SENDING FORTH

* 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

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