

United Evangelical United Church of Christ

OUR MISSION

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

June 2, 2013

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Andante from *Choral No. 3 in A Minor*" Franck

WORDS OF GATHERING

- One: Let us sing praises to God, all you faithful ones,
Many: And give thanks to God's holy name.
One: God does not abandon us in our distress.
Many: God's healing presence restores us to life.
One: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
Many: Indeed, God turns our mourning into dancing; God takes off our sackcloth and clothes us with joy.
One: Let the peoples praise you, O God, and not be silent.
Many: O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to you forever!

* OPENING HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies" #111

* GREETING

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

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

- All: O God, we know that Jesus sent out his disciples without purse, luggage, or sandals. Yet all too often, we find ourselves clinging to possessions we don't need. We know the Apostle Paul encouraged the Galatians not to grow weary, but to use every opportunity to work for the good of all. And yet, our hectic schedules, competing demands, cynicism, and doubt erode our commitment and leave us feeling burned out. We confess that, like the warrior Naaman, we sometimes think you only perform great complicated acts in flashy and dramatic ways. And then fail to see how you are at work in the simple tasks and ordinary experiences of everyday life. O God forgive us for our reluctance to travel lightly; forgive us for any hollow excuses we are tempted to make; forgive us for our

misunderstanding and heal us of our guilt. Refresh us and renew us that we might become faithful laborers in your harvest of peace, justice, and joy. We pray in the name of our great Healer, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- One: There is no pain that God cannot heal. There is no wrong that God cannot forgive. Come, immerse yourselves in the healing waters of God's forgiveness and be restored.

Many: Thanks be to God for we are made whole!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am & 10:30 am "Jesus Shepherd, Be Thou Near Me" Solo by Frank Hooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-14

- One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Galatians 6:1-16

- One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

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

* GOSPEL LESSON Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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

* HYMN "In the Cross of Christ, I Glory" #264

SERMON "Teachings for Trying Times"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

NICENE CREED Last Page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

*His strength is perfect when our strength is gone;
He'll carry us when we can't carry on.
Raised in his power, the weak become strong;
His strength is perfect, his strength is perfect.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 am & 10:30 am "Lord God of Abraham" Solo by Frank Hooper

* Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION †

See Insert

†(All are welcome to the table. A blessing will be given to children who are pre-confirmation age.)

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

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

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

#711

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"March from Six Organ Pieces"

Bridge

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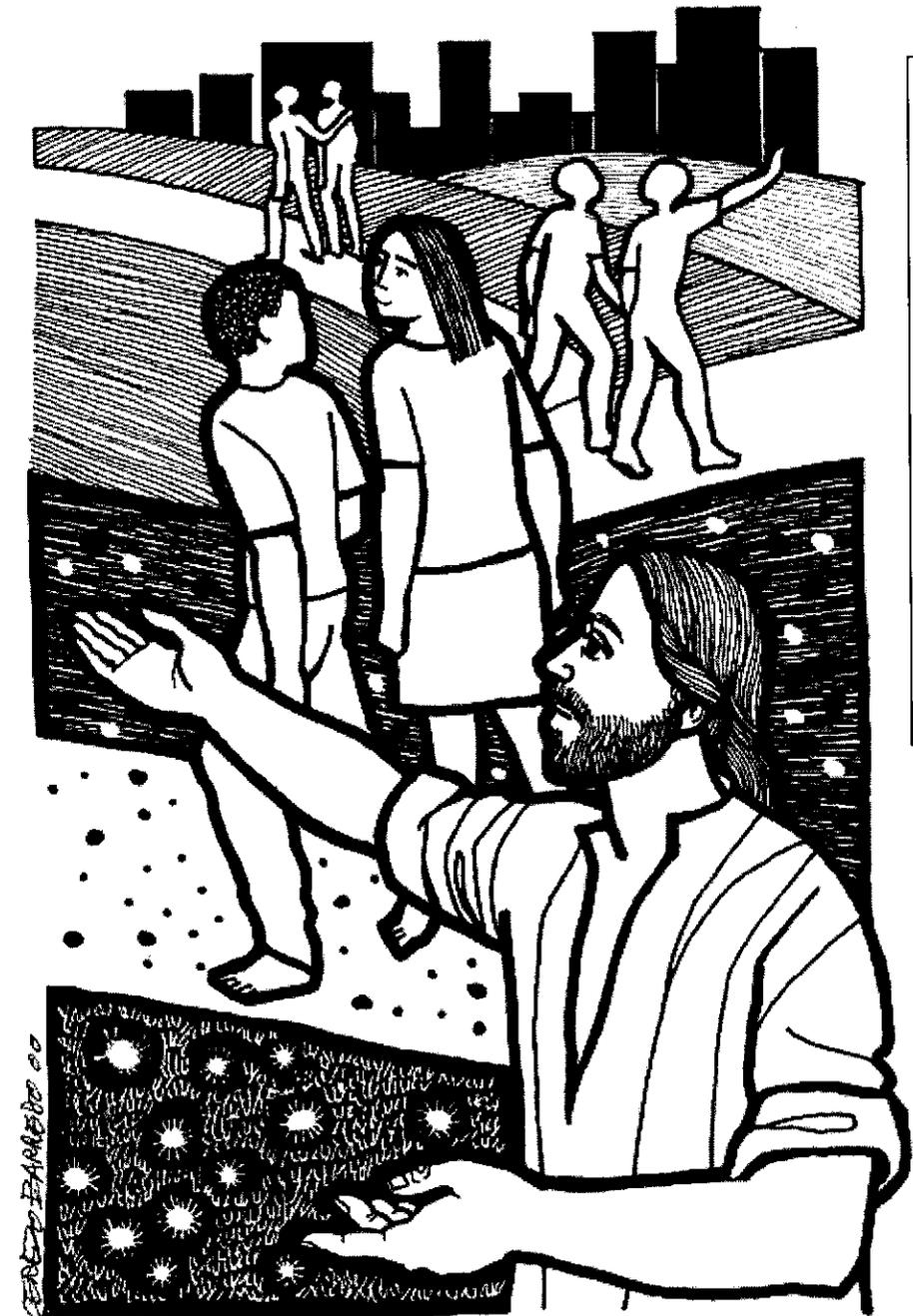


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...the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.

--Luke 10:1

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July 14, 2013

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Choral No. 1 in E Major" Franck

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come, let us celebrate the One who calls us to love and speak truth to power.

Many: Jesus calls us to love our God and love our neighbors as ourselves.

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

Many: God tells us through the prophets to stand up for the poor and the oppressed.

One: God has shown us the way of faith.

Many: Come, let us worship our God who created us and loves us beyond measure.

* OPENING HYMN "Great God, as We Are Gathering" #604

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: They may not be beaten down or lying by the road, but there are people we pass by, Watching God. Some are family and friends who we take for granted and have not shared with them our love and compassion. Others are neighbors who have fallen into the hands of despair. Many are strangers, people we don't know, but quickly judge because they are weak, or poor, or the enemy. Rescue us from the power of our sins, Righteous One. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we would be moved with pity, and would shower mercy on all we meet even as we have received forgiveness for our sins through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Children of the Most High God, hear the Good News. We are forgiven and brought into the kingdom. For God has rescued us and redeemed us from our sins, setting aside judgment to shower us with mercy.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

#733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"For the Mountains Shall Depart" Solo by Frank Hooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Amos 7:7-17

SECOND READING

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Colossians 1:1-14

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

Luke 10:25-37

* GOSPEL LESSON

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

* HYMN

"Now it is Evening"

#627

SERMON

"On a Journey"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

APOSTLES' CREED (8:00 am)

First Page of Hymnal

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:30 am)

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

*His strength is perfect when our strength is gone;
He'll carry us when we can't carry on.
Raised in his power, the weak become strong;
His strength is perfect, his strength is perfect.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering
Musical Reflection

"My Task" Solo by Frank Hooper

Old 100th

*** Doxology**

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*** SENDING FORTH**

One: As we leave from this place, may God's grace go with us, may Christ's peace keep us, and may the Spirit's love surround us as we travel.

Many: We leave empowered to love and speak God's truth each day.

All: Amen!

*** HYMN**

"Community of Christ"

#615

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Tuba Tune in D major"

Lang

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July 21, 2013

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

WORDS OF GATHERING

- One: Christ is in our midst! How will you bid him welcome?
Many: We will throw open the doors to our hearts. We will delight in his presence.
One: When God shows up, surprising things can happen.
Many: Here we receive good news: Nothing is too wonderful for God!
One: Let us make ourselves ready. Let us lay down our burdens and set aside our distractions.
Many: Let us laugh and sing, rest and listen, dance and praise—Let us worship God!

* OPENING HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #48

* GREETING

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

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

- All: Gracious, inviting God, you bring us hope when we are discouraged, peace when we are anxious, and joy when we are least expecting it. Yet we confess that we don't practice the generous hospitality that you show us. Our fear of difference, reluctance to share, and desire to be in control make our welcome weak and insincere. We long for what is familiar and comfortable, and thus we have difficulty honoring the stranger as a sacred guest. Forgive us, O God, for focusing on the wrong things. Show us how to do what is right. Show us how to receive all that you have to offer us that we might remain open even to what seems too incredible to be true, for with you, so much more is possible than we even imagine. We pray this in the name of your most Glorious Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- One: God hears the difficult truths we speak aloud and in the silence of our hearts. So now hear the glorious good news: In Christ the fullness of God was pleased to dwell so that through him, all have been reconciled to God. The wonderful gift of God's forgiveness flows through you.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

#733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Amos 8:1-12

- One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-28

- One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 10:38-42

* GOSPEL LESSON

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

* HYMN

"Christ Beside Me"

#425

SERMON

"In Service to the Word"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

APOSTLES' CREED

First Page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

*His strength is perfect when our strength is gone;
He'll carry us when we can't carry on.
Raised in his power, the weak become strong;
His strength is perfect, his strength is perfect.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

* Doxology

Old 100th

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*** SENDING FORTH**

One: Go out into the world to serve God with love. Make room at your table for unexpected guests. Rest in Christ's presence and listen to what he is saying. And may the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, go with you today and always.

All: Amen!

*** HYMN**

"When Peace Like a River"

#428

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

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July 28, 2013

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Prelude on *Rhosymedre*" Edwards

HYMN SING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We are the body of Christ.

Many: We are the hands and feet of Christ in this world.

One: We are the body of Christ.

Many: We must love others in order for God's love to be shared.

One: We are the body of Christ.

Many: We are the ones called to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, house the homeless.

One: We are the body of Christ.

Many: We must speak up for the silenced, and stand up for the oppressed.

One: We are the body of Christ.

Many: Let us worship as the body, together!

* OPENING HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #473

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Merciful God you invite us to share our weaknesses and failures with you, yet we do not find it easy to speak of how we do not live as your people. We confess that we are often tempted to think your salvation is for a select few, and so we put up barriers for others. We cling to all you give to us and are reluctant to share with those in need. We find it easier to close ranks with those just like us, rather than

seeking peace and reconciliation for our world. Forgive us, God of all creation. Open our eyes to our sisters and brothers all around us. Open our ears to the word of hope you speak to us. Open our spirits to the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who flings wide the open doors of your kingdom, that all might find life with you. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Here is the good news, my friends: In Christ, we become new people: broken, we are made whole; lost, we are found; forsaken, we are restored to new life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING "The Lord's Prayer" Solo by Frank Hooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Hosea 1:2-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-19

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!
Luke 11:1-13

* GOSPEL LESSON

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

* HYMN "Seek Ye First" #349

SERMON "The Lord's Prayer"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

APOSTLES' CREED First Page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE See Insert

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "I'd Rather Have Jesus" Solo by Frank Hooper

* Doxology

Old 100th

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*** SENDING FORTH**

One: In the hallowed name of God, go out with prayer and thanksgiving.

Many: God calls us out into a world that is sorely in need of both.

One: Daily offer to the earth and its people the fullness of God's joy, justice and peace which we have in Christ.

Many: Let us be the hands and feet of Christ in this world.

One: Go with God's grace, Christ's hope and the Spirit's guidance.

All: Amen!

*** HYMN**

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

#589

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary"

Stanley

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“Lord,
teach us to
pray...”



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August 4, 2013

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Cantabile" Franck

WORDS OF GATHERING

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

Many: Those who cry to the Lord in trouble are delivered them from distress.

One: Let us thank our GOD for steadfast love, for all God's wonderful works to humankind.

Many: For God satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things.

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

Many: Whose steadfast love endures forever!

* OPENING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" #14

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy God, we gather this day to give thanks for your steadfast love and to experience afresh your desire to gather all people into communities of safety, justice and peace. Like a father who teaches his child to walk, like a mother who feeds and heals her children, You desire to nourish all people and rescue them from injustice. You call us into this work of justice-making and caring. Yet we follow other paths; we make choices that lead to violence and destruction. Meet us here and teach us how to put aside all temptations that lead to violence. With Christ as our guide, help us to grow into "a new self" in your image: generous, compassionate, welcoming. Baptized into Christ, help us to love all of our sisters and brothers with Christ's inclusive love that sees beyond difference and extends the hand of peace to strangers. Send your Spirit among us and inspire our

imaginations and wills in the things that make for peace. We pray in the name of the One who was called the Prince of Peace. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The apostle Paul calls us to seek the things that are above and to find new life revealed in Christ. As we put away the things that lead to death, Christ's life is revealed in us. Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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#733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Fill My Cup, Lord" Solo by Jim Kimos

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Hosea 11:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 12:13-21

* GOSPEL LESSON

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

* HYMN

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

#466

SERMON

"The Poverty of Riches"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

NICENE CREED

Last Page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

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Raised in his power, the weak become strong;
His strength is perfect, his strength is perfect.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"I Have Found a Hiding Place" Solo by Jim Kimos

* Doxology

Old 100th

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Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION †

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GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go now into the world, renewed in hope and dedication to serve God with all your heart and strength. Work for reconciliation among all of God's peoples until the whole human family can live in peace and security. And may you be held tightly by the love of God, the strength of Christ and the comfort of the Spirit.

All: Amen!

* HYMN

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

#458

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Kang-Elert

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'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." --Luke 12:20-21

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August 11, 2013

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come and listen to the One who speaks and summons the earth.

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

One: Come and bring thanksgiving and honor to the One who is our salvation.

Many: We come to worship the One who has made an everlasting covenant with us.

* OPENING HYMN "How Firm a Foundation" #411

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of salvation, all the earth cries out for your kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. In the words of Isaiah we confess that our hands are stained with sins that are like scarlet, crimson red; hands that need to be washed to be like bright wool, as beautiful as fresh snow. God of mercy, remove the evil of our doings so we may learn to do good. Remove confusion from our doings so we may seek justice. Remove fear from our doings so we may rescue the oppressed. Remove hopelessness from our doings so we may defend the orphan. Remove complacency from our doings so we may plead for the widow. God of compassion, make us ready for the dawn of the new day of your kingdom. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: By God's eternal love and boundless forgiveness we are brought back into true friendship with God. We are empowered to forgive one another as we have been forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

* OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:32-40

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

* HYMN

"Find Us Faithful"

#497

SERMON

"Things Unseen"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

APOSTLES' CREED (8:00 am)

First Page of Hymnal

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:30 am)

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

His strength is perfect when our strength is gone;

He'll carry us when we can't carry on.

Raised in his power, the weak become strong;

His strength is perfect, his strength is perfect.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection

* Doxology

Old 100th

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth to proclaim and live the Good News. May our hearts remain set on an unyielding treasure in heaven as we follow the footsteps of Christ into the world to love and serve all. And may the blessing of God's courage, Christ's compassion and the common sense of the Spirit, carry us through this week.

All: Amen!

* HYMN

"Faith of Our Fathers"

#530

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE



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

---Martin Luther King, Jr.

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August 18, 2013

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let us sing to the God of Hosts who provides for us, and whom we've come to worship.

Many: How awesome is our God who created from nothing all that is beautiful in this world;

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

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

* OPENING HYMN "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" #138

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God of all good gifts, how generous are your provisions for us! Even before we are aware of our needs, you know what it is that we need. You invite us into community and provide for us out of your steadfast love. You ask in return that we respond to your love by working for justice. You expect that we will seek righteousness as a way of life. But so often O God, we fail to live being mindful of others in a caring, just and righteous way. When your love and justice do not flow through our lives, our community withers, and so do we. Forgive us, O God! In your loving care, show us again the way to participate in your realm. Speak to our hearts and reveal again your desires for us. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: My friends, be assured that God hears our petitions! And be assured that we are God's forgiven people, free to live into God's desire for us.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

#733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 5:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:49-56

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

* HYMN

"Refiner's Fire"

#374

SERMON

"Faith Boot Camp"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

APOSTLES' CREED

First Page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Musical Reflection

* Doxology

Old 100th

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Be encouraged by your faith in God and receive God's blessing as beloved children. Look to Jesus this week as the perfecter of our faith – and have faith in the work and power of the Holy Spirit through whom God's work in us is accomplished.

All: Amen!

* HYMN

"Am I a Soldier of the Cross"

#510

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August 25, 2013

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

WORDS OF GATHERING

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

Many: For our Loving God is a spring of refreshing water!

One: All who are weary from worry and work, come into God's presence:

Many: For our Holy God offers us Sabbath rest!

One: All who are lost or confused come into God's presence:

Many: For our Wise God offers us welcome and guidance!

One: All who weighed down with struggle or pain come into God's presence:

Many: For our Healing God empowers us to stand strong!

* OPENING HYMN "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" #598

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God of all goodness, you welcome us, forgive us and heal us. You seek us out from places where we have hidden from you, and crown us with steadfast love and mercy. In return you call us to offer food to the hungry, to reach out to the afflicted, and to remove the yokes of oppression and injustice. Yet too often we do not listen to your call and do not heed your words of guidance. And so our world suffers because of our sinfulness. Forgive us Gracious One. Take away whatever holds us back from acting on your word. Show us the way to confidence and generosity so that we may be known as your people who are repairers of the broken places and restorers of streets to safety and peace. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Though we may have strayed, the good news of the gospel is that we will not be abandoned to the ways of sin. But by God's love we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

#733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-29

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:10-17

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

* HYMN

"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

#638

SERMON

"The Power to Heal"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

APOSTLES' CREED

First Page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Musical Reflection

* Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Now let us go forth in God's love, and with God's power to offer God's wholeness to this hurting world. May God's Spirit shine upon you and give you peace and joy.

All: Amen!

* HYMN

"Here I Am Lord"

#559

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September 1, 2013 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Prelude in E flat (Cantilené), Op. 29, No. 2"* Pierné

WORDS OF GATHERING

- One: Come and worship God; listen for the One who calls us here.
Many: We come trusting God to lead us in the coming days, as surely as God has led us in the past.
One: Come and worship and shout with joy to the God of all people.
Many: We come to the Creator of all things, to be bathed in the waters of life.
One: Come to the Feast of God to be fed by the One who never forsakes us.
Many: We come to worship our God, to sing aloud to the One who saves us.

* OPENING HYMN *"Gather Us In"* #649

* GREETING

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

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

- All: Ever Watching God, we have heard of your faithfulness that has endured since the time you led your people from bondage to freedom. And while we have found no fault in your promise, we wander from the path that you have set before us. We forsake your blessing and put our faith in other "gods" which lead us away from justice, compassion and hospitality. Forgive our faithlessness and our arrogance. Restore us to right relationship with you and all those in our midst. Help us to share your abundance with no fear of scarcity, and help us to greet strangers as angels you have sent! In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- One: God is merciful and slow to anger. God seeks the lost and welcomes us when we turn back. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

#733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"The Lord is My Light" Solo by Frank Hooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

- One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

Jeremiah 2:4-13

SECOND READING

- One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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

* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

* HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

#273

SERMON

"Up Close and Personal"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

NICENE CREED

Last Page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

*His strength is perfect when our strength is gone;
He'll carry us when we can't carry on.
Raised in his power, the weak become strong;
His strength is perfect, his strength is perfect.*

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Musical Reflection

"I'll Walk with God" Solo by Frank Hooper

* Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION †

See Insert

†(All are welcome to the table. A blessing will be given to children who are pre-confirmation age.)

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Having feasted at the table of God, go into the world renewed and restored.
Go to share the Good News that there is a place for everyone at God's banquet table. And may you know the blessing of God, the boldness of Christ, and the abundance of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

* HYMN

"America, the Beautiful"

#727

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"March in D"

Bridge

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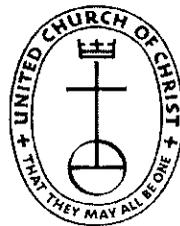
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Parable of the Wedding Feast

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September 8, 2013

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Adagio in D-Flat"

Franck

WORDS OF GATHERING

- One: To take the clay of our lives, and shape disciples:
Many: God calls us to the Potter's House
One: To receive and mend those who are broken from life experiences:
Many: God calls us to the Potter's House
One: To love and heal those who are wounded from war:
Many: God calls us to the Potter's House
One: To shelter all who are outcast and heavily burdened:
Many: God calls us to the Potter's House
One: Let us enter this place of transformation:
Many: And worship our God!

* OPENING HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

#51

* GREETING

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

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

- All: O Great Potter, we confess that you are a God of love and peace. And yet too often we have stood around and watched those broken from life suffer before us without extending a helping hand. Sometimes we have looked down upon them because of their circumstances and yet have never taken the time to understand their situations. We confess that we have not developed ministries to touch those who are broken in mind and soul. O God of justice, forgive us. We need to be put on your Potter's wheel, so that we might minister love and healing in your holy name. Mold us into the people you need to mend those who suffer, heal the

sick, and offer the outcast loving shelter. Bless us with a new attitude to serve you and your people. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good News, God is able to place us on the wheel and reshape us; molding us into new vessels.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

#733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"How Lovely are Thy Dwellings" Solo by Frank Hooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 18:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philemon 1-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 14:25-33

* GOSPEL LESSON

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

* HYMN

"Change My Heart, O God"

#373

SERMON

"Life as Clay"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

APOSTLES' CREED (8 am)

First Page of Hymnal

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:30 am)

See Insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

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Musical Reflection

"O Divine Redeemer" Solo by Frank Hooper

*** Doxology**

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

Old 100th

*** Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*** SENDING FORTH**

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

All: Amen.

*** HYMN**

"Have Thine Own Way Lord"

#486

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Fanfare on an Original Theme"

Martin



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September 15, 2013

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Innes

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come! All who are seeking God. Come! Enter into this place of shelter and comfort and discover that God is seeking us!

Many: We rejoice to have God find us here, as we come seeking God!

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

Many: We come to this sanctuary to worship and meet God!

* OPENING HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #59

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O Most Patient God, we come to this new day after a long week, carrying all kinds of feelings, emotions and expectations. We recognize how much we need you for life itself. Yet we confess that we have behaved as if we did not know or even care about you. We have not carried out justice; we have tried to dominate others; we have participated in the desolation of your creation. Forgive us for these times when we have lost our way. All Loving God, shower your mercy upon us. Find us, and lead us home to faithfulness. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost. For God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around. Let us rejoice in God's mercy!

Many: Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

#733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "Nearer My God to Thee" Solo by Lois Duvall

10:30 am "Our God Reigns" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-10

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

* HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

#422

SERMON

"From Despair to Rejoicing"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

APOSTLES' CREED

First Page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Musical Reflection

"And Can It Be?" Solo by Frank Hooper

arr. Campbell
Old 100th

* Doxology

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Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth from this place rejoicing knowing that you are loved, sought after and cared for in the name of God the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#68

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"A Trumpet Chorale"

Bach

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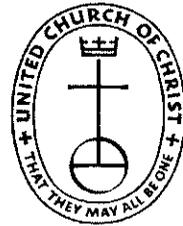
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"Lost Sheep - Lost Coin"
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September 22, 2013 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Thanks Be to Thee"* Handel

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.
Many: God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.
One: We gather in God's presence to find comfort and hope for our pain.
Many: God's grace wipes away our tears and knits us together as one people.
One: We gather together in God's presence to worship God in faith and truth.
Many: Let us rejoice in God, our ever faithful balm for our life journeys.

* OPENING HYMN *"This is a Time to Remember"* #579

* GREETING

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

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of our hearts, you are our Physician in times of hurt; your balm heals our wounds. You hear our prayers, intercessions and supplications. Yet we must confess that we don't always listen to you. Instead we serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - even though we find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those whose hopes and dreams are different from our own. Forgive us, Compassionate One, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good News: The God of salvation, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth, offers forgiveness to each of us through the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, sent in human form.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

#733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am *"In My Heart There Rings a Melody"* Solo by Lois Duvall
10:30 am *"There is a Savior"* The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

SECOND READING

One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

1 Timothy 2:1-7

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

* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 16:1-13

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

* HYMN

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

#631

SERMON

"The Shrewd Steward"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

*His strength is perfect when our strength is gone;
He'll carry us when we can't carry on.
Raised in his power, the weak become strong;
His strength is perfect, his strength is perfect.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Living for Jesus"

arr. Johnson
Old 100th

*** Doxology**

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*** SENDING FORTH**

One: Go now to live as answers to prayer through the pursuit of justice, and acts of kindness, and showing compassion. And may God's balm of grace and healing enfold you day by day.

All: Amen.

*** HYMN**

"God of the Ages"

#728

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Festival Toccata"

Fletcher

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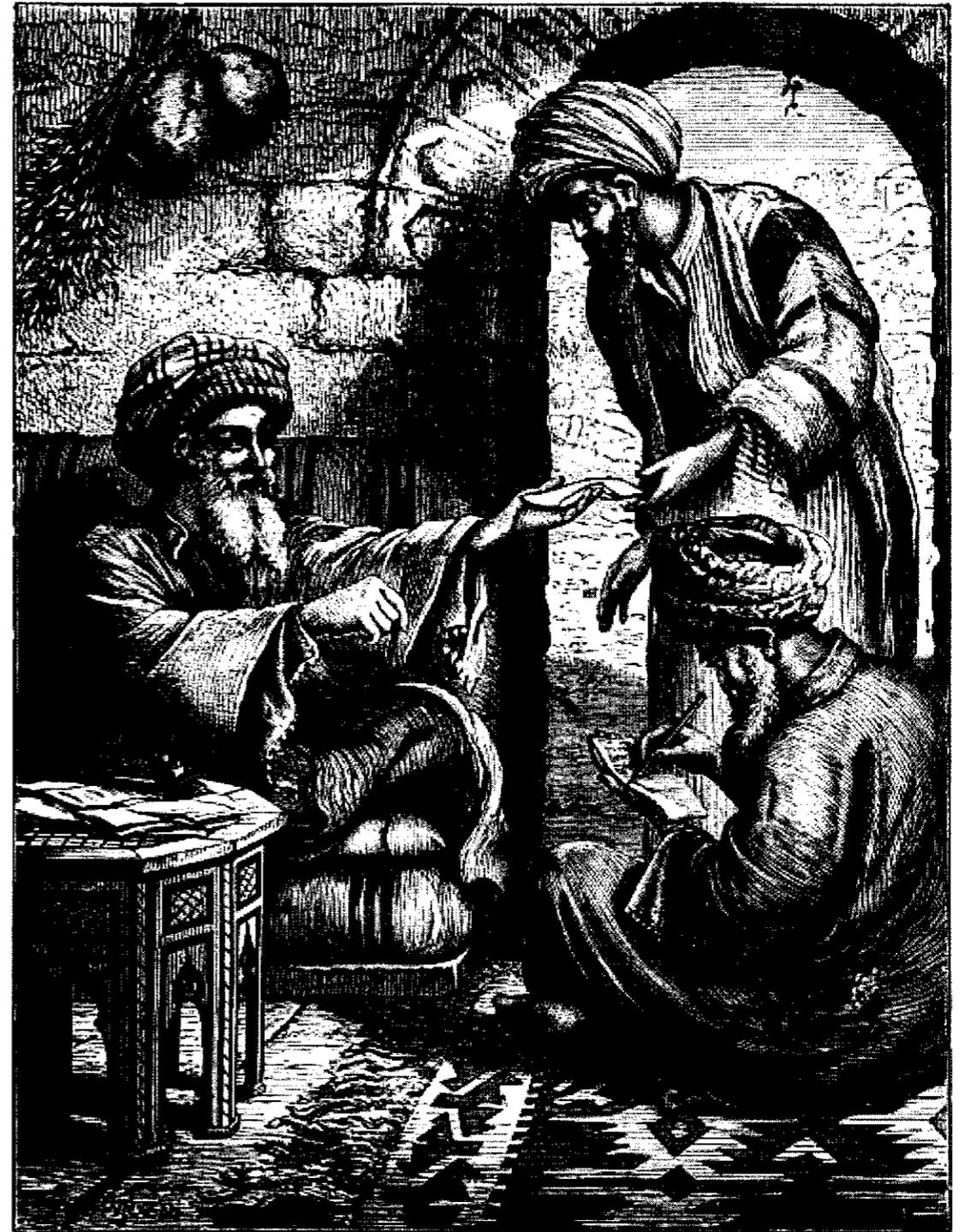
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September 29, 2013 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Many: For I called to the Lord out of my distress and he answered me

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

Many: For the Lord forgives all our iniquity,

One: And heals all our diseases.

Many: The Lord redeems our life from the Pit,

One: And crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Many: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

* OPENING HYMN *"Rise and Shine"* See insert

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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All: Merciful One, you invite us to follow you and we have said yes. We are humbled to know that you accept us with our weaknesses and our incompleteness. We are sorry for the times when we have made choices and decisions that were not in keeping with the message and values of your son, Jesus. Forgive us for the distance that we place between ourselves and you, and between ourselves and others. Deepen in us a desire to share your love with others. Draw us ever nearer to your heart so that all who need your loving touch would know it through our care and compassion. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word of the Lord comes to...

Jonah

Joshua

Austin

All of Us

* HYMN *"Step by Step"* #494

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.

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Seek Ye First" Lafferty

Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go from here to love the Lord your God with all your heart,
And with all your soul,
And with all your mind,
And with all your strength.
And love your neighbor as yourself.

All: Amen.

* HYMN *"They Will Know We are Christians by our Love"* #595

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*"...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your mind and with all your
strength... [and] Love your neighbor as yourself."*

Mark 12:30-31

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October 5, 2013 Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"By Waters of Babylon"* Walther

WORDS OF GATHERING

- One: Around the world, in all nations, the faithful have gathered for worship.
Many: We gather in this space to worship You, O God.
One: Around the world, speaking in all languages, the faithful come to pray together.
Many: We lift up our prayers to You, O God.
One: Around the world, using tortillas and pita, crackers and bread, the faithful remember Your body that was given to us.
Many: We share in the meal of remembrance, O Christ our Savior.
One: Around the world, we remember our brothers and sisters this World Communion Sunday.
Many: We worship, we pray, we remember and we celebrate our diversity and our unity in Christ.

* OPENING HYMN *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* #23

* GREETING

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

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy God, we confess that we have not lived in unity. We have allowed the world's divisions of race and gender to separate us, to see another as inferior. We have judged other believers as unworthy. Forgive our tendency to divide into "us against them" so quickly. Forgive our judging of others without seeing our own faults so readily. Forgive how we divide ourselves and separate ourselves rather than working for unity and justice. Forgive us and turn us back to You. Help us to seek Your ways, for You have remained faithful to us. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news – we are forgiven. For God's steadfast love endures forever, and nothing can separate us from God's love. Go and live into God's love and peace.

Many: Thanks be to God, who has given us the promise of life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

#733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8 am *"How Beautiful"* Solo by Pam Georgiadis * 10:30 am *"How Beautiful"* The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Lamentations 1:1-16

One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!
Luke 17:5-10

* GOSPEL LESSON

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

* HYMN

"As We Gather at Your Table"

#695

SERMON

"Get Real"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

*His strength is perfect when our strength is gone;
He'll carry us when we can't carry on.
Raised in his power, the weak become strong;
His strength is perfect, his strength is perfect.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"My Tribute"

Crouche

Old 100th

* Doxology

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

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION †

See Insert

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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: With past generations and future generations,

Many: God is with us, and God is faithful.

One: In strength or weakness, sorrow or joy,

Many: God is with us, and God is faithful.

One: Now and always, now and always,

Many: God is with us, and God is faithful.

All: Amen!

* HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#72

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Christ the Lamb of God"

Bach

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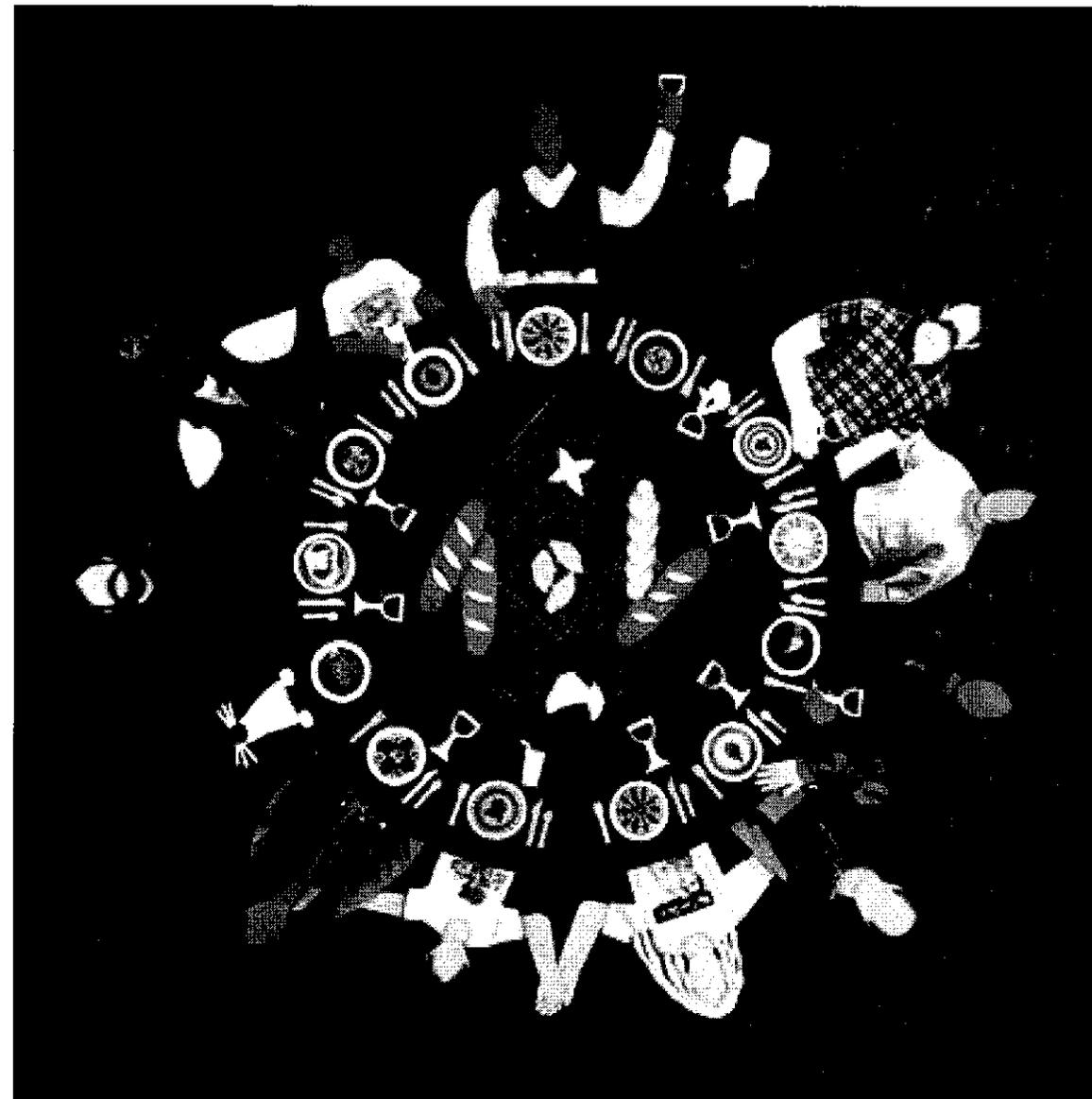
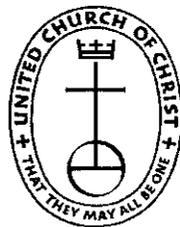
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October 13, 2013

Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Cantabile"

Franck

WORDS OF GATHERING

- One: We gather together to sing praise to our God.
Many: Even when our bodies are tired, we feel God renewing our strength.
One: We gather together to lift up our prayers to God.
Many: Even when we are sad and downtrodden, God is lifting up our hearts.
One: We gather together to celebrate our Living God
Many: We know that God will turn our mourning into dancing. Let us worship our God together!

* OPENING HYMN - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #71

* GREETING

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

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: We stand in awe of you, Most Gracious God. You love your people no matter the circumstance. You want us to live meaningful lives with you at the center. And so we come before you, acknowledging that we have not always been faithful. We have been proud of our own accomplishments, and have not acknowledged your presence in our lives. We get frustrated when things don't go our way, and like children, have turned inwards and pouted instead of seeking your guidance and wisdom in our lives. Forgive us when we have turned away from you. Forgive us when we have shut ourselves off from the lives of others. Forgive us when we dwell on ourselves instead of living more fully into your love and grace. Open our hearts to receive and our minds to be challenged by the teachings of Jesus the Christ, in whose name we ask these things. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Even when we feel ourselves exiled and far from God, even when we forget to sing God's praises, God will not forget us. Be comforted by God's promise of forgiveness and love.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

#733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "Living for Jesus" Solo by Lois Duvall

10:30 am "I'll Tell the World" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

SECOND READING

One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

2 Timothy 2:8-15

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

Luke 17:11-19

* GOSPEL LESSON

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

* HYMN

"Give Thanks"

#359

SERMON

"Leprosy"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

*His strength is perfect when our strength is gone;
He'll carry us when we can't carry on.
Raised in his power, the weak become strong;
His strength is perfect, his strength is perfect.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Pastorale in F"

Bach
Old 100th

* Doxology

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth singing God's praises, remembering God's promises and blessings.
Joyfully give back to the world the love you have received believing that God
loves all of creation and abides with us.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

#638

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

POSTLUDE

"Rondo in G"

Bull



Get up and go on your way;
your faith has made you well.

--Luke 17:19

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October 20, 2013

Twenty-ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" arr. Johnson

WORDS OF GATHERING

- One: Wondrous, Amazing God, we gather in awe in you.
Many: You who created the universe, are present with us in this space.
One: Holy Spirit that came down on the disciples, you are moving within us.
Many: You who swept over the waters of creation, are present in our very breath.
One: Savior Jesus, you became flesh and lived and died for us.
Many: You live again and give us the promise of new life.
One: You write your holy words, O God, on our hearts; you call us into greater depths of understanding.
Many: Triune God, Three-in-one, we praise you. Meet us here and lead us deeper into you.

* OPENING HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #358

* GREETING

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

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

- All: Divine One, you offer us covenant and write your word on our hearts. Even though you are beside us, within us, above us, all around us, we still manage to ignore you. We are blessed to be in your family, but when it is time to do chores in your household we are busy with other things! We are glad to receive your gifts but when it comes to passing on your abundance we hesitate. We are happy to say an occasional prayer to you but when it comes to actually spending time with you, we are already scheduled up! Help us to be your people as you are our God—always and forever. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- One: Hear the Good News: the Beloved is our grace and the healer of our lives. Though we sometimes grow weary, take heart, for our God is with us always to forgive us and remember our sin no more.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

#733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "Our God Reigns" The Choir!
10:30 am "Glorify Thy Name" Solo by Pam Georgiadis

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:27-34

- One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

- One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!
Luke 18:1-8

* GOSPEL LESSON

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

* HYMN

"Change My Heart, O God" #373

SERMON

"It's Okay to Wrestle with God"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYER RESPONSE

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His strength is perfect, his strength is perfect.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering
Musical Reflection

"Standing in the Need of Prayer"

arr. DeCou
Old 100th

*** Doxology**

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*** SENDING FORTH**

One: Leave here today meditating on God's word that has been written on our hearts.
Go to find the Holy One who day by day calls us to keep our part of the covenant. And go forth certain of the presence of our good God with us.

All: Amen.

*** HYMN**

"Here I Am, Lord"

#559

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude"

Cappalan

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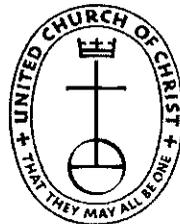
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Jacob Wrestling with the Angel

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October 27, 2013 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Meditation on Ein' Feste Burg" Kittle

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: This is the day that the Lord has made:
Many: A day for praise and prayer; a day for gratitude and generosity.
One: This is the time God has given us:
Many: A time for singing and silence; a time for speaking and listening.
One: This is the life to which God calls us:
Many: A life of humility and service; a life of faith and trust.
One: Let us worship the One who hears our prayers and forgives our sins.
Many: Whose faithfulness calls forth songs of joy.

* OPENING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" #507

* GREETING

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

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: We give you thanks, Loving God, for all the ways that you bless our lives. In every
generation you call forth prophets to proclaim your word to us. And even today
you are still speaking. Yet we confess that we fail to listen to your voice when it
comes from an unexpected place. Convinced that we are right, we miss the Good
News of your reconciling love. Forgive us, God. Guide our thoughts and actions.
Restore us with humility and awaken us anew to your presence and your promise.
Bring us closer to you so that we might do your will and dwell in your house
forever. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The God of creation is a God of mercy, who is quick to forgive and promises
restoration for all people. Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel: In Jesus
Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

#733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "There is a Savior" Solo by Pam Georgiadis

10:30 am "There is a Savior" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Joel 2:23-32

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 18:9-14

* GOSPEL LESSON

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

* HYMN

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

#446

SERMON

"The Good Fight"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

APOSTLES' CREED

First Page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

*His strength is perfect when our strength is gone;
He'll carry us when we can't carry on.
Raised in his power, the weak become strong;
His strength is perfect, his strength is perfect.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering
Musical Reflection

"Just As I Am"

arr. Innes
Old 100th

*** Doxology**

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*** SENDING FORTH**

One: Go into the world, renewed in hope and restored by God's vision. Go into the world to share God's grace and mercy. Go into the world and proclaim the Good News of what God has done for you. And may the blessings of God be with you this day and forevermore.

All: Amen.

*** HYMN**

"Be Still, My Soul"

#451

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

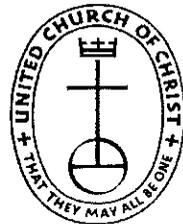
"Postlude on A Might Fortress"

arr. Hustad

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November 3, 2013

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Rescue the Perishing" Arr. Hustad

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: O God, how righteous is your Word.

Many: Your judgments are upright.

One: Your precepts are unforgettable.

Many: Give us understanding and we will live.

One: Re-form us, reconcile us,

Many: Transform us by your Word!

* OPENING HYMN "Thy Word" #664

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God of the ages, throughout history you have gathered people around your Word to instruct and inspire. We give thanks for your vision that has shaped faithful communities who have followed in your Way. Yet we confess the many ways that we have strayed away from your Word. We have allowed the worries of this world to drive us away from your vision for our lives. There is strife and contention all around us because we have not allowed your Word to work in our lives. Forgive us, O God, and create in us clean hearts and minds. Grant understanding and wisdom that we may become transformed by the renewing of your Word in our hearts. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: No matter how far away we are from the word, scripture tell us that God's love will find us and bring us home. This is the good news of the Gospel! It does not matter what we have done wrong, we still belong to God.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

#733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8 am "Living for Jesus" Solo by Lois Duvall * 10:30 am "An Evening Prayer" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 19:1-10

* GOSPEL LESSON

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

* HYMN

"There's a Quiet Understanding"

#701

SERMON

"Justice Awaits"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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Last Page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

His strength is perfect when our strength is gone;
He'll carry us when we can't carry on.
Raised in his power, the weak become strong;
His strength is perfect, his strength is perfect.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Meditation on 'Be Thou My Vision'"

Hopson
Old 100th

* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION †

See Insert

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

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: May we know the faith to walk in our path and the power to stand the test of life.

Many: May God's voice call us back whenever we go astray.

One: Go now in peace, knowing that God will never leave nor forsake us.

All: Amen!

* HYMN

"O Christians Haste"

#565

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

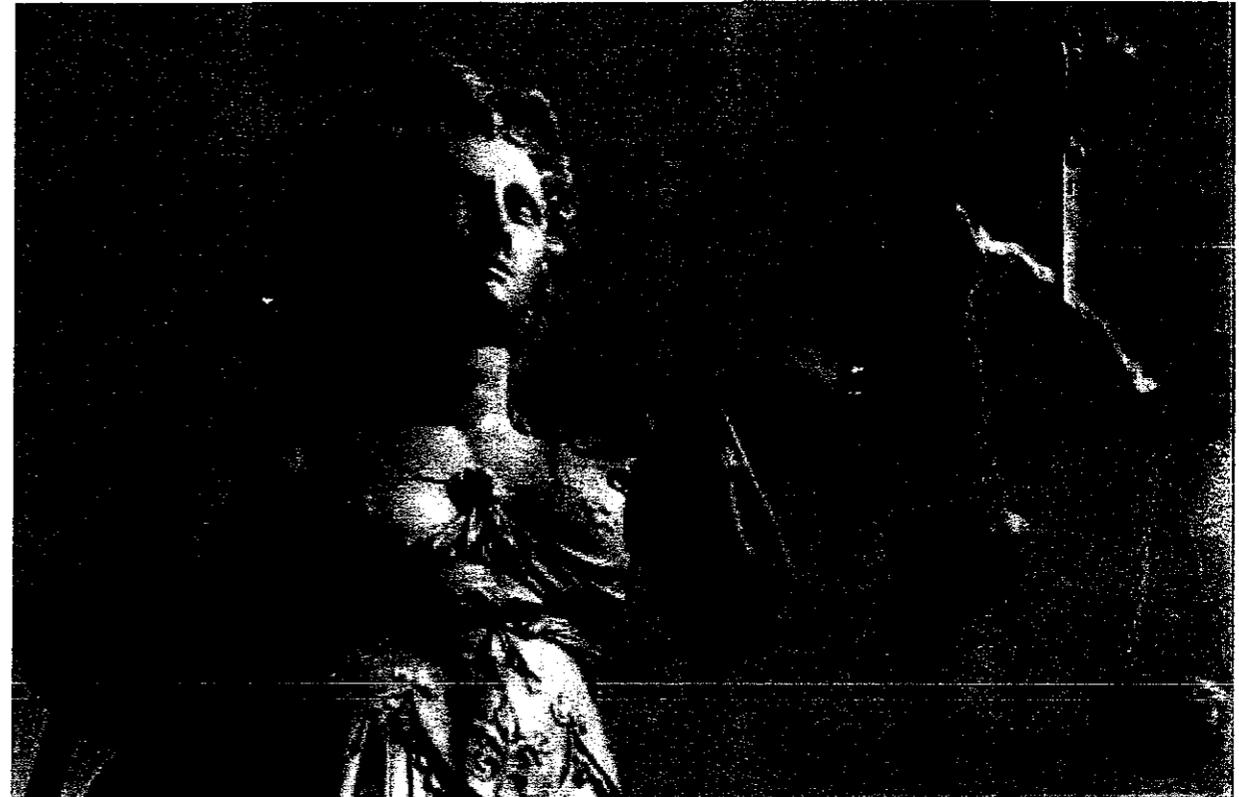
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POSTLUDE

"Tuba Tune"

Bridge

"...the righteous
judgment of God..."
2 Thessalonians 1:5



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November 10, 2013 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Meditation on the hymn tune *Ellers*" Callahan

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!
Many: The Holy One gathers us here in this community of faith.
One: Let us meditate on God's wondrous works.
Many: Our God is just and kind, and near to all who call.
One: Let us bless and praise God's name forever and ever
Many: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

* OPENING HYMN "*Blessed Assurance*" #426

* GREETING

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

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God, we are weary from the troublesome world around us. We long to rest in
you, to trust in your goodness, in your care for us, in your abundant life. But we
confess that we don't know how to rest. We have forgotten how to trust. We
seek material goods that we don't really need. We become focused on memories
of the past and find ourselves worried about the future. We are blind to your ever
present hand guiding our lives. Forgive us, O God. Help us to trust in your
goodness to guide us into our futures. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: With kindness and with justice, God makes us new people. Rest in the truth that
you are love, forgiven, and given new life.
Many: Thanks be to God.

* OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

#733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "*Glorify Your Name*" Solo by Pam Georgiadis
10:30 am "*10,000 Reasons*" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Haggai 1:15b-2:9

One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!
Luke 20:27-38

* GOSPEL LESSON

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

* HYMN

"*Great is the Lord*" #50

SERMON

"*Says the Lord of Hosts*"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

APOSTLES' CREED (8:00 am) First Page of Hymnal

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:30 am) See Insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Adagio in D flat"

Liszt
Old 100th

* Doxology

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Now may Jesus Christ and God our Father and Mother, who loves us, and through grace gives us eternal comfort and good hope, give joy to your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Let All Things Now Living"

#22

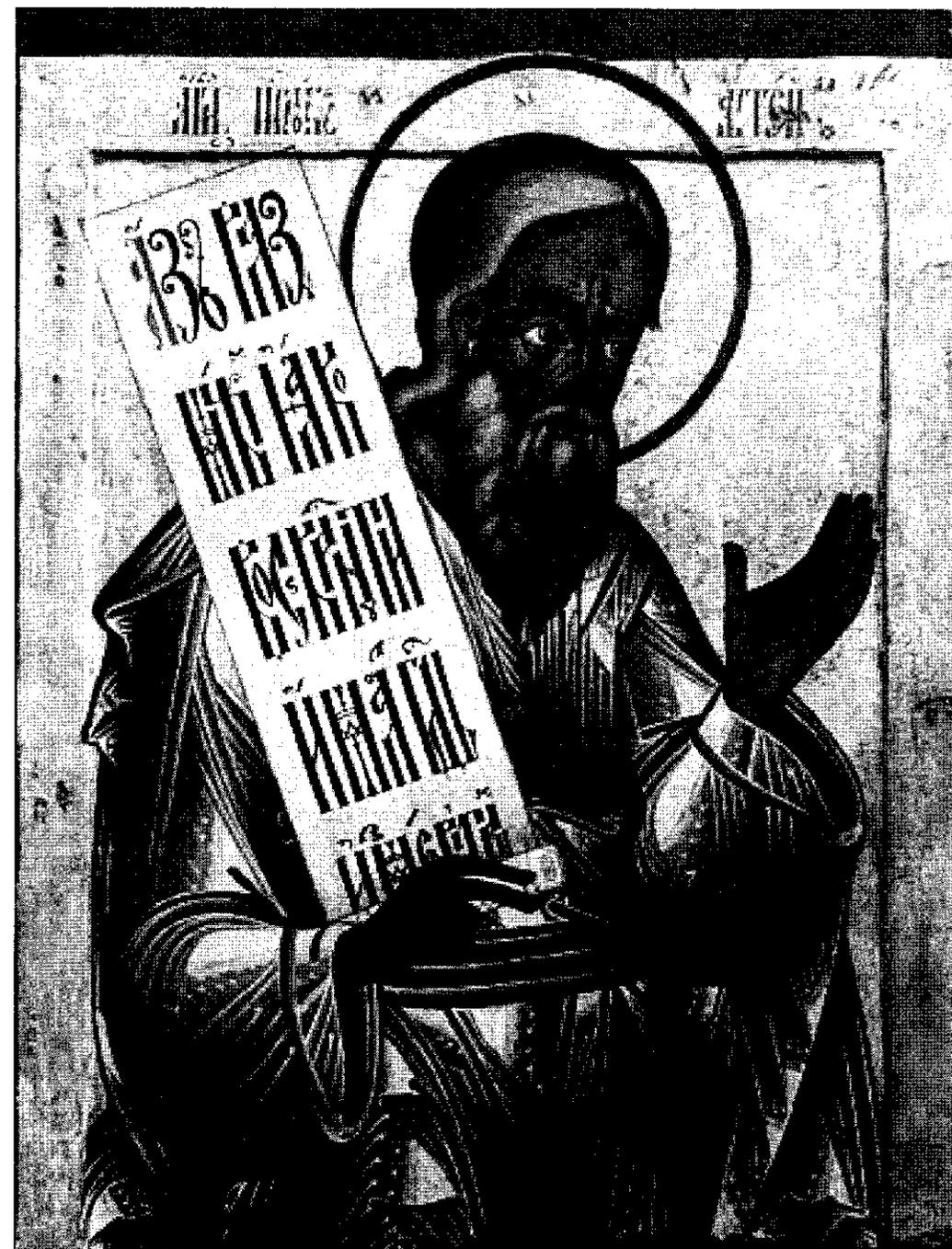
CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary"

Stanley



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November 17, 2013 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Prelude on the hymn tune *Ville Du Havre*" Livingston

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Come and worship God, the Creator of heaven and earth.
Many: Let us worship God who rejoices over us, and delights in us.
One: Come and worship God who promises justice and peace for all.
Many: Let us worship the God of our salvation!

* OPENING HYMN "*Come, We Who Love the Lord*" #67

* GREETING

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

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God of promise and hope, we confess that in our times of fear and anxiety we
struggle to see your promised vision for our world and for our lives. Sometimes
we remember too clearly the pains and heartaches of the past and cling to them
and ignore your promise for our future. Sometimes we forget to turn to you in
prayer, relying on our own strength instead of trusting in you. Forgive us, gracious
God. Grant us the courage to hold to the truths we find within your ancient
words. Help us to open ourselves to your unending truth for our lives. In Christ
we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Before we call to God, God promises to answer. Trust and be not afraid for the
God of our salvation hears our prayers, our hopes and our fears.
Many: Thanks be to God.

* OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

#733

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "*10,000 Reasons*" The Choir
10:30 am "*I'm in Right, Out Right*" The Church School

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 65:17-25

One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

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

* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:5-19

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

* HYMN

"*Joy in the Morning*"

#533

SERMON

"*In the Muck and Mire
on the Holy Mountain*"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 am "Don't Overlook Salvation" The Choir

10:30 am "Peace in the Valley" Organ Solo

* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Old 100th

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: May God our creator, who provides waters from the wells of salvation,

Many: May God who saves with strength and might,

One: May God be with us all as we go forth from this place,

Many: And may God's joyful song sing in our hearts.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"Trust and Obey"

#443

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

Cook



**The wolf and the lamb
shall feed together...**

---Isaiah 65:25

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November 24, 2013

Reign of Christ Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "On Eagle's Wings" arr. Smith

WORDS OF GATHERING

- One: Let us rejoice with the great cloud of witnesses who surround us.
Many: We join with all who know the love of Christ Jesus and delight in him.
One: We believe in the holy, universal church, the communion of saints, and the life everlasting.
Many: With the glorious company of the Apostles,
One: With the goodly fellowship of the prophets,
Many: With the noble army of the martyrs,
One: With the holy church throughout all the world,
Many: Let us praise and worship our Holy God.

* OPENING HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" #341

* GREETING

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

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

- All: Merciful God, you call us to follow where you lead. You call us to gather together your children to create communities of love, for you and for our neighbor. You call us to attend to those in need. We acknowledge that we have not always followed your lead. We have not always gathered your children together. Sometimes we have even scattered them.
Silent reflection.
One: We have not always attended to those in need.
Many: Sometimes we have even driven them away.
Silent reflection.
One: Forgive us, merciful Creator.

All: Restore us. As you delivered your people from their sins in the past, deliver us again, O God. Make us a new people, dedicated to you. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! God has rescued us from the power of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sin.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

#733

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "It is Well With My Soul" Solo by Lois Duvall
10:30 am "Thank You Lord" The Church School

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

One: The Word of the Lord
Many: Thanks be to God

Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb, Worthy the Lamb!
Luke 23:33-43

* GOSPEL LESSON

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

* HYMN "Crown Him With Many Crowns" #317

SERMON "The Saints in Light"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

APOSTLES' CREED First Page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"He is Exalted"

Paris

Old 100th

* Doxology

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*** SENDING FORTH**

One: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

Many: To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All: Amen.

* HYMN

"For All the Saints"

#529

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Fanfare on Sine Nimine"

White

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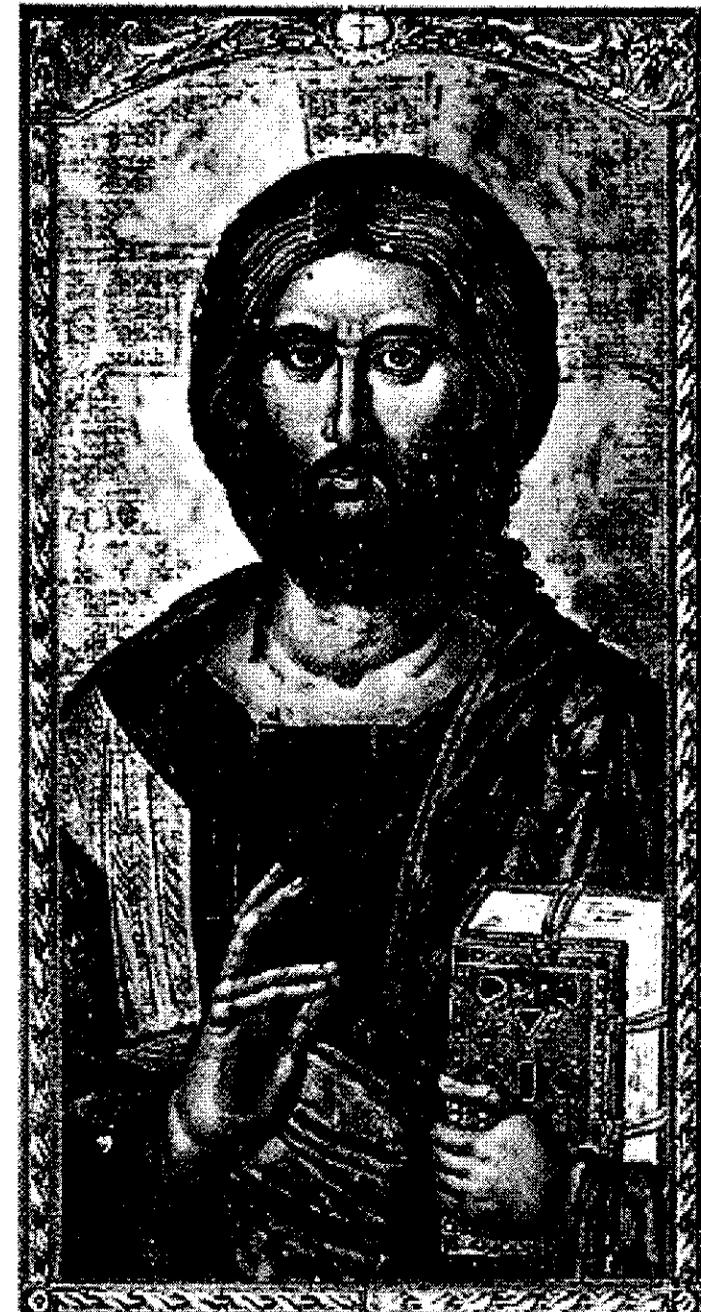
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Scene 3: Luke 1:11-76

Hymn: *On Jordan's Bank the Baptists Cry*

Verse 1

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh
Awake and listen for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings

Verse 2

Let every heart be cleansed from sin
Make straight the way for God with-
in
And so prepare to be the home
Where such a mighty guest may
come

Scene 4: Luke 1:26-35, 38

Hymn: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains

Verse 2

Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

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Scene 5: Luke 1:46-55

Hymn: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Verse 1

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Verse 2

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Scene 6: Matthew 1:1, 8-25

Hymn: *What Child is This*

Verse 1

What child is this who laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems
sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping
This this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels
sing
Haste haste to bring Him laud
The babe the Son of Mary

Verse 2

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding
Good Christians fear for sinners
here
The silent Word is pleading
Nails, spear shall pierce Him
through
The cross be borne for me for you
Hail hail the Word made flesh

Scene 7: Luke 2:8-14

Hymn: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Verse 1

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

Verse 2

Still thro' the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing

Scene 8: Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn: *We Three Kings*

Verse 1

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain moor and moun-
tain
Following yonder star

O star of wonder star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect light

Verse 2

Born a King on Bethlehem plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever ceasing never
Over us all to reign

O star of wonder star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect light

Scene 1: Isaiah 7:14 * Isaiah 9:2, 6

Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Verse 1

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

Verse 2

O come Thou Dayspring come and
cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to
flight

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

Scene 2: Isaiah 11:1-6 and 9:7

Hymn: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Verse 1

Lo how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As saints of old have sung
It came a flower bright
Amid the cold of winter
When half-spent was the night

Verse 2

Isaiah 'twas foretold it
The Rose I have in mind
With Mary we behold it
The Virgin Mother kind
To show God's love aright
She bore to us a Savior
When half-spent was the night

Cast and Crew

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Scripture Readers - Karrie Hogan, Joann Johnson

Mary - Anabel Folgelman

Archangel Gabriel - Brandon Hovermill

Zechariah - Leonard Bradish III

Elizabeth - Mariah Rothenhoefer

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Manger Angel - Bella Walton

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Scene 9: Luke 2:19

Hymn: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Verse 1

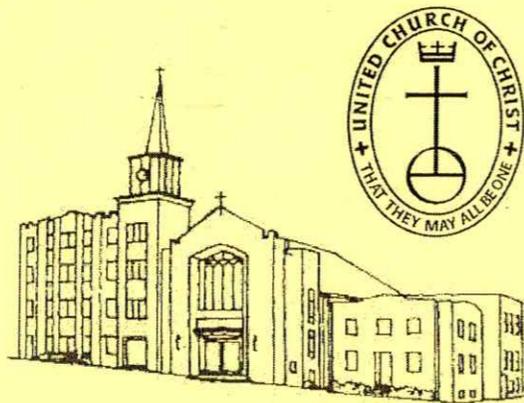
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Verse 2

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King



Wishing everyone a very
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Tinsel Sunday * December 8, 2013



FORETOLD
A Series of Christmas Tableaux
adapted from Edith E. Cutting

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OUR MISSION

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December 8, 2013

Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 am

* indicates to stand as able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Behold a Branch is Growing"* Brahms

*LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The candle of hope is re-lit.

One: The Reign of God is drawing near:

Many: The prophet calls us to change our lives!

One: Prepare the way for the Lord:

Many: A just and peaceful path!

One: Holy God, meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom
and our hearts with your peace.

Many: Open us to the challenge of your dream of shalom for all.

The candle of peace is lit.

* OPENING HYMN *"Of the Father's Love Begotten"* #181

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: O God, you call us to turn our lives around, and work with patience and diligence
to prepare the way for your Reign, but we get discouraged and give up too soon.

(a moment of silent prayer)

One: Lord, Have mercy.

All: O God, you call us to collaborate in community to prepare the way of your Reign,
but we neither trust nor honor the gifts of others.

(a moment of silent prayer)

One: Christ, have mercy.

All: O God, you call us to be full of joyful confidence to prepare the way for your
Reign, but we burden ourselves with anxiety and fear.

(a moment of silent prayer)

One: Lord, have mercy.

All: Forgive us, O God, and lead us in the ways of patience, community and joy. In the
Name of the One who is coming, we pray. Amen!

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: Jesus, Savior from sin, is present with us in the painstaking
work of the Reign of God forgiving our weakness, rebuilding our relationships,
restoring our joy.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

#154

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING *"The Snow Lay on the Ground"* The Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

His strength is perfect when our strength is gone;

He'll carry us when we can't carry on.

Raised in his power, the weak become strong;

His strength is perfect, his strength is perfect.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Isaiah 11:1-10

SECOND READING

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Romans 15:4-13

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

* GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:1-12

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

* HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#180

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

"Foretold"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Refiners Fire"

Doerkson

* Doxology

Greensleeves

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth as a little child, with eyes to see and ears to hear and voices to proclaim God's unending love for every creature. And may God's justice, mercy and peace go with you.

All: Amen!

* HYMN

"Long Ago, Prophets Knew"

#167

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Now Come Savior of the Nations"

Bach

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PEACE



Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will toward men.

LUKE 2:14

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December 15, 2013

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord" Bach

*LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The candle of hope is re-lit.

One: The Reign of God is drawing near:

Many: The prophet calls us to change our lives!

One: Prepare the way for the Lord:

Many: A just and peaceful path!

The candle of peace is lit.

One: The time is almost here.

Many: The joy of the season is upon us.

One: We gather mindful of the Advent of our God.

Many: We are here to rejoice as we wait to see the glory of the Lord.

The candle of joy is lit.

* OPENING HYMN "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" #153

* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Here we are, Most Patient God, in the third week of our Advent journey. You alone know how our journey is going. You know if we, at the beginning of the season, promised to make this Advent different. You know if we promised in our heart of hearts to prepare ourselves spiritually to receive the gift of your Son. We know, O God, that we easily let our promises go as we have given into the expectations of the people and situations around us. We allowed the times of quiet we promised for you to slip away. Forgive us in our distractions. Continue

to be with us, O Lord, so we can learn to wait with you. Help us renew our preparations for your coming. Give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and tongues to speak your word so that we may bring life, strength and courage into the world around us. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Scripture tell us that God will turn things around; there will be new life in the dry places; there will be joy. Believe this good news: God hears our petitions and forgives what needs to be forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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#154

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "The Snow Lay on the Ground" The Choir

10:30 am "Emmanuel" Solo by Diane Borkman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Isaiah 35:1-10

SECOND READING

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

James 5:7-10

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

Matthew 11:2-11

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

* GOSPEL LESSON

* HYMN

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

#156

SERMON

"Deep Questions"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 am "Stille Nacht" The Choir
10:30 am "Andante Pastorale" Organ Solo

Sponge
Greensleeves

* Doxology

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* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: Go from here to continue your preparations. Return to your waiting with patient hope for the events of God's promise of salvation to unfold. And may God strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

All: Amen!

* HYMN

"Lift Up Your Head, O Mighty Gates"

#176

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Saviour of the Nations Come"

Bach

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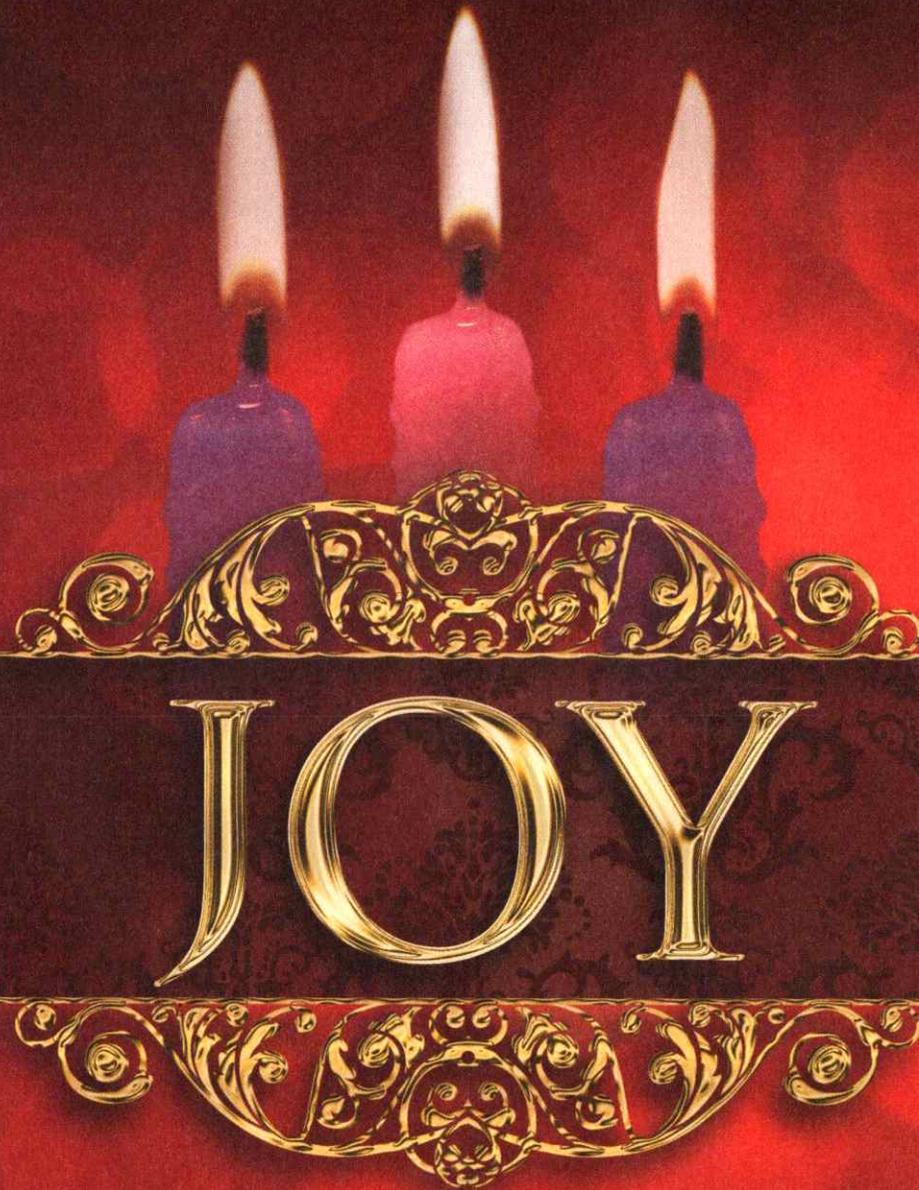
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When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

MATTHEW 2:10

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December 24, 2013

Christmas Eve

7:30 pm

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"A Christmas Prelude"

Callahan

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The candles of hope, peace, joy and love are re-lit.

One: Christ is born, and so we light this candle amidst the ones that have illuminated our way through Advent.

Many: This Candle reminds us of the Light of the World born on this night.

One: Born every day in our hearts.

Many: Born in the living of Christ's way of love, compassion, and justice.

One: Bless us, O God of Christmas, that we might reflect the Light of Christ in our daily lives.

Many: And in our world that is so desperate for the love, peace, hope and joy which this night brings.

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

* OPENING HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

#182

*GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Source of all Light, this night we celebrate the coming of your Light of Life to dwell among us. Bless our gathering by your grace and abiding love. Remind us of your constant presence and your unwavering care. Meet us here and open our hearts to hear your calling to live into the truth of the new way of being made possible in the Christ Child. O Lord of Hosts, so fill us with your love, your peace and your goodness that doubt and mistrust may be dispelled within us and we may be Christ's light in a world of strife. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world! Amen.

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains;

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy;

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of his righteousness,

And wonders of his love,

And wonders of his love,

And wonders, wonders of his love.

POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

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CHRIST

*Unto you is born this day in the city of David
a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.*

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

The First Noel

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

Refrain:

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

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

○ 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: We give you thanks, O God, that you have come to us through Jesus Christ, both in the midst of time and history in the city of Bethlehem, and in the timeless presence of Christ as we receive the gifts of bread and wine. Send us out into the world rejoicing, ready to share your love with the people we meet; through the grace of Jesus Christ. 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

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

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

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

* BENEDICTION

* RECESSIONAL HYMN

Joy to the World

Antioch

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room.
And heaven and nature sing;
And heaven and nature sing;
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth! The Savior Reigns;
Let all their songs employ;*

* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. Glory to God in the highest.

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

Gloria

* CHRISTMAS GREETING OF PEACE

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Come to the Stable"

The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 62:6-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Titus 3:4-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Luke 2:1-20

* GOSPEL LESSON

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TIME

HYMN

"Away in a Manger"

#203

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

CHRISTMAS 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

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Musical Reflection

"Carol of the Manger"

Wood

* Doxology

Greensleeves

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December 29, 2013

First Sunday after Christmas

8:00 & 10:30 am

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Prelude on *Silent Night*" arr. Innes

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad!
Many: The Lord comes to set everything right on earth!
One: Come, bring gifts and celebrate and worship!
Many: Shout the good news for all to hear!
One: Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!
Many: For the Lord has done marvelous things for us.

* OPENING HYMN "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #185

* GREETING

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

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Holy God, the world you have created is complicated. It is both powerful and dangerous, and diverse and beautiful. You sent Jesus into this world where children are at risk; where they suffer, and their parents, like Rachel, weep for them. When we forget that The Holy Family was a poor family: forgive us. When we forget that The Holy Family was a refugee family: forgive us. When we forget that The Holy Family was an immigrant family: forgive us. Open our hearts to recognize that the One you sent into this world is found in the places of greatest need. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: God's love never wavers. God's mercy never fails. By the grace of God, we are forgiven.
Many: Thanks be to God.

* OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

Gloria in Excelsis Dio

Gloria in Excelsis Dio

Gloria

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "Do You Hear What I Hear" solo by Diane Borkman

10:30 am "Were You There On That Christmas Night" The Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:7-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:10-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 2:13-23

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

* GOSPEL LESSON

* HYMN "What Child is This?" #184

SERMON "Slaughter of the Innocents...Jesus Included"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

APOSTLES' CREED (8:00 am) First Page of Hymnal

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:30 am) See Insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Musical Reflection

"Coventry Carol"

arr. Innes

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* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

* SENDING FORTH

One: How beautiful are the feet of the shepherds,

Many: Who ran to tell of what they had seen and heard.

One: How beautiful are the voices of the angels,

Many: Who teach us new songs of joy.

One: How beautiful are the hands that anoint us

Many: To go to serve all of God's children.

One: Go with the peace of God in your hearts to celebrate the promise of this season.

All: Amen!

* HYMN

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

#191

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Noel"

D'aquin

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There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky...
And the star rains its fire
while the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem
cradles a *King!*

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes,
and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:7