

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 2, 2006 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"* arr. Hamlin

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN *"God of Our Fathers"* # 440

*GREETING

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

(P) **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) Lord Jesus Christ, you used your hands to heal; to lift up; to bless; to sow kindness and tenderness in desolate lives.

(P) **Forgive us when we keep our hands at our sides when we could be reaching out in love.**

(L) Lord Jesus Christ, you used your hands to bear the burdens of others and to feed the hungry.

(P) **Forgive us when we use our hands to take care of ourselves without any thought for those who are hungry or overwhelmed with adversity.**

(L) Lord Jesus Christ, you used your hands to welcome and to include those who were considered outcasts in the society of your time.

(P) **Forgive us when we clench our fists and exclude people simply because they are different from us.**

(L) Lord Jesus Christ, open our hands and our hearts to love as you loved and to care as you cared. Strengthen us to include in our prayers and our fellowship, those who feel excluded because of the barriers between people.

(P) Lord Jesus Christ, help us to accept people as you accept them, as people made in the image of God, and precious to God. We pray this prayer in your name. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Hear the good news: there is forgiveness and steadfast love with God who saves us from all our sins. God has shown this love for us in that, while we still were sinners, Christ died for us.

(All) **Praise be to God!**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"The Statue of Liberty"
Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 5:21-43

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"There Was Jesus by the Water" see insert

SERMON

Rev. Clara Young

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed p. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* arr. Wood

***Doxology**

551

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him 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**

(L) Go from this place to serve the world God loves, with hearts full of tenderness and joy, and minds full of eagerness and hope. And may God, who both goes with you and meets you on the way, surround you with divine blessing.

(P) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"America the Beautiful"

443

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

"Postlude on America"

arr. Coulroy

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A SERVICE OF MEMORIAL

John Henry Will

July 6, 1915 - June 30, 2006

July 6, 2006

12:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

***OPENING HYMN** *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"* see insert

*PRAYER

(L) The peace of Christ be with you.

(P) **And also with you.**

(L) Let us pray.

(All) Almighty God, whose will is sovereign and whose mercy is boundless, look upon us in our sorrow and enable us to hear your word. Help us hear so that, through patience and the encouragement of the scriptures, we may hold fast to the assurance of your favor and hope of life eternal, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Psalm 121

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

REFLECTION *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

MEDITATION

***HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE** *"Eternal Father Strong to Save"* see insert
(versus 1 & 2 only)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

SOLO *"The Lord's Prayer"*
Dolores Canoles

*A PRAYER FOR OURSELVES

***PARTING HYMN** *"On Eagle's Wings"* see insert

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Prelude in C"* Bach

*If able please stand

Following interment at Oaklawn Cemetery, friends are invited to Snyders Willow Grove on Hammonds Ferry Road.

The family of John Henry Will wishes to thank our friends for the many expressions of sympathy and love. Your thoughtfulness and prayers are greatly appreciated.



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The Lord is my Shepherd

I SHALL NOT WANT



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JULY 9, 2006 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "How Great Thou Art" arr. Hamlin

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" # 323

*GREETING

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

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Merciful God, forgive us the times when we ignore you, and depend on our own strength to do things our own way. Paul talks about power being made perfect in weakness. Forgive us for believing that we have to be hard and domineering if we want to get ahead in life. Forgive us when we use our power selfishly or aggressively, ignoring that indwelling, Christ-given power which frees us to be vulnerable. Permeate our lives with your grace, Lord, so that we can affirm with Paul that we are content with weaknesses for your sake, and fill us with the knowledge that it is when we allow ourselves to be empowered by you, that we are truly strong. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Hear again the good news: that Jesus' grace is sufficient for us all - sufficient for us to be forgiven in his name. My friends receive that grace and rejoice in the power to live in his strength.

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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World without end. Amen, Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Three Times I Asked Him"

Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:1-13

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

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SERMON

Rev. John Oliver

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Interlude"

Haydn
551

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Go forth from this place to be makers of justice and joy, creators of compassion and peace, with the sure knowledge that the blessing of God - Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer - is with you.

(P) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" # 278

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Chorale on O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" arr. Jordan

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JULY 16, 2006 **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** **9:00 a.m.**

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Prayer" Boelleman

OPENING SENTENCE

***OPENING HYMN** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" # 43

***GREETING**

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

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

(All) God of the universe, we confess that we often turn away from the new life you give. Forgive us when we allow our hurts and wounds to dampen the joy we might express and the hope by which we might live. Loosen the fear that constricts our hearts so that we might welcome your glorious presence into every aspect of our lives. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

(L) Hear again the good news: God's love is lavish, God's forgiveness is unending. My friends receive God's love; receive God's forgiveness.

(All) Praise be to God!

***OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE** # 492

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be,

World without end. Amen, Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"The Lord Is My Light"

Rev. John Oliver

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

Ephesians 1:3-14

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

***GLORIA TIBI**

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 5:38-48

***LAUS TIBI**

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

***HYMN**

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

193

SERMON

Rev. John Oliver

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Dedication"

Dressler

***Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Move forward into your world with delight, knowing that you are part of the great divine dance of life. May the blessing of God move with you, and within you.

(P) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

"Rondo in G"

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JULY 23, 2006 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" arr. DeCou

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord" # 329

*GREETING

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

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Merciful God, we celebrate the way that you chose to bring unity and peace to people - through the gift of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. He broke down longstanding walls of prejudice and hostility between Jew and Gentile, male and female, slave and free. He abolished rules that restricted life and replaced them with the new commandment to love as he did. Where have we gone astray? Walls of prejudice still exist and barriers of racism still hold people back from reaching their true potential. We hear the great message of Jesus reconciling people to you, O God, and to one another, and yet we still hesitate to reach out to people when they are different in some way from us.

(silent confession)

(L) Forgive us when we create barriers rather than tear them down.

(All) Forgive us when we fail to take risks for the gospel's sake. Jesus has made us members of the household of God and he holds us together through the power of his Spirit. We remember with gratitude how people shared their faith with us so that we are no longer strangers and aliens. So we pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to bind us together in love and peace, building us up as a witnessing, welcoming and forgiving community of grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) "In Jesus you who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ". In him we have been reconciled to God through the cross, made citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. Hear then, the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Thank You Lord For This Beautiful World"

Claire Hovermill

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

Exodus 3:1-12

(P) Thanks be to God

Ephesians 2:11-22

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"
 *GOSPEL LESSON Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
 *LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"
 *HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" # 461
 SERMON "MOSES" Rev. John Oliver

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Trust in the Lord" Handel # 551

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

(L) You are no longer strangers, but citizens and saints of the household of God.

(P) **We are God's holy temple, a dwelling place of the Spirit.**

(L) Go in peace, with joy and gladness, and may God grant understanding and strength as you claim your citizenship in God's realm.

(P) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" # 322

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "The Church's One Foundation" arr. Innes

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JULY 30, 2006 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Meditation" Massenet

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah" # 80

*GREETING

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

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Merciful God, we hear the story of David and wonder how he could so abuse his power - serving his own interests in such a selfish way. How different from the way Jesus used his power to serve, heal and nurture others. Forgive us when our actions reflect those of David more than those of Jesus. Forgive us the times when we have yielded to the temptation of feeding our own interests to the detriment of others around us. We pray that we may be powerfully strengthened by the Holy Spirit to witness to Jesus' love and compassion in and through all we do and say. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Through the power of the Holy Spirit within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. So, hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"
Dolores Canoles

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

2 Samuel 11:1-15

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

Ephesians 3:14-21

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:1-21

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

#204

SERMON

Rev. Gertrude Williams

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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Musical Reflection

"My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me"

Dolores Canoles

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***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Go knowing the love of Christ surpassing all knowledge, and the fullness of God poured out in power. And may the riches of God's glory strengthen you within, as Christ dwells in your hearts through faith.

(P) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

"Tocatta in C"

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AUGUST 6, 2006 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Come Ye Disconsolate" arr. DeCou

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "From All That Dwells Below the Skies" # 386

*GREETING

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

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) In humility and trust, we confess our shortcomings to you, O God. In our freedom to make choices in life, we have not always chosen wisely for ourselves or for others. As stewards of your creation, our dominion has often been cruel. We have not always walked lightly on this earth or protected it. As a community filled with many gifts, we have not always seen those gifts in others or called them forth for the good of all.

(silent confession)

(L) Create in us clean hearts, O God.

(All) And put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain in us a willing spirit. Ready our hands, our hearts, and our minds to freely give and receive the goodness of new life with you. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Through the grace of God, we know the joy of salvation in Jesus, who came into the world to save sinners. Sisters and brothers, let the past be the past. The present is grace. The future is hope. This is God's way of forgiveness for you and for all creation.

(All) Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Whiter than Snow"

Clara Auffarth and Florence Gundlach

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

Ephesians 4:1-16

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:24-35

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"One Bread, One Body"

see insert

SERMON "BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

p. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Create in Me a Clean Heart" arr. Johnson

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*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him 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

(L) Take with you the blessing of your calling, the grace Christ has given you, and the certainty that no one else can take your place among God's people. You are a gift to the Body of Christ; now be a gift to God's world.

(All) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Rise Up O Men of God"

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "The Church's One Foundation"

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AUGUST 13, 2006 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCE

***OPENING HYMN** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" # 63

*GREETING

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

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Living God, as we reflect on our presence in your world we confess that sometimes our lives do not mirror the abundance of your love; nor do we always show our gratitude for all you give so freely. When we do not live as neighbors, when anger controls our actions, when we walk away from hard conversations, when we avoid our own guilt, and fail to build up the Body of Christ, forgive us, God, and help us. Renew our desire to live transformed by your love. Do not let us be defeated by our failures. Strengthen us to be disciples who live by your grace and compassion. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God forgives us unconditionally. Through this gift of grace may we have confidence to live, transformed by God.

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be,

World without end. Amen, Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

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

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:35, 41-51

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

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SERMON

"PUTTING AWAY MALICE"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Go now to be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

(All) **Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Teach Me, O Lord"

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

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AUGUST 20, 2006 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Siciliano" Bach

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" # 7

*GREETING

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

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) If, as to Solomon, God said to us "Ask what I should give to you"

(P) How would we reply?

(L) Would we ask for gifts to serve ourselves or others?

(silent reflection)

(L) Commercials bombard us with things that we "need"

(P) For comfort and health;

(L) Better looks; easy wealth.

(P) It's so easy to give way to feelings of greed.

(All) Lord, forgive us when we're tempted to put your ways aside.

(silent reflection)

(L) If, as to Solomon, God said to us "Ask what I should give to you"

(P) How would we respond?

(L) Would we even think to ask for minds that understood the differences between evil and good?

(silent reflection)

(L) Would we want to discern what is just, not of course, just for us, but for those who're unloved, oppressed and unknown?

(P) The temptation is strong, we have to confess, to leave it to others to serve those in distress.

(All) God of mercy, we confess our lack of sensitivity for the needy and hurting of our world. Give to us minds like Jesus, minds filled with true wisdom and love; to do what is righteous, to do what is just. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) The works of God's hands are faithful and just. Through God's righteousness, we have received redemption through Jesus Christ who came that we might be raised to new life.

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"The Lord's Prayer"

Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

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

(P) Thanks be to God

Ephesians 5:15-20

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"
*GOSPEL LESSON John 6:51-58
*LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"
*HYMN "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" # 192
SERMON

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

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Musical Reflection "If Thou Art Near" Bach # 551

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

(L) May you be filled with the Spirit. May you seek wisdom and give thanks to God always. And may the blessing of God be with you forever on your journey.

(All) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Jesus Thou Divine Companion" # 392

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Prelude in C" Bach

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AUGUST 27, 2006 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" # 8

*GREETING

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

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) In this your dwelling place O God, our hearts sing for joy. Yet we are mindful of times when we tend to think that this is the only place you dwell. When we want to leave you here on Sunday mornings, when we think that you prefer this house to others in our community or around the world, when we exclude others with our theology, language, traditions, and practices....

Gracious God, forgive us. Help us to make your house a place where the good news is proclaimed, justice is practiced, and healing is offered to all. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Dear friends in Christ, God's love is greater than all our lack of caring. God's forgiveness is bigger and wider than any hurt or harm we can ever receive or give. So open the windows of your hearts and hear the good news. We are loved. We are forgiven. We live in the grace of God.

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 1 King 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43

(L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ Ephesians 6:10-20

(L) The Word of the Lord (P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON John 6:56-69

*LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN "Once to Every Man and Nation" # 399

SERMON "CLOTHE YOURSELVES"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Musical Reflection

*Doxology # 551

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Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Go on your way as messengers of God's love. Bless those you meet. Be people of hope. Give thanks in all you do.

(P) We go with the blessing of God – author of peace, source of love, power of community, mystery of Christ.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Lead On, O King Eternal"* # 299

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

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SEPTEMBER 3, 2006 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCE

***OPENING HYMN** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" see insert

*GREETING

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

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Great, Faithful God, whose compassion never fails, we confess that we are eager to receive your unwavering love, and yet hesitate to respond to your call to love others in like fashion. We allow the busyness of our lives to erode the intentions of our hearts; we let our personal agendas take precedence over reaching out to others. Merciful God forgive us when we keep putting off being more active "doers of the word." Help us to be more available to the hurting world that surrounds us - the world that begins on our doorsteps. Strengthen us with the Holy Spirit to be fruitful and active witnesses to Jesus, in all we do and say. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) As we become doers of the word and not merely hearers, we discover that it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive. My friends, by Jesus Christ who gave himself for us, we have received pardon, we have good news.

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

James 1:17-27

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Come Thou Fount"

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SERMON "ESSENTIALS AND NONESSENTIALS"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

p. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Musical Reflection

*Doxology

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Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him 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**

(I) You have heard the word, go now to be doers of the word.
And may the Word which became flesh and blood, dwell
within you, full of grace and truth.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"* see insert

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2006 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCE

***OPENING HYMN** "For the Beauty of the Earth" # 12

*GREETING

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

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Lord Jesus Christ, you swept away centuries of prejudice and legalism when you reached out and accepted people as they were - accepted them as loved fellow human beings. We confess that we often fail to be as inclusive as you. Forgive us if people feel excluded from our fellowship because of their appearance, their poverty, their lack of power or low self-image.

(Pause for reflection on these words)

(L) Strengthen us, Lord, where we are weak, and make us strong to withstand the seduction of a society which seems obsessed with the acquisition of wealth and power.

(All) We know in our hearts that discipleship demands an utterly new way of seeing people as you did, and being with them unconditionally, as you were, but the journey from heart to eyes and hands and feet can be long and

difficult. We pray your forgiveness Lord when we fail. As people who have received your mercy over and over, may we be as merciful and compassionate in all we say and do in your name. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Dear friends in Christ, God's mercy and love open a new beginning for each one of us. God's promises surround us and renew us.

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

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

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:24-37

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

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SERMON

"BE OPENED"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

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***Doxology**

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Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so God surrounds us.
Let us go in peace to love and serve God's people, trusting
that God surrounds us with mighty arms from this time on
and forevermore.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #181

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

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A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Howard Ronald Funk, Sr.

December 25, 1954 – September 12, 2006

September 15, 2006

12:00 P.M.

PRELUDE

*PROCESSION AND OPENING SENTENCES

*HYMN OF ADORATION *"How Great Thou Art"* see insert

*SOLEMN DECLARATION

GREETING

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 5:1-10

MEDITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

*HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE *"Amazing Grace"* see opposite

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - LORD'S PRAYER

*COMMENDATION

*BENEDICTION

*PARTING HYMN *"Old Rugged Cross"* see insert

POSTLUDE

*If able please stand

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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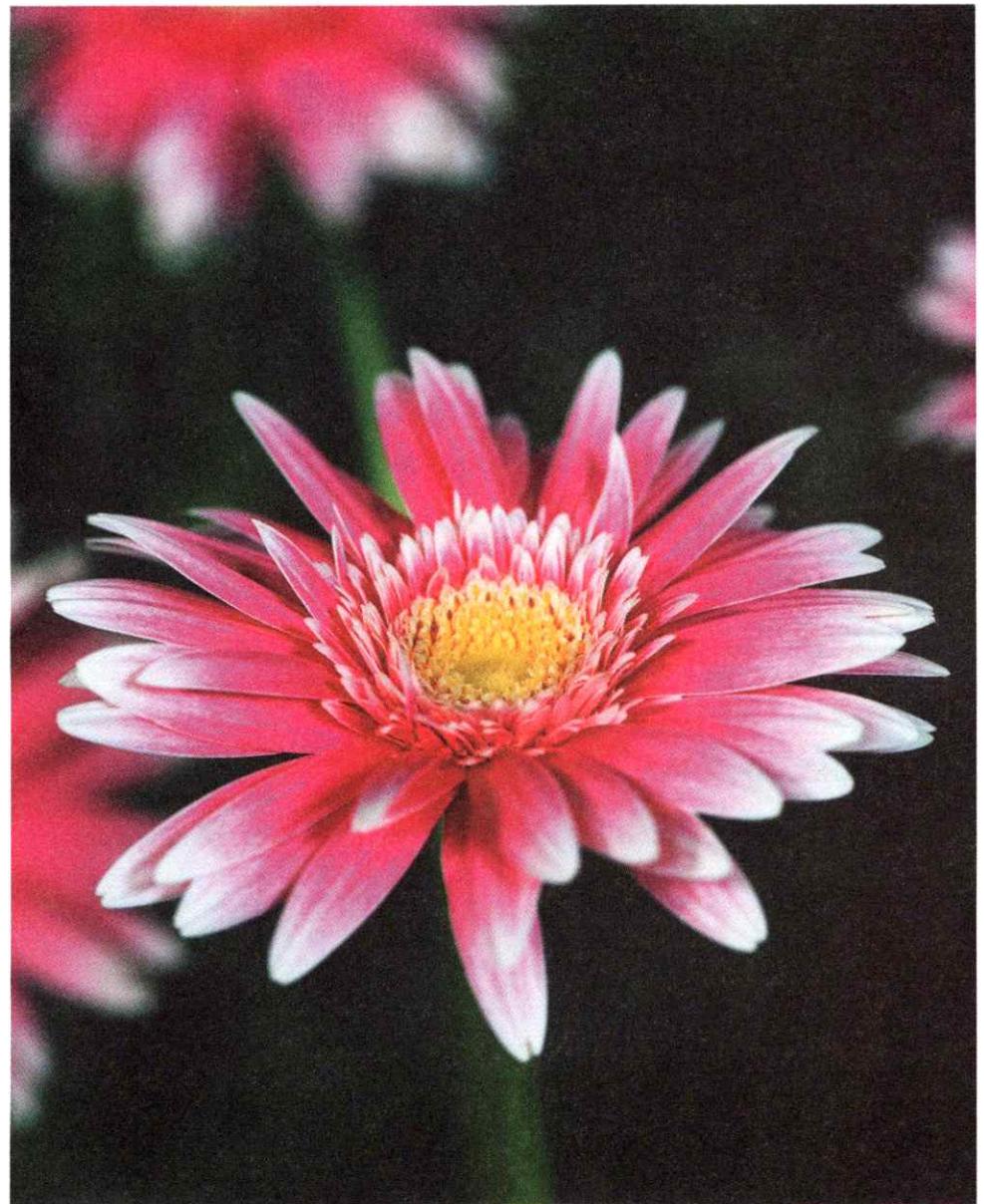
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And they remembered his words, ... (Luke 24:8)

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2006 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. DeCou

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "We Praise Thee, O God" # 19

*GREETING

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

(P) **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) Lord Jesus Christ, you exercised 'uncommon sense' when you turned conventional wisdom on its head with your call for your followers to deny themselves; to lose their lives for your sake and to embark on a narrow path leading towards life centered in you and your love.

(P) **Forgive us when, like Peter, we identify your power with prestige rather than servant-hood, and falter in our understanding of what following you really means.**

(silent reflection)

(L) Forgive us for failing to trust your holy wisdom Lord, because we fear making mistakes, and our decisions become influenced by our human weakness rather than your spiritual strength.

(P) **Forgive us when our common sense calls us to prefer the comfort of the familiar here and now, rather than**

responding to your call to follow you into the unknown and risky journey of discipleship.

(silent reflection)

(L) Lord Jesus Christ, give us the grace to listen and to trust in the midst of the unknowing nature of your call to each of us and the unknown direction which you call us to travel. You have traveled the road already so what have we to fear?

(All) **We do want to be your followers so that we can reveal through our lives, as you did, the shape of God's holy wisdom and unconditional love. Renew us with the power of your Spirit so that we can commit ourselves anew to the challenge of serving others in your name and for your sake. Amen**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) All of us do make mistakes but in rich mercy God sent Jesus into the world to save sinners - people like us. And so I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

(P) **Praise be to God!**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Majesty"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Proverbs 1:20-33

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

James 3:1-12

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"
 *GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:27-38
 *LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"
 *HYMN "Saviour, Thy Dying Love" # 470
 SERMON "HOLY SPIRIT WIDSOM"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal
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Musical Reflection "Jesus Calls Us" arr. Johnson

*Doxology # 551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) As we have been replenished through our gathering, now we are blessed in our going.

(P) God sows us like seeds back into the world to bring healing and justice everywhere we go.

(L) May the blessing of God: Lover of justice, Brother of compassion, and Wisdom of creation, go with you now and be with you always.

(All) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" # 161

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Toccata in C" Bach

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SEPTEMBER 24, 2006 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

String Quartet

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" # 184

*GREETING

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

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) God of mercy, we confess that we have let many things come between our daily lives and your eternal reign. We too often let anger, apathy, and hectic schedules come between us and those we love. We make mistakes in our life together as your church. We have not extended our hands and hearts in welcome to all who need your love and mercy.

(silent confession)

(L) We confess that we consider too often our own greatness, and fail to embrace our lives as servants for your work in our world.

(All) As we draw near to you, O God, draw near to us. We come humbly, seeking your forgiveness and longing for your words of welcome. We pray in the name of the

One who welcomed all and told us to do the same.
Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(I.) God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.
Receive the grace of God, who calls us to be great in those things that matter most.

(All) We receive God's grace and forgiveness, and lift our hearts and voices in joy and thanksgiving.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Where There is Faith

READING Deuteronomy 31:1-3, 7-8; 34:1-8

Memorial Plaque Recognition

Church Gratitude Plaque

READING Ephesians 4:1-16

"How Beautiful"

Senior Choir and String Quartet

Remembrance Celebration

READING Matthew 17:14-21

Commissioning of Visioning Study

Hymn of Commissioning "Are Ye Able" front cover

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

String Quartet

*Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

(L) May you be like trees planted by streams of water, yielding fruit, and providing shade in all the seasons of your life. May you prosper in everything under the watchful care of God. Go forth in joy to love and serve God.

(All) **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN "God of Years Thy Love Hath Led Us" # 362

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

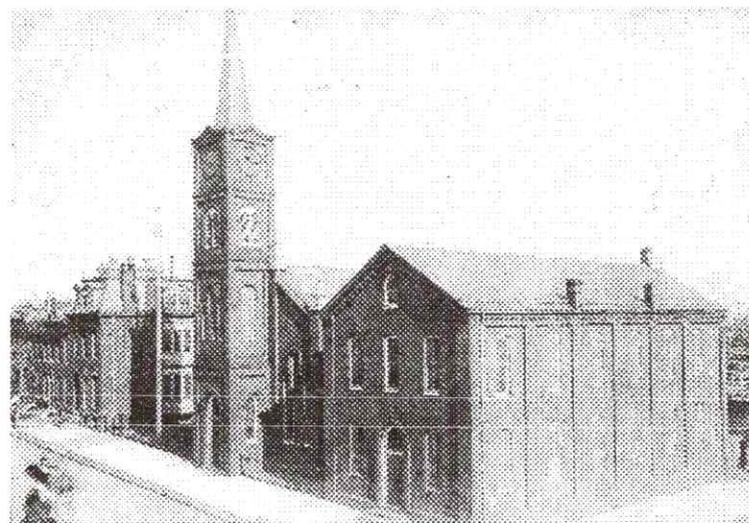
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OCTOBER 1, 2006 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Let Us Break Bread Together" arr. Wood

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Blessed Be the God of Israel" see insert

*GREETING

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

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Loving and gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our hurts and fears and discouragements. Forgive us when our actions and non-actions hurt others and ourselves. Heal us when we give up hope and allow fear to determine our choices. Help us when we forget our deeper selves and allow shallow self-interest to rule the day. Empower us to follow Jesus with all our hearts and souls and minds. Amen.

(silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Hear these words of comfort: God loves us. God forgives us. We are free to begin again.

(All) Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be,

World without end. Amen, Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m.

"In You, We Are One"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

James 5:13-20

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:38-50

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"You Are Salt for the Earth, O People"

see insert

SERMON

"THE DEMANDS OF JUSTICE"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

p. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Musical Reflection

"Thy Table I Approach"

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*Doxology

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Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him 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**

(I.) Let us go from this place to serve the world God loves,
With ears ready to listen to what we may not wish to hear,
With voices ready to speak out about what should not be,
With hearts ready to lend a helping hand even when there is a
risk involved.
And may the blessing of God surround and sustain you this
day and always.

(All) **Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *"What Feast of Love"* see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

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

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OCTOBER 8, 2006 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Adagio in E Flat"* Dubois

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN *O How Glorious, Full of Wonder* see insert

*GREETING

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

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) O God you are present in all the moments of our lives, loving and guiding us. We are in your hands. Forgive us when we accept only what we see as good. Have mercy on us when we turn away from what troubles and disturbs. Strengthen us to learn the truth without fear, and help us to recognize your presence in all the hurtful places of our world. Forgive us when we avoid those who need our help and give us the resolve to care about what we cannot understand. In the name of our faithful soul companion, Jesus, help us to meet the troubles in our own lives and in our world with compassion and mercy. Amen.

(silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Beloved friends, God loves us beyond any deserving. We are forgiven before we even ask. In Christ's name, receive God's forgiveness.

(All) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Praise be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. *"God Will Take Care of You"*
Pam Georgiadis and Chuck Rohlfing
10:30 a.m. *"Open My Eyes"*
Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:2-16

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Nearer My God to Thee"

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SERMON

"THE TESTS OF FAITH"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Musical Reflection *"Blessed Be Your Name"* Redman

*Doxology # 551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Let us go forth boldly from this place to love and serve God in every situation that faces us. And may the blessing of God – Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer and Gift-Bringer – be with you now and always.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Be Not Dismayed"* see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"The Old Hundred"* Walther

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OCTOBER 15, 2006 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Andante Cantabile" Widor

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" # 63

*GREETING

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

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) God of our hopes and fears, we yearn for you. We confess that we are sometimes overwhelmed with fear, by the suffering which we experience in other people's lives. Forgive us when we cannot bear to face the suffering in our world or acknowledge our sad feelings about it. When we seek quick solutions to problems around us rather than allowing ourselves to feel the pain and seek true healing, forgive us. Instead fill our hearts with desire for the fullness of life that only you can bring. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Beloved friends, God's love is more profound than our resistance. God's forgiveness goes deeper than our despair. God is with us in all times and places. Receive God's love. Receive God's forgiveness and be healed.

(All) Praise be to God for the healing gift of Jesus Christ.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "Majesty"

Senior Choir

10:30 a.m. "The Longer I Serve Him"

Florence Gundlach, Lynn Sanders

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

Hebrews 4:12-16

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:17-31

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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SERMON

"THE DECEIT OF WEALTH"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Musical Reflection "Near to the Heart of God" arr. Innes

*Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Let us leave this place knowing that in both sorrow and joy we are not alone. And may the blessing of God: life-giving Creator, suffering Savior and ever-present Spirit, be with you now and always. Amen.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Have Thine Own Way Lord"* see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"To God Be the Glory"* arr. Varner

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OCTOBER 22, 2006 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Cantilena on God, That Madest Earth and Heaven" arr. Jordan

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "O Worship the King" # 10

*GREETING

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

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Lord, you teach us that lording it over others is unacceptable; that "...whoever wishes to become great must be the servant of all." Jesus, Friend and Savior, we confess that all too often we lord it over others - even here in church - and we need to hear you speak words about the true meaning of greatness directly to us. Unclog our ears and tenderize our hearts so that your words enliven our discipleship that we put the needs of others before our own needs. Teach us that we might learn to share what we have rather than hoarding it for ourselves, and so use our gifts to benefit others rather than increasing our own status and position.

(silent reflection)

(L) Lord Jesus Christ, keep reminding us that following you means emptying ourselves of all self-serving power and filling ourselves with the desire to serve others as willingly as you did.

(All) Forgive any reluctance on our part to follow your example; replace any selfish power-plays of ours with your inclusive love, your compassion and your humility. These prayers we offer in your name and for your sake. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many. And so, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. The good news therefore is this: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

(All) Praise be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. *"Worthy of Worship"*

Pam Georgiadis, Florence Gundlach, Margaret Myrick

10:30 a.m. *"Bless His Holy Name"*

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

Hebrews 5:1-10

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:35-45

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Make Me A Servant"

see insert

SERMON

"THE ILLUSION OF POWER"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Musical Reflection "Rigaudon" Campra # 551

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

(L) Let us leave this place knowing that wherever we go, God has already gone there before us, speaking a word of healing. And may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with you in all the places of your lives, this day and always.

(All) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Are Ye Able, Said the Master" front cover

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Fanfare" Lemmens

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OCTOBER 29, 2006 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Amazing Grace" arr. Innes

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" see insert

*GREETING

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

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Holy God, our souls cry out to you for mercy. Receive our prayers of confession and save us from every trouble.

(Prayer of silent confession.)

(L) Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.

(All) Forgive us for the times that we have failed to see your hand at work in our world and have failed to call out in praise of your generous love in our lives. Forgive us for the times that we have prevented others from following you or have blocked people from hearing your word of hope. Forgive us for the times that we have held back from living as you taught and from following you with our whole hearts, minds, and spirits. Hear us, O God, and graciously renew our lives for your service. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God had heard us and delivers us from all our fears. Through the life of Jesus Christ, God redeems the lives of God's servants, and promises that no one who takes refuge in God will be condemned. Dear people of God, hear this

word of grace and live with refreshed eyes of faith in the assurance of God's pardon.

(All) Thanks and Praise be to God. Amen.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be,

World without end. Amen, Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "All of Me"

Darlene Waters

10:30 a.m. "Jesus Lover of My Soul"

Senior Choir and Guests

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

Hebrews 7:23-28

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:46-52

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

see insert

SERMON

"A BREAK WITH REALITY?"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

p. 38 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Musical Reflection "Ein' Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott" **Kittel**

***Doxology** # 551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

(I) Go forward in faith to follow Jesus. Go in the company of God's people everywhere, with the blessing of God, your heavenly mother and father, and of Jesus Christ, who calls you friend, and of the Holy Spirit, who will not abandon you.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #281

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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

POSTLUDE "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" **Mickelson**

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NOVEMBER 5, 2006 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" **Bach**

OPENING SENTENCE

***OPENING HYMN** "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord" **#329**

***GREETING**

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

(P) **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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

(All) Holy God, you forever beckon us to draw near, forever call us to travel on your road of love seeking the source of our deep gladness as we encounter the hungers of the world. Yet we often choose the easy pathways intent on maintaining the status quo, afraid to rock the boat, often unwilling to take decisive action. We are hesitant to step forward into the unknown and instead cling to the old ways of safety and security. Fifty years ago, you inspired our forebears to unite in a holy calling — a risky, yet thrilling enterprise of faith. At many steps along the way our family of faith has fallen short of your great commission. We ask your forgiveness for our times of timidity, short-sightedness and, our failures. Yet, even when we fail to understand your still speaking word, you continue to speak, to nudge, to challenge, and to forgive. Merciful God, help us to surrender to your Spirit, listen anew to your compelling Word, and offer our lives to each other in this risky vocation called life. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

(L) Thanks be to God for the Spirit who lives in us. Praise be to God who is always working things together for good. We are loved. We are forgiven.

(All) **God is beyond us. God is between us. God is within us. Praise be to God!**

***OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE** **# 492**

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"A Bach Alleluia"

Senior Choir of United Evangelical Church

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

For All The Saints

A STILL SMALL VOICE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING **1 Kings 19:1-13**

"A Quiet Piety"

"I Come to the Garden Alone" (1 verse) **see insert**

A TRANSFIGURATION

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 17:1-8**

"A Movement of Faith"

"We Shall Overcome" (1 verse) **see insert**

A STILL SPEAKING GOD

SCRIPTURE READING **John 4:3-30, 39-42**

"An Intentional Faith"

Litany of Dedication **see insert**

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Shine Jesus Shine"

The First United Evangelical UCC Choir

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Musical Reflection *"Amazing Grace"*

The First United Bluegrass Jamboree

***Doxology**

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Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him 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**

(L) Renewed and refreshed, step out into the world, ready to turn towards God in every moment. And may God's blessings shower upon you through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"* # 324

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

"Festival Toccata"

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NOV. 12, 2006 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"* arr. Sewell

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN *"Come Thou Almighty King"* # 4

*GREETING

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

(P) **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Gracious God, you are the source of all our yearning and desire for fullness of life; you are the vision that helps us continue to dream. Forgive us when we fall short of your hopes for us, and help us to become so filled with the joy of your presence that we might live each moment with gratitude and receive every person in our life as a precious gift, through Christ, with Christ and in Christ we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(I) Jesus demonstrated his love for all as he rescued us from lives dominated by evil and sin by his acts of mercy and justice, his suffering and death. Hear the good news that in and through Jesus Christ we are loved, we are forgiven.

(All) **Praise be to God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. *"Praise His Holy Name"*

Diane Borkman

10:30 a.m. *"My Jesus I Love Thee"*

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

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

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

Hebrews 9:24-28

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:38-44

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Living For Jesus"

see insert

SERMON

"PRIORITIES"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles Creed p. 38 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Interlude"

Vincent

***Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Go on your way as restorers of life. Bless those you meet.
Be people of hope. Give thanks in all you do. Go with the
blessing of God.

(All) **Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN "America the Beautiful"**

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

POSTLUDE

"Postlude"

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NOV. 19, 2006 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* arr. Innes

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN *"Come We Who Love the Lord"* # 30

*GREETING

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

(P) And also with you.

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) God of beginnings and endings, we give thanks for your presence with us on our Pentecost journey of twenty-six weeks - half a year - when our visible landscapes have been transformed from the lush green of spring to the fading colors of autumn. We pause now to look at our personal landscapes to ask ourselves how have we allowed them to be transformed.

(silent confession)

(L) We confess that all too often, O God, that our eyes get distracted and our ears tune out, our hearts become set in familiar ways - our journeys of faith become routine and all too predictable.

(All) God of endings and new beginnings, remind us that as we worship you together, we *are* transformed. As we lift up our hearts to you, we *are* lifted beyond ourselves to see life from your perspective. So, as we near the end of this part of our journey, fill us anew with a sense of expectancy and joy, as we recall that we are accepted

and loved, forgiven and renewed, united and reconciled in the name of Jesus, our risen Lord and Savior in whose name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Christ has offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Receive with a deep thankfulness the cup of God's love which is Christ's forgiveness.

(All) Praise be to God we are loved, we are forgiven!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. *"Jesus Lover of My Soul"*

Senior Choir with guitar and guests

10:30 a.m. *"My Task"*

Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Samuel 1:4-20

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13:1-8

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Draw Me Nearer"

see insert

SERMON

"BIRTHPANGS"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Musical Reflection

8:00 a.m. "I Feel the Spirit"

Senior Choir

10:30 a.m. "Interlude"

Stainer # 551

*Doxology

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

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

(L) People of God, our God is good.

(All) God has done great things for us!

(L) Let us go and tell the world:

(All) God has done great things for us!

(L) Let us never forget:

(All) God has done great things for us!

(L) Know that God will be with you always. And remember:

(All) God has done great things for us! Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" # 72

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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

POSTLUDE "Postlude on Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee" arr. Innes

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NOV. 26, 2006 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Trio in E-flat"* Rheinberger

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN *"Jesus Shall Reign"* # 371

*GREETING

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

(P) **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) Gracious God, as we think today about Jesus as Christ the King, we confess our failure to grasp that your reign is found whenever domination is overcome, whenever justice is experienced, and whenever people are released from prejudice and exploitation. We confess our lack of commitment in seeking to transform systems which leave people powerless. Too often we prefer to leave the difficult tasks to others so that we can get on with our own safe agendas. Forgive us, O God, any involvement in the pursuit of power which exploits or demeans others and when we forget that doing your will is our greatest priority.

(silent confession)

(L) Remind us, O God, that the power of the Holy Spirit enables us to witness to the values of your kingdom in and through all we do and say, and that this power far exceeds any apathy or fear we face.

(All) Renew us with your Spirit, O God, and help us to hear anew Jesus' words that whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all, so that our lives testify to the truth of your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) The good news is this: our sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

(All) **To him who loves us and freed us from our sins, be glory and dominion forever and ever.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. *"In the Name of the Lord"*

Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m. *"I Feel the Spirit"*

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 23:1-7

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READ

Revelations 1:4b-8

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 18:33-37

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

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SERMON

"KING JESUS"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

TOTENFEST REMEMBRANCE

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Musical Reflection "On Eagles Wings" arr. Smith # 551

*Doxology

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

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

(I) Go, to live as people of God's covenant and promise, and bless the world as God blesses you.

(All) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "For All the Saints" # 418

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE "Trio in A" Rheinberger

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A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

George J. Kammerbacher, Sr.

April 19, 1916 – November 25, 2006

November 29, 2006

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

*PROCESSION AND OPENING SENTENCES

*HYMN OF ADORATION *"The Old Rugged Cross"* see insert

*SOLEMN DECLARATION

GREETING

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 11:1-7, 17-27

MEDITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

*HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE *"I Come to the Garden Alone"* see insert

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - LORD'S PRAYER

*COMMENDATION

*BENEDICTION

*PARTING HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

POSTLUDE

*If able please stand

Psalm 23

The Divine Shepherd

A PSALM OF DAVID.

The LORD is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

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

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

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



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The Lord is my Shepherd

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DECEMBER 3, 2006 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "A Lovely Branch Breaks Into Bloom" Brahams

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

- (L) In ancient times, God's people were waiting for the coming of the promised Messiah.
- (P) **The Lord had promised that the day would come when he would fulfill the gracious promise he had made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.**
- (L) The gospels record how that promised Messiah came as a baby. That child grew to be a man who was fully human and yet divine – Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- (P) **Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs!**
- (L) We light this first Advent candle in celebration of the Christ who came. We look forward to that wonderful day when he will come again. *The candle of hope is lit.* Let us pray to our Lord who has come and is coming again:
- (All) **God in heaven, how great it is that we can come to this place and celebrate the Jesus who came and who surely will come again. May this be a season filled with joy and meaning for us who put our hope in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ – who was and who is and who is to come. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" # 88

*GREETING

- (L) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- (P) **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

- (All) **O God, as we begin this season leading up to Christmas, we pray you will turn us away from the**

confusion of idols that threaten to distract us. We confess that we lose sight of the true gift of Christmas and participate instead in the mistrust that separates us from others and the chaos that complicates our lives. Forgive us for not being signs of new hope. Transform our hearts and set us on pathways of love and justice, that we might be servants of healing for your world. Come, O Savior, restore us to community, restore us to new life. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- (L) In spite of all we have done, God has not forsaken us. As surely as the bud unfolds and calls forth the spring and the harvest, so God transforms our lives anew. You are forgiven. Rejoice and serve God with gladness.

(All) **Praise be to God!**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "Jesus I Lord of All"
Florence Gundlach, Chuck Rohlfing
10:30 a.m. "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"
Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Jeremiah 33:14-16

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"Behold a Branch is Growing" (versus 1 & 2) # 113

SERMON

"THE COMING"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Nicene Creed p. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Musical Reflection *"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"* arr. Innes

***Doxology** # 551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him 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**

(L) Go, to increase and abound in love for one another. And may God strengthen your hearts in holiness.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Arise, the Kingdom is at Hand"* # 93

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE *"Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland"* Bach

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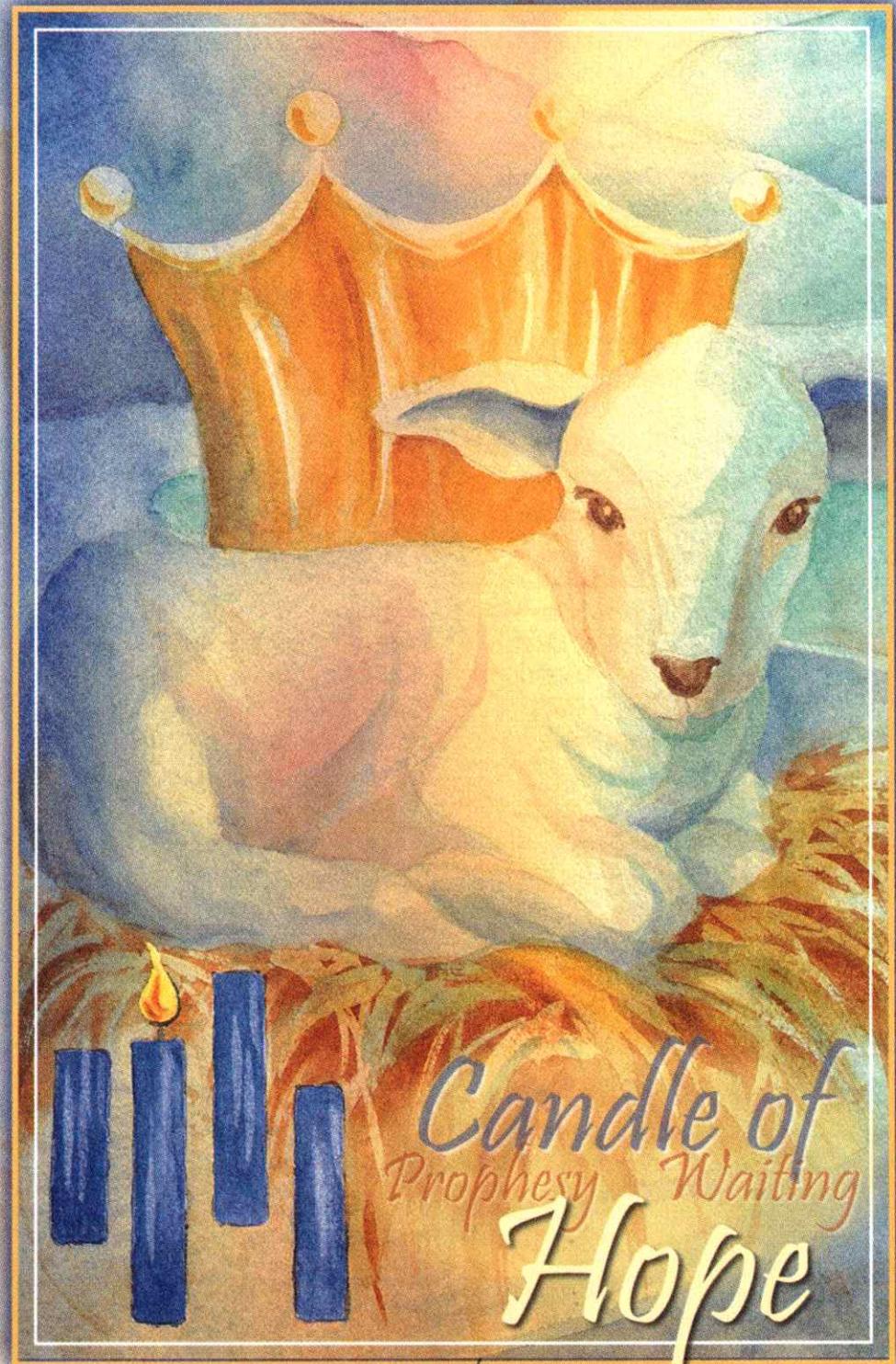
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DECEMBER 10, 2006 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "What Is This Lovely Fragrance?" Lovelace

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

(L) *The candle of hope is relit.*

The Scriptures record how even in the Garden of Eden, God had a plan to redeem us through the coming of the Christ.

(P) **Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, who has redeemed us!**

(L) As we come closer to Christmas, our days are filled with preparations. Let us also prepare our hearts to celebrate again the coming of the Savior.

(P) **Then came the voice from one in the desert, saying: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"**

(L) We light this second Advent candle as we prepare to mark again the coming of the one who would save his people from their sins.

The candle of peace is lit.

Let us pray to our Lord who has come and is coming again:

(All) **Heavenly Father, how great and awesome you are. From the moment that we first failed, you already began to set in motion your amazing plan to gather us back into fellowship with you. Even now, our Lord Jesus is preparing for his return. May we be ready not only for this festive season, but also to meet our Lord and Savior whenever he comes. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN "O How Shall I Receive Thee" # 100

*GREETING

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

(P) **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) God of love and life, in this Advent season you send your messenger into the world to prepare a way for you. A voice cries in the wilderness, calling us to repent, to turn our lives around. We confess that sometimes we prefer things the way they are and we fear the changes you call us to make. Sometimes we forget the wondrous things that you have done for us and all your people. Cleanse us and make us new, loving God. In this Advent season, enter our lives yet again, and bring us back to you. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) The God who promises forgiveness of sins will give light to those who sit in the shadows, and will guide your feet in the way of peace.

(All) **Praise be to God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING "Refiner's Fire"
Senior Choir, Guitar and Guests

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN "There's A Voice In The Wilderness Crying" # 94

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READ

(L) The Word of the Lord

Philippians 1:3-11

(P) Thanks be to God

***GLORIA TIBI**

“Glory Be to Thee, O Lord”

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 2:1-6

***LAUS TIBI**

“Praise Be to Thee, O Christ”

***HYMN “Hark The Herald Angels Sing” (verses 1 & 2) # 102**

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Musical Reflection *“Mary’s Boy Child”*

Amber Augustyniak, Cello and Nick Pietrowski, Violin

***Doxology # 551**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Go forth to straighten the pathways of life for the child who is to come, Jesus the Christ – that the healing power of God’s love may rush without impediment into every wounded heart. May God’s truth and grace guide your going.

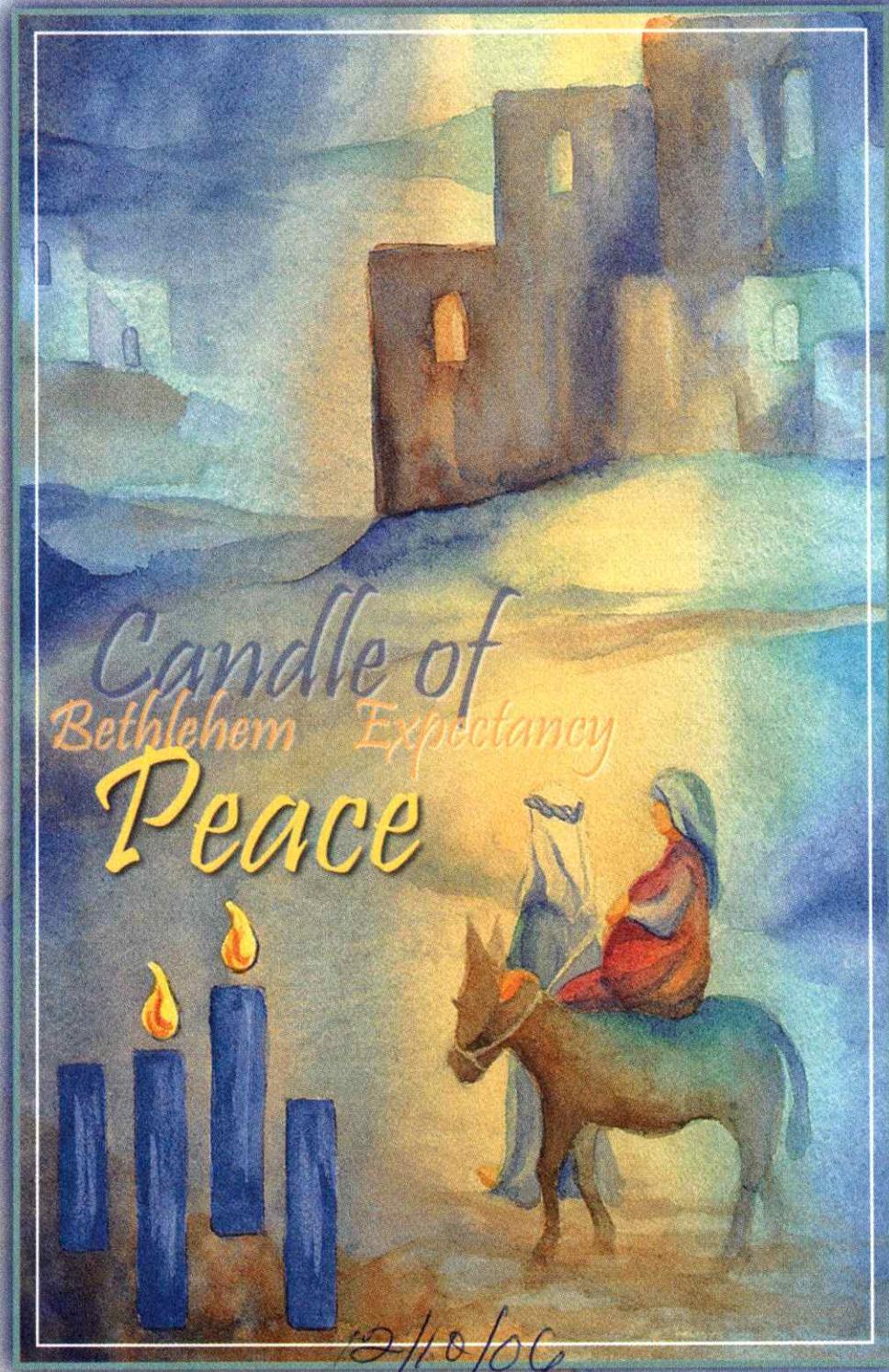
(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” # 99**

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE “Herr Christ Der Ein”ge Gottes Sohn” Bach



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DECEMBER 17, 2006 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Prelude on Divinum Mysterium" Candlyn

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

(L) *The candles of hope and peace are relit.*
The Christian life is full of ordinary things that together work for the extraordinary purpose of glorifying God. We rejoice in the promises of God and yet at times our hearts are sad.

(P) **Even David, Israel's great king, at times was downcast and disturbed within his soul.**

(L) Despite the problems we face in this world, we are called to be a people of rejoicing. The Scriptures call us to "rejoice in the Lord always."

(P) **Why so downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God!**

(L) We light this third Advent candle with rejoicing, knowing that Christ will surely come again and make all things new.
The candle of joy is lit.

(All) **Gracious God, our world is often filled with disappointment, pain, and sadness. In this dark place, may your light shine. Ignite in our hearts this day a desire to rejoice in you and your promises that will surely come to pass. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" # 89

*GREETING

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

(P) **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) In these moments of worship, O God, we break free of the grasp of our daily concerns, to open our hearts to you. We hear your prophets calling us to turn around and change direction when we venture away from you. Yet sometimes we resist change. At those times, forgive us. When we are reluctant to share, when we would rather receive than give, when we prefer our ways to your way, forgive us, and let us start again. Speak truth to our wandering hearts and fill us with a measure of your Spirit, that we may be truly prepared to receive the Christ child anew. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Be glad and rejoice with all your heart! God proclaims you are without sin.

(All) **Praise be to God!**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE # 492

*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.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "Refiner's Fire"
Senior Choir, Guitar and Guests
10:30 a.m. "Emmanuel"
Solo - Diane Borkman

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Zephaniah 3:14-20

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Philippians 4:4-7

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"
 *GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:7-18
 *LAUS TIBI "Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"
 *HYMN "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" # 107
 SERMON "REJOICE"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" arr Innes

*Doxology # 551

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

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

*SENDING FORTH

(L) Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice! And may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

(All) Amen.

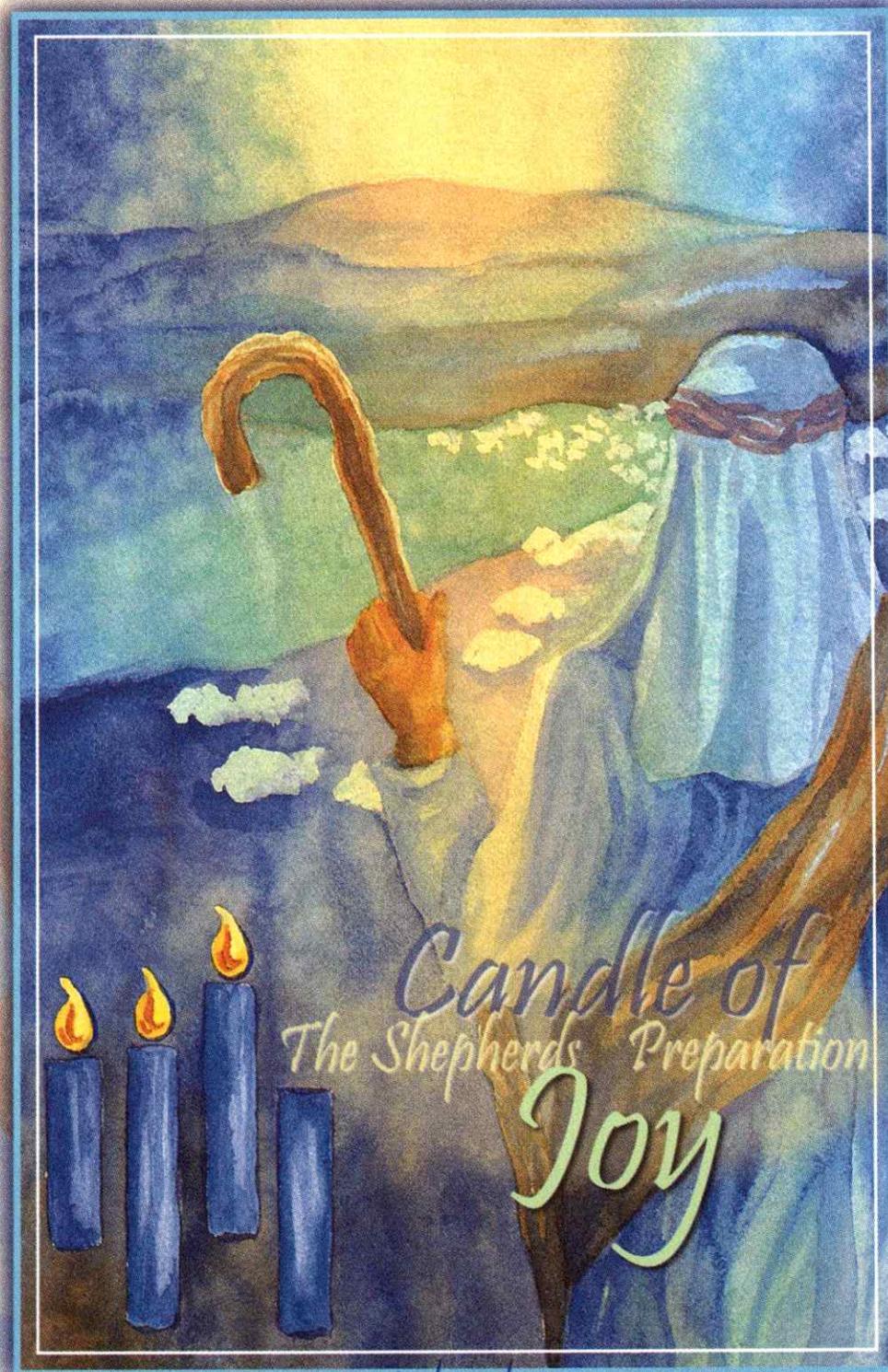
*CLOSING HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" # 92

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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

POSTLUDE "Lob sei dem allmächtigen Gott" Bach

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DECEMBER 24, 2006 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

String Quartet

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

(L) *(The candles of hope, peace and joy are relit.)*

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of God's hands

(P) **The whole earth is full of God's glory!**

(L) When Christ was born, the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified.

(P) **But the angel said to them: Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy.**

(L) We light this fourth Advent candle in celebration of our glorious God who sent the only Son, revealing heaven's glory as never before.

(The candle of love is lit.)

Let us pray to our Lord who has come and is coming again.

(All) **Our heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. In our worship today, in our hearts, in all that we do, may we glorify you. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" # 112

*GREETING

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

(P) **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) **Loving God, as the prophet Mary tells us, you sent Jesus into the world to turn things upside down and right side up. As we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus, help**

us to remember the message of Jesus: to work for justice and fairness, to bring balance to our living, to share your love with all people. When we fail to do these things, forgive us and pardon us. Open our eyes to see the needs of others, touch our hearts with compassion that we might move in acts of mercy just as you did for us through the gift of your Son. In Christ we pray. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God never gives up on us. Even when we were yet sinners, God sent Jesus into the world to be our Savior. So let us be assured that our sins are forgiven.

(All) **Praise be to God!**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

Iris

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Will We Know Him"

"Mary Did You Know"

Senior Choir and String Quartet

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5a

(L) 'The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

(L) 'The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"The First Nowell"

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SERMON "THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER"

Barbara Robinson

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*CHRISTMAS CREED

We believe. We believe in Christmas. We believe in God who prepared through long ages for this day, who spoke through law givers, poets and prophets, who chose Mary and Joseph for a most unlikely mission, who for our salvation became one with us at Bethlehem. We believe in the Son of Mary, the True Son of True God, Emmanuel bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh, we believe. O yes, we believe! Glory be to God! We do believe!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

String Quartet

*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

(L) You shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace. The mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing and all the trees of the fields shall clap their hands. For your God comes, powerful to save. Go rejoicing in the promises of God, the love of Christ and the wonder of the Holy Spirit.

(All) Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Joy To The World"

120

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE

String Quartet



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DECEMBER 24, 2006 CHRISTMAS EVE 7:30 P.M.

PRELUDE "What Child Is This?" arr. Innes

WELCOMING

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

(L) *(The candles of hope, peace, joy and love are relit.)*
Joy to the world! The Lord is come.

(P) **Let earth receive her king!**
Let every heart prepare him room!

(P) **And heaven and nature sing!**
(L) This Christmas Eve, we light this white candle as a visible sign and that Jesus Christ is at the center of our lives and at the heart of this church. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

(P) **From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

(The Christ candle is lit.)

(L) Let us pray to our Lord who has come and is coming again.
Our heavenly Father, what an indescribable gift is your Son Jesus. Through him you have given us eternal life. Today, with hearts full of gratitude and joy, we celebrate and give you thanks. Accept our offering of praise, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Christ Child is placed in the crèche.)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" # 102

*GREETING

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

(P) **And also with you.**

*GATHERING PRAYER

(All) God of the poor and of the humble and of the powerless, you have truly entered our world. You have become flesh of our flesh, and bone of our bone. We celebrate the coming of your Light into our world. We confess that there have been times when we have obscured this light for others through insensitivity and prejudice, through the use of careless and hurtful words or selfish and destructive actions.

(silent confession)

(L) Come, Lord Jesus, where there is hatred, give love, where there is sadness, give joy, where there is discord, give peace.

(All) **Come Lord Jesus, be light for our darkness, for the hour of your birth is near. Come, Lord Jesus, be born in our hearts through faith, that we might respond to your love and receive your peace. Amen.**

*DECLARATION OF GRACE

Just as Christ was born into our world, moving past all physical barriers and traveling toward the earth, so the love of God pursues us past our failings and guilts and brings us grace. On this day of all days, we are forgiven! Let praise ring out to the heavens.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Iris

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

*CHRISTMAS GREETING OF PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING "Rose of Bethlehem"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Isaiah 9:2-7

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Titus 2:11-14

(P) Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

MEDITATION

*HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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CHRISTMAS PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Away in a Manager"

arr. Innes

***DOXOLOGY**

Greensleeves

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

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. Return to your seat by the side aisles.

***CELEBRATION OF THE LIGHT**

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

***HYMN** "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! Darkness flies, all is light;
Shepherds hear the angels sing; Alleluia! Hail the King!
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.*

*Silent night! holy night! Guiding Star, lend thy light!
See the eastern wise men bring Gifts and homage to our King!
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.*

*Silent night! holy night! Wondrous Star, lend thy light!
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King!
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.*

***BENEDICTION**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** "Joy to The World"

120

POSTLUDE "Noel"

D'Aquin

I bring you
good news of
great Joy

Luke 2:9



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The stars in the sky
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
The baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes
I love Thee Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle
Till morning is nigh

Be near me Lord Jesus
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray
Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care
And fit us for heaven
To live with Thee there

What Child Is This

What Child is this who laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping

Chorus:

This this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and the angels sing
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
(Chorus)

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
(Chorus)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Most loving God, we thank you that you have given us a share
in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with
Christ. You have given us your Son who is the true bread of
heaven, the food of eternal life. Help us to bring the news of
your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Prayer of Consecration
Words of Institution
Distribution of the elements

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 the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

Chorus:

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.

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 raise we
Let all within us praise his holy name.

Chorus:

Christ is the Lord. O praise His name forever
His power and glory evermore proclaim
His power and glory evermore proclaim

Away In A Manger

Away in a manger
No crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head

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DECEMBER 31, 2006 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"The Coventry Carol"* arr. Innes

OPENING SENTENCE

*OPENING HYMN *"Angels From the Realms of Glory"* # 104

*GREETING

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

(P) **And also with you.**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) **Eternal God, as a new year begins, forgive our failures of the year now passed.**

(silent reflection of the past year)

(L) By water and the Spirit we have been claimed as children of your covenant, cleansed and made whole in Jesus Christ.

(All) **Forgive us for preferring darkness to light, for rejecting your gifts and forgetting your love. Forgive us when we have acted as if we knew no covenant and belonged only to ourselves Loving and merciful God, may we go forward into the new year resolved better to keep your commandments, to be more appreciative of your blessings, and to live more closely to the example found in the one whose birth we just celebrated, even Jesus, the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Arise, shine; for your light has come, the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all!

(All) **Praise be to God!**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

Iris

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

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CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. *"What Child Is This"*

Pam Georgiadis, Florence Gundlach, Margaret Myrick

10:30 a.m. *"While By My Sheep"*

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

(meditation in silence)

Psalms 90

see insert

(meditation in silence)

2 Peter 3:8-13

(meditation in silence)

Matthew 25:1-13

(meditation in silence)

Revelation 21:1-6a

*HYMN *"Of the Father's Love Begotten"* # 13

MEDITATION ON THE WORD

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

SERVICE OF RE-COVENANTING see insert

*HYMN *"Good Christian Men Rejoice"* # 116

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" arr. Innes

***Doxology** Greensleeves

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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:
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***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Depart in peace, for you have seen God's salvation, a light for the nations. May the love of God guide you, the word of Christ dwell in you richly, and the gift of the Spirit give you power, now and forever.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Silent Night" #101

CLOSING OF WORSHIP†

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POSTLUDE "Helft mir Gott's Gütepreisen" Bach



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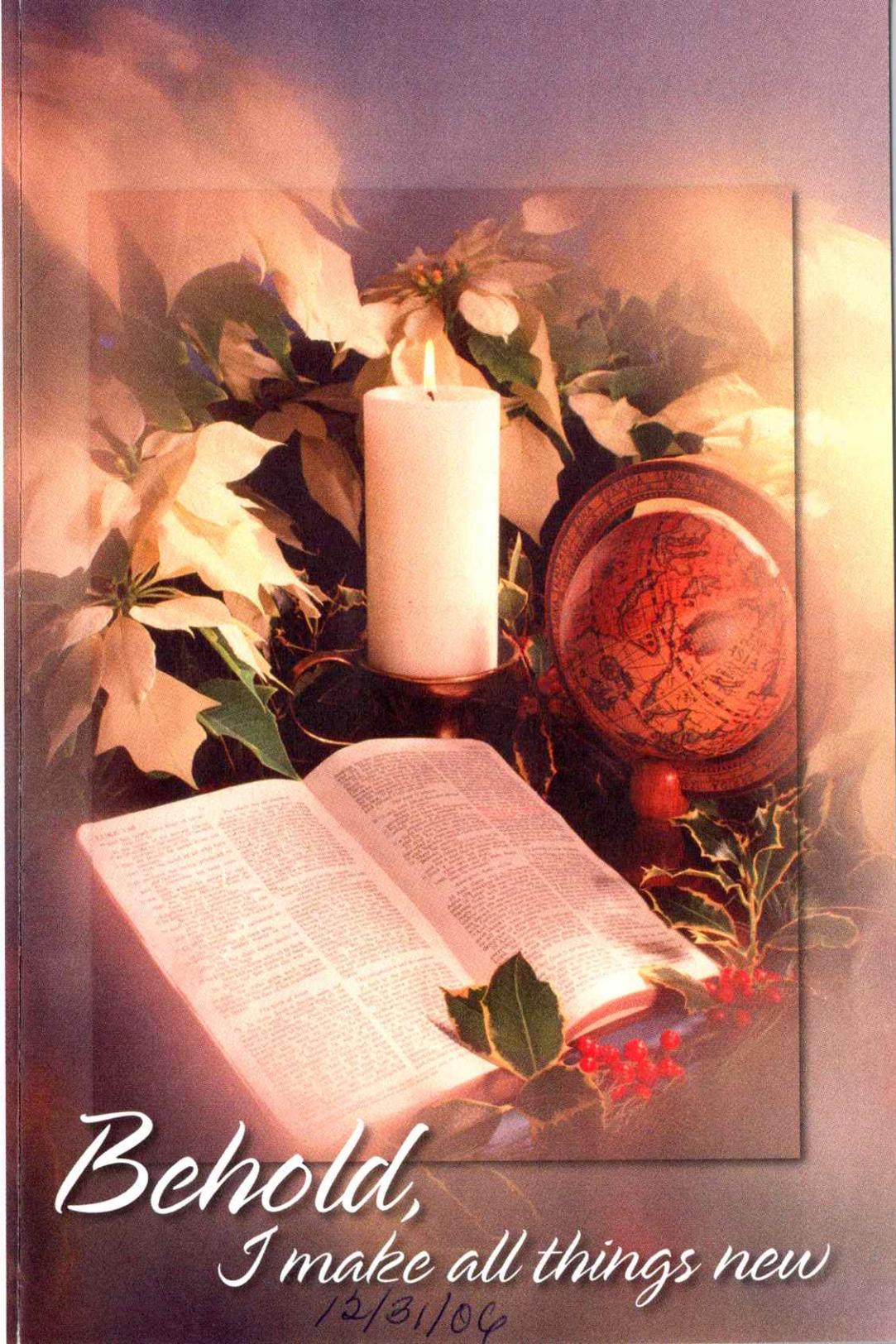
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*Behold,
I make all things new*

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