

# 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

JULY 3, 2011

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

\*indicates to stand as able.

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Adagio from Sonata for Organ" Powell

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Jesus says: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

Many: We have come together in the name of Jesus the Christ to worship the God who loves us and sing with the Spirit who fills us.

One: Let any who are feeling at odds with life, come, and find reconciliation.

Many: Let any who are sad, come, and find comfort for aching hearts.

One: Let any who feel worn and weary, come, and find rest for your souls.

Many: Let any who are afraid, come, and find faith and renewed courage.

One: Let any who feel ashamed, come, and find unadulterated forgiveness.

Many: Let any who are feel unwanted, come, and find hospitality that is divine.

One: Let all who love the Lord come, and let your love overflow in praise.

Many: By Christ's invitation we are here, for his yoke is easy and his burden is light.

\*OPENING HYMN "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" #728

### \*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: Jesus, you were a humble man who offered healing, who gave everything so freely, and who cared and noticed and never turned your back. We were created in that very same image. We were created to follow that example: to be humble, to offer healing, to give abundantly, to care, to notice, to pay attention to the need that surrounds us. At times, we follow you Jesus. And, at times, we do not. In the stillness of

these moments, we confess the ways in which we do not follow your example.

(Silence Reflection)

One: God of all mercy, let your grace flow into our lives

All: Clean out everything within us that gets in our way of following Jesus' lead more closely. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends in Christ, there is Good News for us all to hear -

Our God is a gentle God who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God sees it all, and God loves us anyway. God knows it all, and God forgives, anyway.

All: Through Christ, our sins are forgiven. 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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"  
Frank Hooper

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Acts 17:22-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

\*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

\*HYMN "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" #473

SERMON "Did Paul Have A Bad Day?"

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed Last page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.  
Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

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

**Call for the Offering**

**Musical Reflection**

*"Eternal Father Strong To Save"*

**Frank Hooper**

**\*Doxology**

**#34**

*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**

**Insert**

**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**One:** We have come to find rest and renewal in this time of worship. But this is not where we stay.

**Many:** This is the place from which we are sent. We go to be the hospitable love of Christ in the world.

**One:** And, may the peace of God almighty: Abba, Word, and Spirit, bless you now and always.

**All:** Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*"America, the Beautiful"*

**#727**

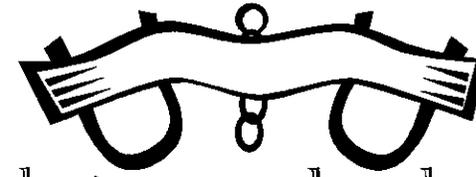
**CLOSING OF WORSHIP†**

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

**POSTLUDE**

*"Postlude on Materna"*

**Smith**



For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:30



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JULY 10, 2011      FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST      8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE      *"Adagio from Third Organ Sonata"*      Guilmant

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Your word is a lamp to our feet, O Lord, and a light to our path.  
Many: Give us life, O Lord, according to your word.  
One: Accept our offerings of praise and teach us your ways.  
Many: Your decrees are our heritage forever; they are the joy of our heart.

\*OPENING HYMN      "Search Me, O God"      #385

### \*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 God, we acknowledge that we too often take for granted your gifts to us: our lives, this world, and your word to us. When we receive your word, may we nurture it so that it grows roots within us. May we not be distracted by the lure of wealth or the cares of the world. Let us be good soil, receiving your word, understanding it, and acting upon it. In Christ we pray. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We claim what the apostle Paul teaches: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. We are forgiven and free.  
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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING      *"Lord God of Abraham"*  
Frank Hooper

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING      Genesis 25:19-34

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

SECOND READING      Romans 8:1-11

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

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

\*GOSPEL LESSON      Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

\*HYMN      "Thy Word"      #664

SERMON      "Down in the Dirt"

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      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

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.  
Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

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

Call for the Offering  
Musical Reflection      *"O Rest in the Lord"*  
Frank Hooper

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#34

**\*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 out in joy and be led back in peace.  
The mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,  
And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Go from here in the joy of God, secure in God's presence around you  
and within you.

All: Amen

**\*HYMN** "Hymn of Promise" #515

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP†**

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**POSTLUDE** "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" arr. Eliot



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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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JULY 17, 2011 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE Variations on "Jacob's Ladder" Young

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: We come to celebrate God's blessings to us.  
Many: Surely God is in this place!  
One: We come to open ourselves to God's guidance and love.  
Many: Surely God is in this place!  
One: We come to see more clearly God's presence in our lives.  
Many: Surely God is in this place!  
One: We come to pray, praise, and offer ourselves to God.  
Many: Surely God is in this place! Let us worship!

\*OPENING HYMN "God Is Here!" #1

### \*GREETING

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

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: Gracious God, in the fields of our lives, we strive to be fruitful, but we fall short. We often live by the flesh, following those desires that control us. We get so comfortable that we sleep when we need to be vigilant about the errors in our own lives and the injustices around us. We are so casual about wrongdoing that it creeps into our lives and threatens to overwhelm the good we do. We live believing we have no need to share love, kindness, hope with those around us. Forgive us, O God. Keep us awake so that we can produce the lives you call us to live. In Christ we pray. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Even when we cannot see it, God's hope is all around us, surrounding us with peace and healing. As God's children, in God's embrace, you are forgiven and free.

Many: Thanks be to God, we are forgiven.

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

#733

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As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00

"Someday"

Lois Duvall

10:30

"The Center of Your Will"

Diane Borkman

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

Genesis 28:10-19a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

### SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

### \*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

### \*HYMN

"If You Will Trust in God to Guide You"

#429

### SERMON

"In Search of God"

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

### COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH TRIP

### 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

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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

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

arr. Eliot #34

\*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 in peace, knowing God's spirit is always with you.

Many: Who can flee from the presence of God?

One: If you ascend to heaven,

Many: God is there.

One: If you settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

Many: God is there.

One: In all places, God holds you fast.

All: Amen.

\*HYMN

"Go, My Children With My Blessing"

#719

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

"Fanfare in C Major"

Purcell



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JULY 24, 2011

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Andante from Sonata No. 4" Mendelssohn

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Early in the morning, we gather at the edge of heaven,  
Many: Finding the gates flung wide open by the One who welcomes all.  
One: Early in the morning, we come to this holy place of worship,  
Many: To be touched by the One who offers us grace and love.  
One: Early in the morning, we worship God, who adopts us into the family,  
Many: To be filled by the One who would pour us out in service to the world.

\*OPENING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" #136

### \*GREETING

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

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: God of our hearts, you have shaped us in your image that we might humbly serve others. Yet we confess that often we have duped others with our deceit. We promise one thing, only to do the opposite. We struggle to trust you, while we so easily listen to the promises of those who would pull us away from you. Forgive us, God of mercy. Draw us closer to your Heart, that we might be filled with healing and grace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Here the good news: the One who could accuse us, saves us from sin and death. The One who could condemn us, cradles us in grace. The One who could punish us, prays for us. Know there is nothing, no thing, that can separate us from the love of God.  
Many: Thanks be to the One who forgives us.

## \*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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"  
Frank Hooper

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Genesis 29:15-28

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

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-39

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

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

\*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

\*HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #106

SERMON "Seeing Beyond the Mystery and the Mess"

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.  
Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

Solo - Frank Hooper

**\*Doxology**

#34

*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:** May the Holy Spirit fill and inspire you with the wonderful knowledge that nothing is able to separate you from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

**All:** Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

#560

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP†**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"*

arr. Lowe

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JULY 31, 2011

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

*"Break Thou the Bread of Life"*

arr. Jordan

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: As you have always been with those who have drawn apart; for solitude, for grieving, for prayer, out of fear or out of hope:

Many: **Be with us now, O God.**

One: As you have always been with the ones who search or flee; the ones who struggle or hunger:

Many: **Be with us now, O God.**

One: As you have always been in this place of worship; and in every place where those who sought you have encountered you:

Many: **Be with us now, O God.**

\*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: God of all mercy, you see us. You see our struggles, you see our difficulties. You see our possibilities, you see our promise. We confess that our hearts are not always entirely yours. Our love of neighbor falls short. Sin grips us and we cannot break free. The sins in our minds, on our lips, in acts done or ignored, stand between us. In the name of Jesus, have mercy on us. Grant us your renewing forgiveness. Lead us on your paths of righteousness, that we might give glory to your holy name. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The God who gives, gives all. The God who loves, loves all. The God who forgives, forgives all. Through Christ, our sins, every one of them: the sins of commission, the sins of omission, the sins we confessed with contrition – all are forgiven.

Many: **By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Alleluia!**

\*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

#733

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World without end. Amen. Amen.*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Search Me, O God"*

Pam Georgiadis, Rob Gundlach

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:13-21

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

\*HYMN

*"Break Now the Bread of Life"*

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SERMON

*"Simple Beginnings"*

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

First page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**PRAYER RESPONSE**

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Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

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

**Call for the Offering**

**Musical Reflection**

**\*Doxology**

**#34**

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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: God's peace: carry, keep and hold you.  
God's love: nourish, bless and enfold you.  
God's spirit: inspire, lift and mold you.  
Almighty God: Triune, holy and blessed  
Be with you now and forever.

All: Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*"God Be With You"*

**#716**

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP†**

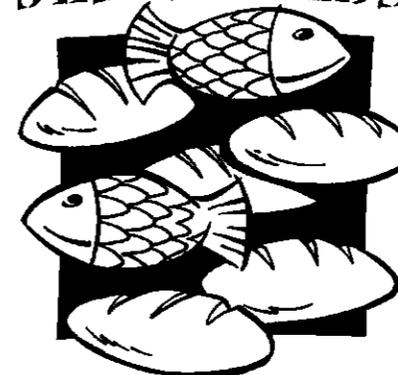
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**POSTLUDE**

*"Prelude in G Major"*

**Bach**

**JESUS FEEDS**



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AUGUST 7, 2011

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

*"Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me"*

arr. Hustad

WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Those who wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles.

Many: **They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

One: Come; worship the Holy One who meets you where you are. Come; open yourselves to the God who lifts us up.

Many: **We are here to worship; we are here to surrender to God.**

\*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: Faithful God we confess that we have turned our eyes to the challenges of this life, and have lost our focus on you and are sinking in sin. We have cast aside our dreams to maintain the familiar. We have cast aside the dreams of others, fearful of what they might mean. God of Presence, as you walked upon the water to meet the disciples, meet us in the midst of the storms in our lives. As you lifted Peter from the water, lift us from despair to hope, from distraction to focus, from death to life. Direct us in your way, work out your purpose in and through our lives. We pray in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Take heart, do not be afraid. Everyone who calls upon God's name will be saved. We are forgiven.

All: **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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Note to God"*

Claire Hovermill

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

\*HYMN

*"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*

#74

SERMON

**"Why Did You Doubt?"**

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Last page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.*

*Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Adagio"*

Mendelssohn

**\*Doxology**

**#34**

*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**

**Insert**

**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**One:** Go now to do the work of Christ in the world: extend a hand to those in need, speak up for those others would cast aside, build bridges of reconciliation, strengthen bonds of community. Knowing that the God who created you, the Christ who redeems you and the Spirit who empowers you will be with you this day and ever more.

**All:** Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

**#496**

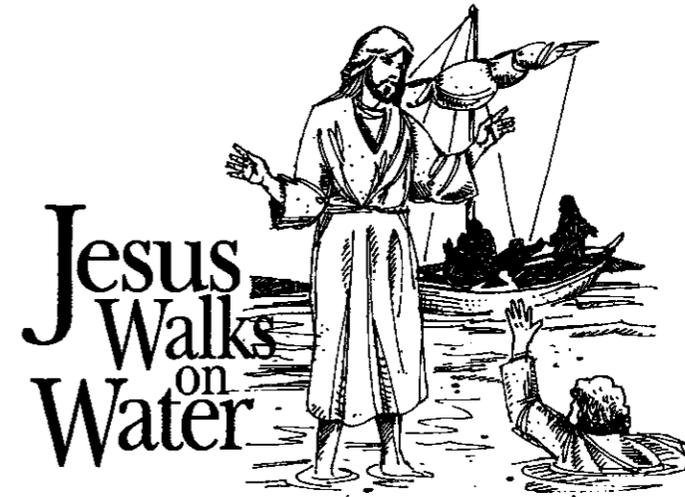
**CLOSING OF WORSHIP†**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Prelude in C Major"*

**Bach**



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AUGUST 14, 2011

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

\*indicates to stand as able.

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Here we can come together, people searching for healing and hope:  
Many: Here we are met by the One who would bless us with abundant life.  
One: Here we are called to gather as the family of God:  
Many: We may find those who are strangers, yet are sisters and brothers of ours.  
One: Here we discover the truth that God makes no distinctions among us:  
Many: Here we are welcomed and embraced by the One whose arms are open to all.

\*OPENING HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #72

### \*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: Maker of Our Days, you created each of us unique beings with differing strengths and weaknesses. When we fail to recognize you at work in the faith of others, have mercy upon us. Help us not only to use our strengths to assist others but also to allow others to use their strengths to meet our weaknesses.

*(silent reflection)*

One: Restorer of Our Souls, you have seen the parched places we have made in our lives, along with the devastation thrust upon us by the action or inaction of others.  
All: When we try to go it on our own, lacking faith in your providence, forgive us. Meet us in the places of our deepest pain so that our masks of self-

sufficiency might fall away and we might be drawn into right relationship with you and one another.

*(silent reflection)*

One: Breath of Our Lives, without you we are but a mound of clay.  
All: In all that we have done and all that we have left undone, have mercy upon us. Fill us with your presence, invigorate our worship, set us on fire so that others might be drawn into your light and nurtured by the warmth of your loving care. In Christ we pray. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God calls each of us by name and cries out with tears of joy as we recognize our need for God's saving grace. Hear the Good News, you have been reconciled with Christ.  
Many: Praise be to God who welcomes us as we are, challenges us to let go of our guilt and provides a way for us to walk on together.

### \*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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

Genesis 45:1-15

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

### SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

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

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

### \*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 15:21-28

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

### \*HYMN

"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

#638

### SERMON

"Famine and Forgiveness"

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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**

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

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

**Call for the Offering**

**Musical Reflection**

**\*Doxology**

**#34**

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**One:** The gathering of the people of God is ending, the scattering of the people of God to be agents of Christ in many places is about to begin.

**Many:** We came on the strength of God's promise of mercy. We leave on the strength of God's promise of presence.

**One:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All:** Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"*

**#419**

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP†**

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**POSTLUDE**



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AUGUST 21, 2011      TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST      8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Many: **Who made heaven and earth.**

One: Our joy comes from the heart of God,

Many: **Who transforms us into open-handed givers of hope.**

One: Our grace comes from God's compassion,

Many: **Who breaks the bonds which tie us to sin and death.**

One: Blessed be the Lord our God!

Many: **Who reveals to us the One who brings us new life!**

\*OPENING HYMN      "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"      #501

### \*GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: **O God who births new life in us, we acknowledge that sometimes the pain is too much to bear. Our world deals so shrewdly with your people that your renewal seems impossible. Fears of economic uncertainty confront us all and seem to limit our choices. Fears of immigrants and strangers in our midst seem to require walls. Fears about changing traditions seem to require blocks to new family expressions. We lament, mothering God, but we don't push through the fear. Help us to open ourselves to labor with you, that your love may be birthed through our lives. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The God of Moses and Miriam, makes a way for us. By God's mercy and grace, our hearts, our lives, our spirits are transfigured and made new.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

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

#733

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*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.*

*World without end. Amen. Amen.*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

Exodus 1:8 - 2:10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

### \*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:13-20

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

### \*HYMN

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

#466

### SERMON

"Giving Birth"

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

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SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

\*Doxology

#34

*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: We go into the world as bearers of God's love.  
Many: **We will be transformed by the renewing of our minds.**  
One: We will not think more highly of ourselves than we ought.  
Many: **We will go to remember we can't do it alone.**  
One: We stretch out our hands.  
Many: **Our God delivers.**  
All: Amen.

\*HYMN

*"Christ For the World We Sing"*

#561

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

*The Messiah*



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## OUR MISSION

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September 4, 2011

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Gathered as God's people, we come to worship together:

Many: Singing praises to the One who loves us, opening our hearts to the One who calls us.

One: Called to be God's people, we come to share our lives together:

Many: To celebrate the joys of our hearts, to mingle our tears with God's.

One: Challenged to follow Jesus to the end, we come to learn how to be disciples:

Many: Offering our food to our enemies, giving a drink of water to those who have drained our souls.

\* OPENING HYMN "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" #82

### \* 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 mercy and forgiveness, you call us to be imitators of your love; a genuine love that holds fast to all that is good. Yet we confess that we sometimes cling to resentments, judgments and negativity.

*(silent reflection)*

One: Genuine love strives to be mutual, bringing honor to one another

All: Yet we can be demanding, self-serving, and demeaning at times.  
*(silent reflection)*

One: Genuine love seeks to welcome all into the circle of love.

All: Yet we often include only those in whose circles we comfortably travel.

*(silent reflection)*

One: For all this, and for all that burdens our heart today, O God, we seek your forgiveness.

All: Have mercy on us and hear our prayers. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the good news offered to us! God's mercy extends beyond the sum of all our sin. We are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

#733

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

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING:

Exodus 12:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

### SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

### \* GOSPEL LESSON

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

Matthew 18:15-20

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

### \* HYMN

"Come, Share the Lord"

#696

### SERMON

"At Ease in Egypt"

9/4/11

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      Nicene Creed      Last page of Hymnal

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

\* Doxology      #34

*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**      Insert

**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good. And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

\* HYMN      "The Day of Resurrection"      #298

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**



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September 11, 2011

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### INTROIT

*"Step by Step"*

O God, you are my God and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways;

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Many: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

Many: **Though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.**

One: For the Lord will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

Many: **He will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.**

### \* OPENING HYMN

*"Morning Has Broken"*

#35

### \* GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

### \* OPENING PRAYER

All: At your table, Gracious Lord, you told us to always remember; to remember that love is stronger than hate, that good is more powerful than evil, that your faithfulness never falters no matter how dark the circumstances. On this day when we remember just how dark and vicious and frightening hatred and evil can be, we

gather in the shelter of your faithful love. Fill us with your strength that we might always be courageous witnesses to your divine ways. In the words of St. Francis, Lord, make us instruments of your peace, so that where there is hatred we might sow love, where there is injury we might sow pardon, where there is darkness we might sow light. In your Holy name we pray. Amen

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### COMING OF AGE

First Steps...Sunday School/Promotions...

Filling Big Shoes...1 Samuel 17

With the Help of God...Psalm 121...

Passing the Mantle...1 Timothy...

**"They'll Know We Are Christians" (#595)**

**Our God is Mighty to Save...**

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary*

*Pure and holy, tried and true*

*With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Seek Ye First"*

\* Doxology

#34

9/11/11

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Allelu, Alleluia*

\* Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Followers of God, go and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith,  
love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take  
hold of the eternal life, to which you were called.

All: Amen

\* HYMN

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

#559

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POSTLUDE



**TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

Claire Hovermill	Words of Gathering
Shantaya Thomas	Greeting
Amber Sumuel	Opening Prayer
Reverend Cathy	Children's Message, Scripture Reading, Prayers
Kelly Oxendine	Scripture Reader
Brandon Hovermill	Sermon
Fran Foster	Sermon
Jessica Siegmann	Call for Offering
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September 18, 2011

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### PRELUDE

*"Prelude on Stuttgart"*

Pethel

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Sing to God, sing praise to God; tell of God's wonderful works.

Many: **With grateful hearts, we sing and tell of the great deeds of God.**

One: Seek the Lord, seek the Lord's strength and presence continually. Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Many: **With grateful hearts, we rejoice in the great deeds of God.**

### \* OPENING HYMN

*"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"*

#113

### \* GREETING

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

Many: **And also with you.**

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: Creator God, we come to You in the spirit of confession, knowing that at times we fall short of following Your way. At times we are self-centered and we think only of how events affect us, and we view the world as unfair. We do not always celebrate when others receive blessings that we did not; at times we feel that we deserve more and others deserve less. Forgive us, O God, when we cannot see Your reign on earth, when we cannot see our neighbors in Your light and love. Forgive us, O God, when we are concerned about fairness and being right rather than having compassion and doing the right thing. Help us to celebrate with others and to bear each other's burdens, knowing that we are all part of this world together, part of Your reign on earth together. In the name of Christ, the Way, we pray all things. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Sing aloud of God's might acts! In grace and mercy, God abounds in steadfast love. We are forgiven.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

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

#733

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

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am: *"Here I Am Lord"*, Solo by Lois Duvall

10:30 am: *"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"*, The Choir

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING:

Exodus 16:2-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

#### SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### \* GOSPEL LESSON

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

Matthew 20:1-16

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

### \* HYMN

*"Give Thanks"*

#359

### SERMON

**"An Attitude of Gratitude"**

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

First page of Hymnal

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**PRAYER RESPONSE**

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Arietta"*

Haydn

\* 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: Let us continue in our work.

Many: Let us live in manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

One: Let us be in one spirit, striving side by side,

Many: Let us find Christ in our struggles,

One: Let us be surprised by the joy in our faith,

Many: Let us find you, O God, in all our work.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"Thanks to God for My Redeemer"*

#725

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Recessional"*

Battman



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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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

September 25, 2011

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"What Wondrous Love is This"* arr. Innes

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: When the people of Israel were thirsty, God gave water in the rock.

Many: Praise God for the water of life.

One: When people were lost without direction, Jesus came to show us the way.

Many: Praise God for the water of life.

One: When we cry out in need, God listens to us, and gives us what we need.

Many: Praise God for the water of life.

\* OPENING HYMN *"As the Deer"* #471

### \* 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 and loving God, we come to you this morning desiring a change in our lives. We want to turn deeper into your ways. We confess that we have turned aside from following you and we want to walk more fully in your path. Turn us away from the distractions of the world; away from selfish ambitions and conceit, away from hypocrisy and complacency, to remember our part in your family, to bring healing and hope, love and forgiveness. Help us to be mindful of your ways in our daily lives, so that we might not forget the lost and least among us. Call us to your paths of right-living so that we might take part in your covenant with the world. In the name of Christ, who journeys with us now and forever, we pray. Amen.

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Good friends: God is at work in you! God is alive in us, and our sins are forgiven, through Christ, our Savior.

Many: Thanks be to God, who loves us and forgives us!

## \*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: *"How Great is Our God"*, Solo by Claire Hovermill

10:30 am: *"Ancient Words"*, The Choir

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING:

Exodus 17:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

#### SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

### \* GOSPEL LESSON

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

Matthew 21:23-32

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

### \* HYMN

*"At the Name of Jesus"*

#321

### SERMON

"Mission:1"

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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**

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"At the Name of Jesus"*

Berry

\* 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 from here and turn toward the poor, the homeless, the downtrodden;

Many: We will go and turn away from the ways of the world and toward Jesus.

One: Turn to the outcast, the marginalized, the imprisoned;

Many: We will turn to the good news of the Gospel of Love.

One: Let us go and embrace The Way of Christ.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"*

#590

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

arr. Smith

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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October 2, 2011

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### PRELUDE

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

arr. Johnson

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

Many: **May our worship reflect God's glory.**

One: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

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

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

Many: **We commune with Christians around the world, with Christians throughout time.**

One: With Christians across the globe and across time,

All: **Let us worship!**

### \* 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: Gracious God, we confess that too often we focus on the differences among us, rather than celebrating what we share in common. Forgive us. Help us to be open to your presence among all of your people and throughout your creation. Help us to remember we are siblings to all of humanity, each and all of us created in your image.

When we choose conflict, redirect our thoughts and actions to you love and your call to love each other. We pray in Christ who makes us all one. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: As children of God, we are loved tenderly. By the life and love of Jesus, we are forgiven and free.

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: *"Softly and Tenderly," Solo by Diane Borkman*

10:30 am: *"With Broken Bread in Our Hands," The Choir*

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING:

Exodus 2:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

#### SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### \* GOSPEL LESSON

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

John 17:20-26

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

### \* HYMN

*"As We Gather At Your Table"*

#695

### SERMON

**"Bread and Body"**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      Nicene Creed      Last page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection      "I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table"      Kretzmar

\* Doxology      #34

*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      Insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: You have been fed at the table of Jesus, go out now to feed others.  
May the blessings of God, the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen

\* HYMN      "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"      #712

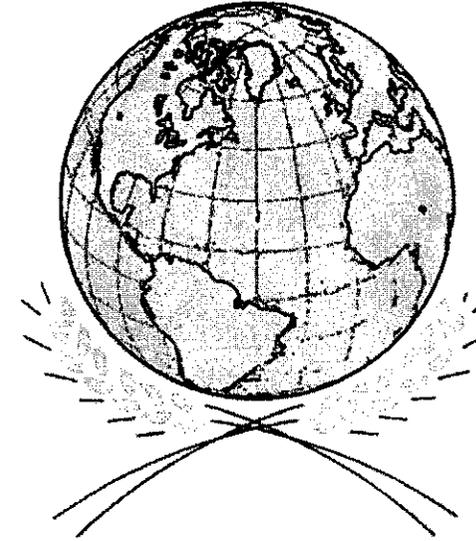
CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE      "Christ, the Lamb of God"      Bach

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World Communion Sunday



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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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October 9, 2011

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Andante from Sonata No. 4"* Mendelssohn

### WORDS OF GATHERING

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

Many: Today is a day to celebrate God.

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

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

One: Let us gather to share in God's presence.

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

\* OPENING HYMN *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"* #478

### \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: Living God, at times you seem so distant, and like our ancestors of faith we stray from you. When we have fashioned idols of our own desire or worshiped the temples of our own tradition, have mercy upon us. When we have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice, or failed to extend the invitation to others, forgive us. When we have adorned ourselves with worry rather than joy or failed to be gentle, have compassion upon us. Help us to draw near that we might hear your voice guiding us back home to your heart. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Praise be to God, our sins are forgiven. God's steadfast love endures forever

Many: Praise 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: Solo by Denise Kelly*

*10:30 am: "Come Share the Lord," The Choir*

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING:

Exodus 32:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

#### SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

### \* GOSPEL LESSON

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

**Matthew 22:1-14**

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

\* HYMN *"Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult"* #345

SERMON *"Standing in the Gap"*

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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**

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*8:00 am: Solo by Denise Kelly*

*10:30 am: "Adagio," (Mozart)*

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

**All:** Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

#569

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

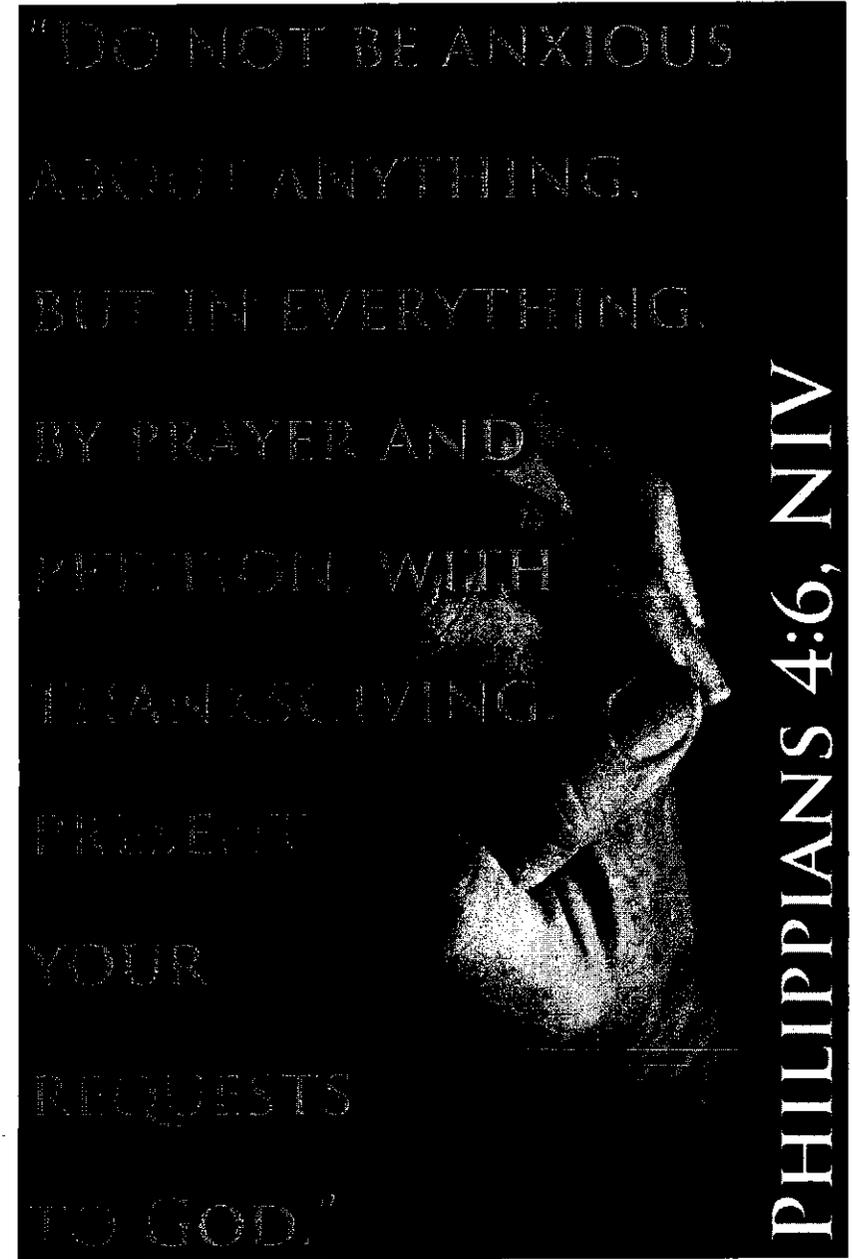
*"Praise God, Ye Christians, All Together"*

Buxtehude

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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October 23, 2011

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### PRELUDE

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

Binckes

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: You, O God, know our hearts.

Many: Guide our hearts, O God.

One: You, O God, see our ways.

Many: Shape our ways, O God.

One: You, O God, call our spirits.

Many: Call us now, O God, as we call on you.

### \* OPENING HYMN

*"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

#84

### \* GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

All: God of mercy, grace, reconciliation and goodness, happy are we when our ways are your ways and our spirits are enlivened by your call. We confess however that too often we listen to the counsel of the wicked rather than heed the call of your Spirit. Though we say we love you, we don't always live like we love you. We are quick to make excuses not to attend worship, pray, or help the needy. We turn away from loving others as soon as somebody hurts us or when someone is frightening, confusing, or annoying. We are sorry for so much. You know our hearts, O God, forgive us. Bind our hearts to you so that, in all ways, we may live in the joy of your salvation and the delight of your loving embrace. In Christ we pray. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's love is relentless; always seeking the forgiveness and restitution of the wayward, rebellious and the lost. Know that through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Many: Happy are we, God's beloved ones, made whole through Jesus Christ.

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

#733

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

## 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: *"I Have Loved You With an Everlasting Love"* Senior Choir

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

#### SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

### \* GOSPEL LESSON

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

Matthew 22:34-46

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

### \* HYMN

*"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"*

#519

### SERMON

"The Law of Love"

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

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**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

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

**Call for the Offering**

**Musical Reflection**                      *"Andante from Fourth Organ Symphony"*                      **Widor**

**\* 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:** We have been given this new week in which to honor the God who is easy to love by loving the neighbors who are sometimes difficult to love.

**Many:** Not in our own strength are we so commanded but in the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit and in the love of the Lord Jesus through whom all things are possible.

**One:** Go on your way rejoicing, and may the blessing of the Living God be always yours.

**All:** Amen!

**\* HYMN**

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

**#457**

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

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*"Love the Lord your God with  
all your heart and with all your  
soul and with all your mind."*

Matthew 22:37



# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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October 30, 2011

Reformation Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" Kittle

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Many: God redeems us from trouble,

One: Gathering us from east and from the west,

Many: From the north and from the south.

One: God led our ancestors from the wilderness, through the Jordan to a new land.

Many: We say thanks for God's steadfast love

One: And God's wonderful works to humankind.

Many: We worship God with thanks and praise.

\* 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: Almighty God, we confess that we turn away from your ways and follow the ways of the world. We look to our own interests, our own success and fortune, and not the well-being of the poor and the hungry. We even go as far at times to believe you must be with us and not with others, that you are on our side. Forgive us, O God, for not being on your side, for not looking to the ones Christ ate with and ministered to: the sick and the poor, the widowed and the orphaned, the marginalized and the oppressed. Forgive us, and help us to be humble. Keep us mindful that we are all students who continue to learn how to walk in your ways. In the name of Christ, who calls us to seek out the lost and the least, we pray. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. In Jesus Christ, God conquers sin and death reconciling the world to God. Rejoice in our gracious God! You are forgiven and free.

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: "Change My Heart, O God" Pam Georiadis and Rob Gundlach

10:30 am: "By Faith" Senior Choir

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING:

Joshua 3:7-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

#### SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

### \* GOSPEL LESSON

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

John 8:31-38

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

### \* HYMN

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

#123

### SERMON

"Making Room for the Word"

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

First page of Hymnal

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Make Me a Servant"*

Willard

\* 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: Brothers and sisters, those whom God has gathered, God now sends forth.

Many: We are blessed to go in the presence of God who leads us.

One: As long as we follow in the way God is leading –

Many: We know God's realm will surely appear.

One: Go then as the people of God, encouraged and empowered by God who goes with us.

All: Amen!

\* HYMN

*"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

#96

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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POSTLUDE

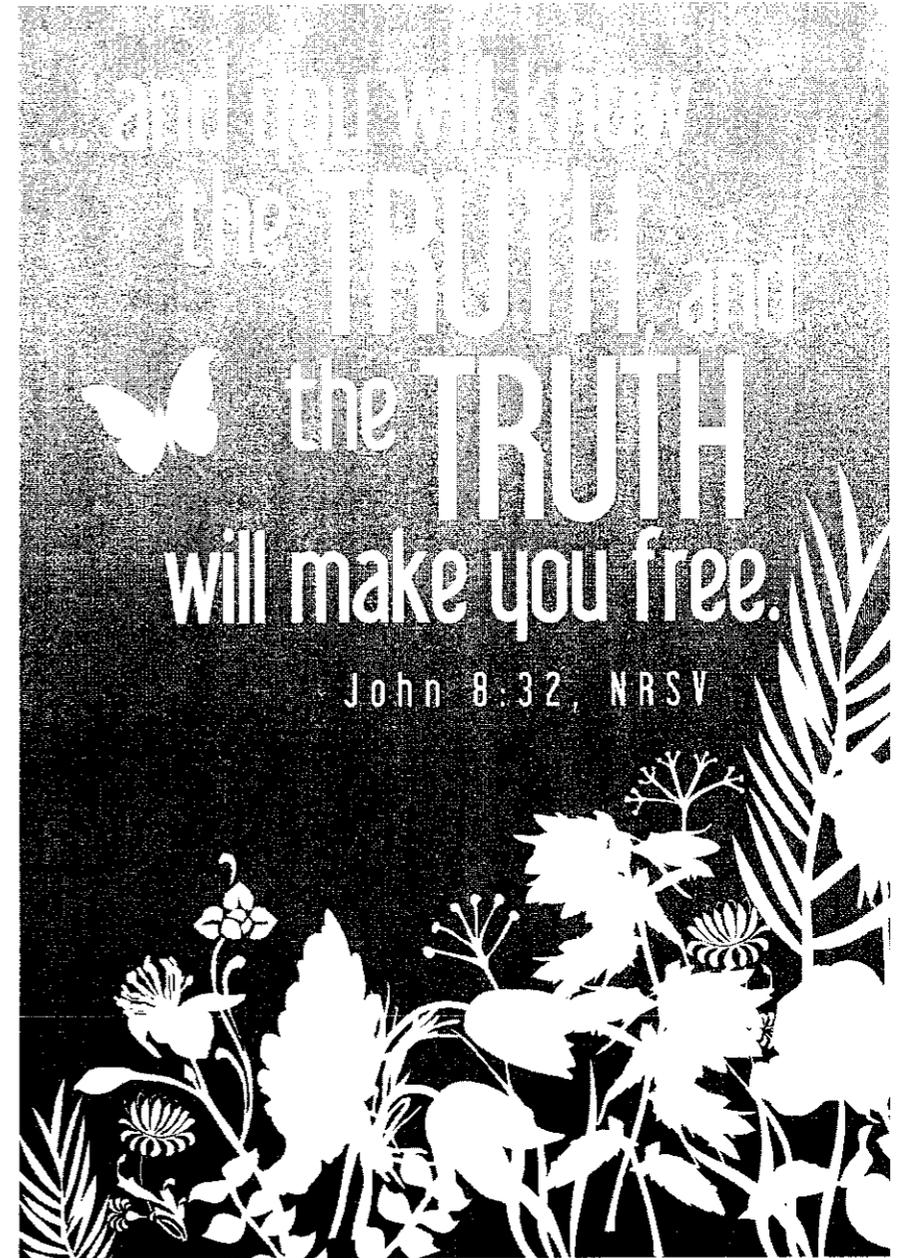
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November 6, 2011

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### PRELUDE

*"Prelude on Rhosymedre"*

Vaughn Williams

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: God has gathered us to this place,

Many: Where we hear those stories which show us what the kingdom of God is like.

One: God summons us to this place,

Many: Where we can learn how to serve our God without reservation, or hesitation.

One: God will send us from this place,

Many: To tell others of God's hopes and dreams, so they, too, can choose to follow God.

One: Let us heed God's call

Many: Let us worship God.

### \* OPENING HYMN

*"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"*

#11

### \* 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 ("The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost)

One: Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,/And sorry I could not travel both/And be one traveler, long I stood/And looked down one as far as I could/To where it bent in the undergrowth./(Silent reflection)

One: For the times we have failed to look,

Many: For the times we have failed to understand the difference,

One: For the times we have failed to make a choice,

All: Lord have mercy.

One: Then took the other, as just as fair,/And having perhaps the better claim,/Because it was grassy and wanted wear;/Though as for that the passing there/Had worn them really about the same./(Silent reflection)

One: For the ways in which our choice is shallow,

Many: For the ways in which our sight is limited,

One: For the ways in which we second guess,

All: Christ have mercy.

One: And both that morning equally lay/In leaves no step had trodden black./Oh, I kept the first for another day!/Yet knowing how way leads on to way,/I doubted if I should ever come back./(Silent reflection)

One: For the sorrow of the "might have been",

Many: For the pain of clinging to the past

One: For the doubt that clouds our hope,

All: Lord have mercy.

One: I shall be telling this with a sigh/Somewhere ages and ages hence:/Two roads diverged in a wood, and I--/I took the one less traveled by,/And that has made all the difference./(Silent reflection)

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: For the chance to take new paths,

Many: We give thanks to the Lord.

One: For the grace to celebrate the sunrise where we are,

Many: We give thanks to God.

One: For the hope that lies ahead,

Many: We give thanks to the Lord who forgives all our sins. Amen.

### \*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: *"Cherish the Treasure" Solo by Claire Hovermill*

10:30 am: *"Taste and See" Senior Choir*

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING:

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

#### SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

\* GOSPEL LESSON

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

Matthew 25:1-13

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

\* HYMN

*"The Family Prayer Song"*

#605

SERMON

*"Waiting in the Night"*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* BLESSING FOR MISSION:1

(see insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection 8:00 am *"The Family Prayer Song"* by Chapman

10:30 am *"Cherish the Treasure"* Solo by Claire Hovermill

\* 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)

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth into this day with the glory of God moving through you. And may the light of God, the affirming love of Jesus Christ, and the ever-renewing power of the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"We Meet as Friends at Table"*

#704

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

POSTLUDE

*"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"*

Kretzchmar

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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November 13, 2011      Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost      8:00 & 10:30 am

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### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE      *"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes"*      Schreiner

#### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: This is the Lord's Day, the day of wonder and grace.

Many: This is the day to worship the One who calls us here.

One: This is the Lord's Day, the day we are given joy and peace.

Many: This is the day promised to us, the day of healing and renewal.

One: This is the Lord's Day, and it has come just in time!

Many: This is the day we gather with hope, with faith, with love.

\* OPENING HYMN      *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*      #248

#### \* 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 joyfully receive your abundant gifts, O God, and we look for ways to invest them in order to increase your realm of love on Earth. Yet we confess that when circumstance and limitations rise up against us, we allow them to cloud our vision for possibilities. Sometimes we think too little of ourselves. We become weighed down with doubt and insecurity and we bury our preciousness under a diminished self-worth. We can allow indifference to have its way in us, growing numb to the world's needs, neglecting our baptismal vocation, and withholding our resources. Despite the abundance of your love, a mindset of scarcity can creep into our community and we can give in to the thought that there is not enough to go around. Forgive us, O God. May we become aware of our own potential and may our imaginations be sparked by the flame of your Spirit until our world overflows with possibilities. In Christ we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good News, created in God's image God has destined us to be free and generous. Let us live in God's forgiveness and power.

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: Solo by Denise Kelly  
10:30 am: "Bow the Knee" Senior Choir

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING:

Judges 4:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

#### SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

#### \* GOSPEL LESSON

*Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb  
Matthew 25:14-30  
Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb*

#### \* HYMN

*"Lord, Be Glorified"*

#465

#### SERMON

*"Count Yourself Blessed"*

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 8:00 am

Apostles Creed

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

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*8:00 am: Solo by Denise Kelly*

*10:30 am: "Adagio" by Mendelssohn*

\* 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 as children of the light: ready to serve, eager to give, delighted to love. And may God's blessing keep, lead and mold you, now and forever.

All: Amen!

\* HYMN

*"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

#466

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

POSTLUDE

*"Prelude in G Major" by Bach*

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Praise  
GOD!!  
from  
WHOM  
ALL  
blessings  
FLOW



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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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November 20, 2011

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: Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Many: We know that the Lord is God! We belong to God! We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise. Let us give thanks to the Lord and bless God's holy name.

Many: For the Lord is good. God's steadfast love endures forever, God's faithfulness to all generations.

One: Let us worship with thanks and joy!

Many: Let us praise God in song and word and prayer!

\* 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: Loving God, too often, we overlook the needs of people around us while we proclaim our devotion to you. We could do so much more to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, to welcome the stranger, and heal the sick. We fail to see how our prison system diminishes the humanity of all of us, how our medical system denies healing to the poor, how poverty leaves children without coats, how legal obstacles keep the strangers at a distance. Open our eyes to see your presence in every person, and to respond to their needs so that we may be rightly called by your name. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Though we wander, God searches us out. Speaking through Ezekiel, God said, "As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick gloom." God reaches out to us, longing to bring us ever closer. Hear this good news: we are forgiven and free.

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: "Ancient Words"

10:30 am: "One Body in Christ"

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

### SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

### \* GOSPEL LESSON

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

Matthew 25:31-46

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb

### \* HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#440

### SERMON

"The Eyes of the Heart"

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

### TOTENFEST REMEMBRANCE

See Inset

### 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**

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

8:00 am: "One Body in Christ"

10:30 am: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Shelley

\* 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: May God give you wisdom and revelation. May the eyes of your heart be enlightened. May you know the hope to which God has called you. And may the blessings of the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer go with you this day and always.

All: Amen!

\* HYMN

"For All the Saints"

#529

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Fanfare on Sine Nomine" by White



# Reign of Christ Sunday



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November 27, 2011

First Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:30 am

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### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

#### PRELUDE

*"Come Redeemer of Mankind"*

Pachelbel

#### \*LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

One: The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the *coming* of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ *is* coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of hope, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

*(first candle is lit)*

All: Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

#### \* OPENING HYMN

*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

#154

#### \* 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 come to you in this time where the light grows dim, where the air turns cooler, when the northern hemisphere turns to wintry sleep. We come to you in a time when economic prospects look bleak, when political polarization has captured the news, and the real cries of the poor and hungry in all our world are not heard. God, you are the Light of the World. In the darkness, your light shines. Help us to grow and share that light. Call us to be beacons in times of darkness. In the most challenging

times, Lord, give us the strength and courage to be your light in our world, to live as citizens of your reign, for your light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it. In the name of Christ, the Light that has come and will come again, we pray. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Even now, God is approaching us, with mercy and hope to overcome sin and despair. This is good news, this is news of great joy for each of us.

Many: Enriched in every grace, we will live as people of Advent. Thanks be to God.

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

#170

*My soul proclaims with wonder the greatness of the Lord, Rejoicing in God's goodness my spirit is restored.*

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am and 10:30 am: "Pastorale"

Spong

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 64:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

#### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

#### \* GOSPEL LESSON

*We lift our hearts to praise you (x3), Christ the Lord  
Mark 13:24-37*

*We give you all the glory (x3), Christ the Lord*

#### \* HYMN

*"Long Ago Prophets Knew"*

#167

#### SERMON

*"While You Are Waiting..."*

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

## SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection     8:00 am: "Some Day" \* 10:30 am: "Glorious Day"

\* 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: Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection— for the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.

Many: We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder, and set aside time to offer quiet thanks.

One: The good news of Advent is this: Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.

All: We will welcome Christ into our hearts. We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry. We will go forth from this place in hope.

### \* HYMN

*"Lift Up Your Head, O Mighty Gates"*

#176

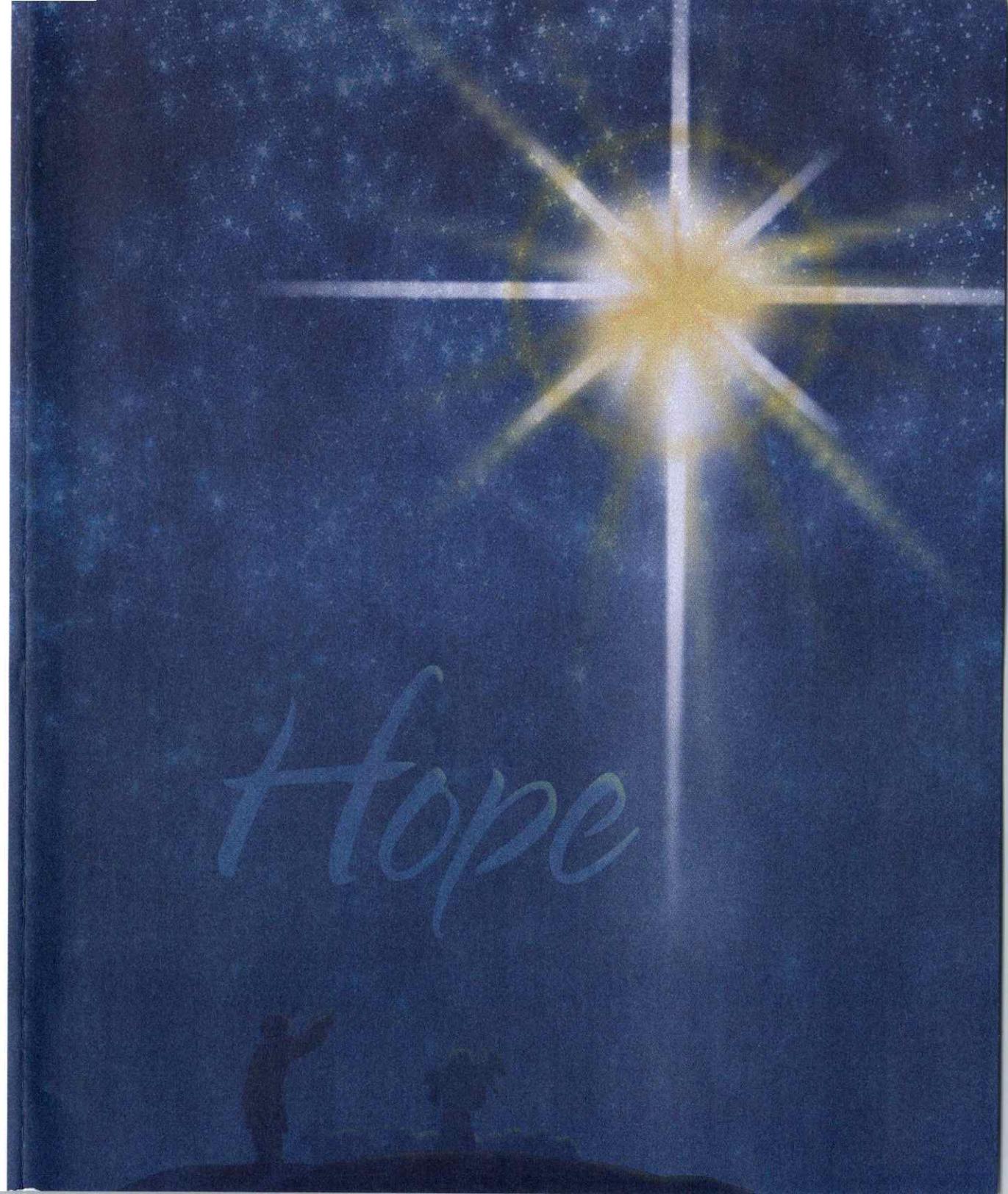
### CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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### POSTLUDE

*"Come Redeemer of Mankind"*

Bach



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December 4, 2011

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Num komm, der Heiden Heiland"

Pachelbel

\*LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

One: Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

*(Two candles are lit)*

All: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

\* 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 of compassionate love, you hold us all tenderly in your warm embrace, and desire that we love each other. We confess that all too often we fail in our efforts to live as you would have us live. We push away, turning cold shoulders to you and each other. We are quick to respond with anger and resentment instead of compassion and grace. We seek revenge instead of reconciliation. In these moments, O God, forgive us. Set us upon the right path that we might be a people prepared; a people

through which your glory is revealed. In the name of the Coming One we pray. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: When we turn to God with faithful hearts, God hears and responds. Our failings and shortcomings are forgiven.

Many: Glory to God in the Highest.

\*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

#170

*My soul proclaims with wonder the greatness of the Lord, Rejoicing in God's goodness my spirit is restored.*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am "Emmanuel"

10:30 am: "Go Up to the Mountain"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 40:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

\* GOSPEL LESSON

*We lift our hearts to praise you (x3), Christ the Lord*

Mark 1:1-8

*We give you all the glory (x3), Christ the Lord*

\* HYMN

"Let All Mortal Flesh"

#232

SERMON

"Background Music"

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Back page of Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## PRAYER RESPONSE

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

## SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection      8:00 and 10:30 am: "Comfort Ye, My People"      Handel

\* Doxology      Greensleeves

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(see insert)

### GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

#### \* SENDING FORTH

One: Take your encouragement from Christ, that your joy may be complete.

Many: We will share in the Spirit; We will find consolation in love.

One: Practice a ministry of humility and compassion. For God is at work in you, empowering you.

All: We will welcome Christ into our hearts. We will lives worthy of the Gospel. We will go forth in hope and in peace. Amen.

#### \* HYMN

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

#155

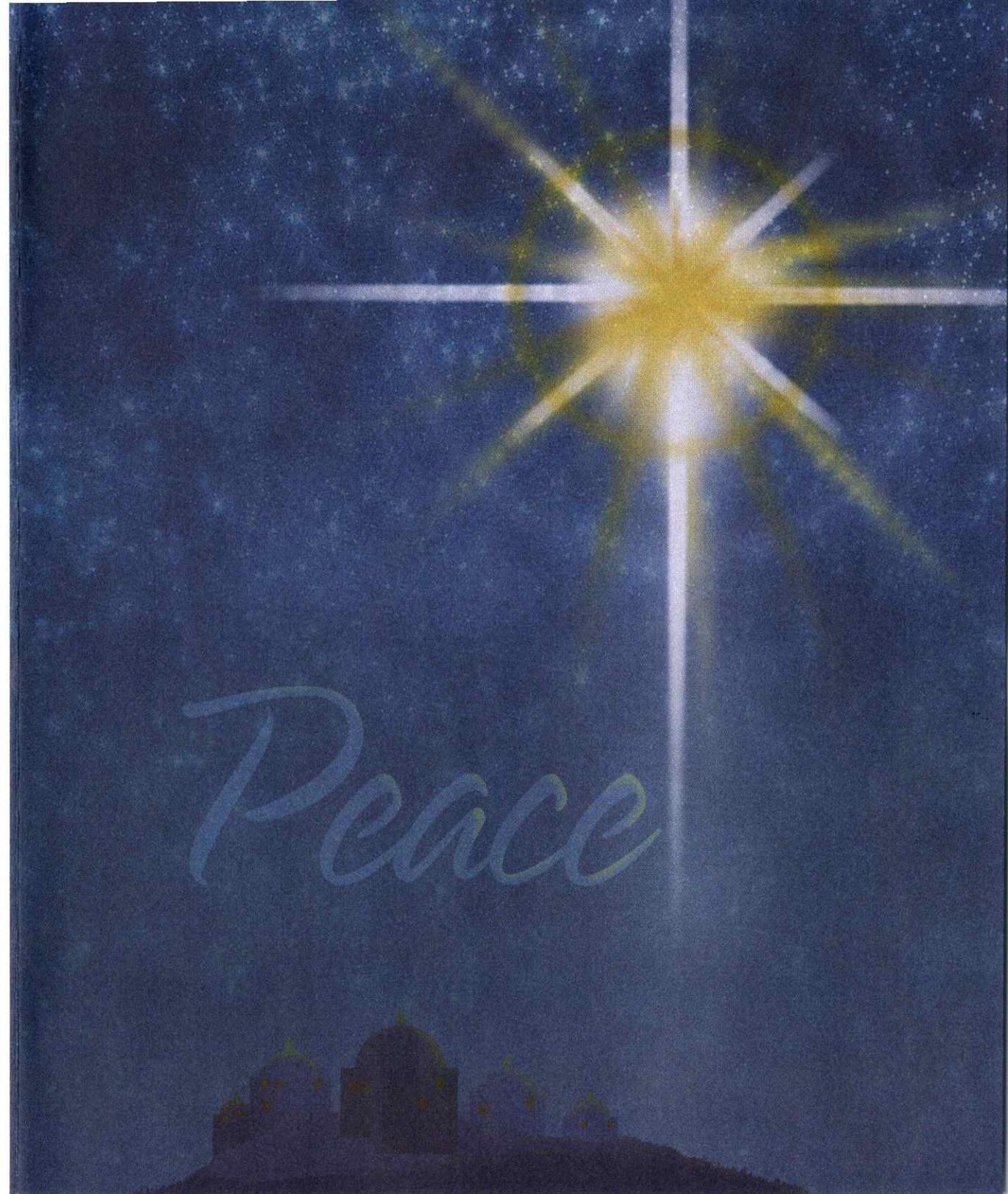
#### CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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#### POSTLUDE

"From Heaven Above I Hither Come"

Bach



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December 11, 2011

Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Pastorale on What is This Lovely Fragrance" Lovelace

### \*LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

One: We have lit the first two candles, one for hope and one for peace. Today we light the third candle, the candle of joy. This should be the easy one, because joy is all around us—in the children, the lights, the music, the gathering together. But how often do we let our preparations—or our memories—push joy to the side? Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us, but joy is also a choice, an attitude. Like a muscle, it needs to be exercised. So today we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us. All we need to do is give it care and offer it to share.

*(Three candles are lit.)*

All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you, trusting that this is how you made us: you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

\* 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: O God you are a lover of justice, and One who despises wrongdoing. We bow our heads in holy reverence as we admit the wrongs we have done. We long to be free of the burdens that hold us captive, yet we confess that

we doubt in your power to deliver us. We long to be bearers of good news to the oppressed, yet we confess that our apathy and fear hold us back from speaking up. We long to return to your favor, O God. Forgive us our transgressions; loosen the chains of doubt and fear that bind us that we might be your faithful people. In Christ we pray. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God gives a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning. God blesses us with new beginnings and new life. We are forgiven!

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

*My soul proclaims with wonder the greatness of the Lord, Rejoicing in God's goodness my spirit is restored.*

#170

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING "Jesus, What a Wonderful Child"

### 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

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn. Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*We lift our hearts to praise you (x3), Christ the Lord  
John 1:6-8, 19-28*

### \* GOSPEL LESSON

*We give you all the glory (x3), Christ the Lord*

### \* HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#180

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

"Finding Christ in Christmas"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Savior of the Nations, Come"*

Bach

\* 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: Rejoice in God always, and again I say, rejoice. For God has created you with the capacity for joy.

Many: We will find what makes us joyful and make that our gift to the world.

One: Trust in God's good will for all of creation and open yourself to God's gentle, transforming love.

All: We will welcome new possibilities in our lives. We will offer ourselves to God's goodness. We will go forth in hope, and peace, and joy. Amen.

\* HYMN

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

#156

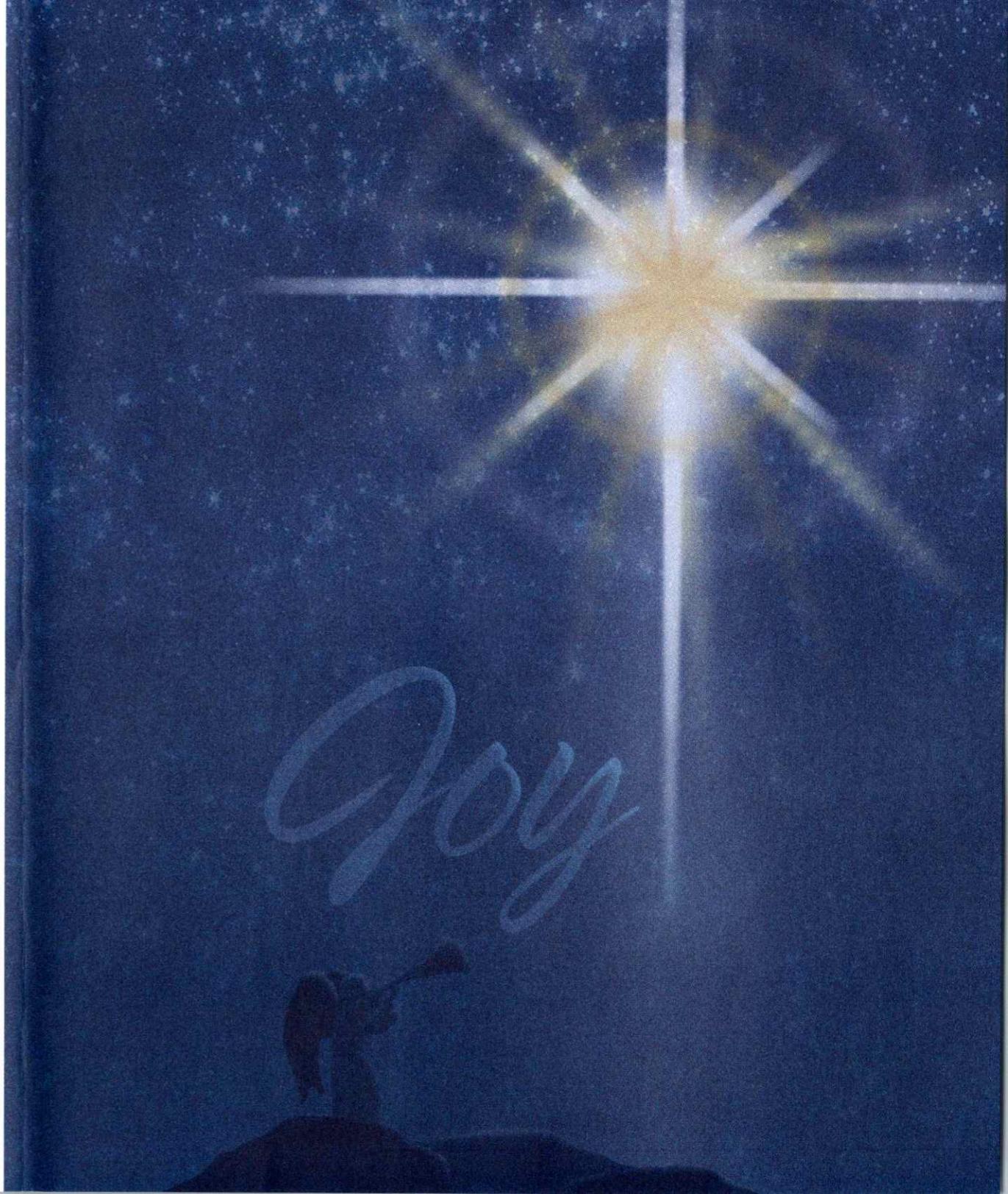
CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

POSTLUDE

*"Toccata"*

Boellman



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December 18, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:30 am

\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

*"Once in Royal David's City"*

Arr. Innes

\*LITANY FOR ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

One: We have lit three candles—for hope, for peace, and for joy. Today we light the fourth candle—the candle of love. With this flame we signify the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times, but that we recognize in a special way in the Christmas story. There is no greater power than love. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death. We love, because God loves us.

*(Four candles are lit.)*

All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season. As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Magnify your love within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"Once in Royal David's City"*

#183

\* 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 open our hearts to you, O God, for you desire that we know your love, a love that sets us free from all that encumbers us. And so we confess the sins that bind us. Too often we pride ourselves on our own

importance. We credit ourselves with our successes and blame our shortcomings on others. Forgive us, O God, when we have failed to let your love spill over through our lives to others. Forgive us and empower us with your Spirit to proclaim your love in word and deed to those who are close to us and to those who at this time feel rejected, unwanted, lonely ... those who are sick and those who mourn - especially those for whom this season is a time of sadness ... to those people, young and old, who are trapped in a cycle of poverty ... to the many people across the world who have been forced into being refugees, and those who suffer at the hands of others. May the words we speak and sing about over these next few days become reality for those who are denied peace and goodwill, as we seek to live and love even as Christ did. These things we pray in his name. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God knows our weakness and our strengths. God loves us as we are, knowing we are yet works in progress. Receive the anointing love of God's grace. You are forgiven!

Many: Our souls rejoice in God our Savior.

\*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

#170

*My soul proclaims with wonder the greatness of the Lord, Rejoicing in God's goodness my spirit is restored.*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 am: *"Every Valley Shall Be Exalted"*

10:30 am: *"Wandering Stranger"*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 7:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*We lift our hearts to praise you (x3), Christ the Lord*

Luke 1:26-38

\* GOSPEL LESSON

*We give you all the glory (x3), Christ the Lord*

\* HYMN

*"Lo, How a Rose E'er Bloming"*

#190

SERMON

*"A Place for God"*



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December 24, 2011

Christmas Eve

7:30 pm

\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Carol of the Manger"

Wood

### \*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Hope, peace, joy, and love. Four candles, four promises continually offered to us by God, and all of them manifest in this one we light tonight: the Christ candle. In Christ we find the hope of transformation, the peace that follows justice, the joy of self-fulfillment in community, and the love that encompasses us in all our diversity, empowering us to make our own unique contribution to this world. In Christ we find light and life, and the courage to be like him, answering his call and following in his footsteps.

*[All candles are lit.]*

All: We rejoice in God's steadfast presence in our lives, and in God's unique presence in the life of Jesus of Nazareth—born of Mary, growing through childhood into an adult ministry, in all his life manifesting the peace, love, and justice of God; his voice undimmed by the centuries, his call and his promise as clear to us as it was to his disciples so long ago. Come to us, Lord Jesus, be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, our lives. May the light of your life be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth, of God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen.

\* OPENING HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

#182

### GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God of the Child of Bethlehem, we come into your presence with praise and thanksgiving. We hear the glad tidings of the angel voices, and we come to experience this good news of great joy for all people. Let the words of sacred scripture seep into our hearts, to be treasured and

*Let every heart prepare him room.  
And heaven and nature sing;  
And heaven and nature sing;  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth! The Savior Reigns;  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains;  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy;  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.*

POSTLUDE

"Tocatta from Symphony V"

Widor



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Rejoice

## SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Shepherd's Pipe Carol"*

Wood

\* 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

## 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. As you wait to receive the elements please join in singing the hymns.

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*

### O Holy Night

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Almighty and Redeeming God, you have made us one with you by lovingly sending your Son to take on our frail flesh. We thank you for this Word made flesh, revealed to us in the manger and in the bread and wine. Grant that we may find in his birth new birth in us to live out your gospel of love in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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;*

pondered anew. On this night of introspection on the nature of Divine presence, turn us inward to your indwelling Spirit. On this night of reflection on the nature of Divine power, turn us outward to the needs of this broken, but beautiful world. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen

#### \* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: People of God, arise! Shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For unto us a child has been born, unto us a son has been given.

#### \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glorio in Excelsis Dio  
Glorio in Excelsis Dio

Iris

#### \* CHRISTMAS GREETING OF PEACE

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Sleep Holy Child"*

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 9:2-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

#### SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

*We lift our hearts to praise you (x3), Christ the Lord*

Luke 2:1-20

#### \* GOSPEL LESSON

*We give you all the glory (x3), Christ the Lord*

#### 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.

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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December 25, 2011

Christmas Day

10:00 am

\* indicates to stand as able

PRELUDE "Prelude on Silent Night" Innes

### WORDS OF GATHERING

One: O come, let us adore him

Many: Whose coming was announced by the prophets

One: O come, let us adore him

Many: Whose message was proclaimed by the angels

One: O come, let us adore him

Many: Whose glory was hailed by the shepherds

All: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

\* 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.

### \* CHRISTMAS PRAYER

All: O God of Christmas, God of unspeakable grace, long ago you sent your angels through the midnight of the sleeping world to tell the shepherds Christ was born in Bethlehem: come to our dark world, and stir our hearts to hear again their message of your love in Christ. Though there was no room in Bethlehem's inn, help us to make room in the busyness of the world, in our daily life, that our lives may declare the wonders of that Holy Love that has called us out of darkness into glorious light. Amen.

### \* DECLARATION OF GRACE

One: Glory to God in the highest heaven! Peace on earth to all! For on this day is born for us a Savior.

### \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Pastorale on Away in a Manger"

Innes

\* Doxology

Greensleeves

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

A READING:

Isaiah 52:7-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Mystery"

A READING

Psalms 98

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice" #198

A READING

Hebrews 1:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

"Angels We Have Heard on High" #188

## BORN IN HUMILITY, RETURNING IN GLORY

GOD SPOKE

"In the Bleak Midwinter" #196

GOD INCARNATE

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #221

GOD WITH US

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Prayer of Consecration

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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of The Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All thanks to you, generous God, for the gift of Christ, light in our darkness and hope of the world, whom you have sent to save all humanity. With singing angels, let us praise your name, and tell the earth this story, so that all may walk together, work together, eat together and in the breaking of bread, one with another, may feel our hearts inflamed and our souls sustained. In Christ we pray. Amen.

CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN

\* SENDING FORTH

\* HYMN

*"Go Tell It On the Mountain*

#218

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

POSTLUDE

*"Fanfare on Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

DeCou



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