

United Evangelical United Church of Christ

OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission

Of reaching out Embracing everyone Enriching all

Becoming living examples Bonding all with the love of God

JULY 3, 2005 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Come Unto Me"

Peterson

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 45:10-17 adapted*)

(L) Come, all who labor and are heavy-laden,

(P) **And God will give you rest.**

(L) Take God's yoke upon you,

(P) **For the Lord is gentle and lowly in heart.**

(L) Come, and find peace for your souls,

(P) **For the yoke of the Lord is easy, and the burden is light.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"My Eyes Have Seen the Glory"* see insert

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(L) Almighty God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and forgiveness when we acknowledge our weakness and shame. Let us confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving and merciful God, just as with your first disciples, you challenge us over and over again to risk becoming the people you know we can become with your Holy Spirit within us. We confess that too often we make self-centered decisions rather than Christ-centered ones. Through our neglect of others, our lives fail to show your goodness and faithfulness. In our aggressive world, we forget what it is like to be patient; we lose a sense of gentleness and even self-control. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh upon our lives. Remind us, gracious One, over and over again that your love has been poured into our hearts through the gift

of the Holy Spirit. Saturate our lives with that love so that we see people through the compassionate eyes of Jesus Christ and minister to them in his name and for his sake. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ACT OF CONTRITION

Morecambe

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;

Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;

Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,

And make me love you as I ought to love.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(L) The proof of God's love is this – that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Friends believe the good news of the Gospel.

(P) **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

*GLORIA PATRI

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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.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 a.m.

"You Are My King"

Solo – Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m.

"Statue of Liberty"

Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN

"Come Unto Me"

see insert

FIRST READING

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

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 7:15-25a

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

SERMON

Rev. Clyde Spicer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***HYMN** "Come Unto Me, Ye Weary" # 305
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Nicene Creed p. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
Hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "America, the Beautiful" 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**

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION see insert

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

***COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

***RECESSIONAL** "My Country 'Tis of Thee" # 441

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Fantasia on America" Coulroy

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JULY 10, 2005 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE "Air From Suite in D" **Bach**

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 119:105-112 adapted*)

(L) Come, let us worship the Lord our God,

(P) **For the Lord is our God, and we are the Lord's people.**

(L) As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our ears,

(P) **That we might both hear and heed the word of the Lord.**

(L) As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our eyes,

(P) **That we might both see and perceive the will of the Lord.**

(L) As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our hearts,

(P) **That we might understand with our hearts and turn to the Lord for healing.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit" **# 464**

WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(L) Almighty God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and forgiveness when we acknowledge our weakness and shame. Let us confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray.

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patient; we lose a sense of gentleness and even self-control. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh upon our lives. Remind us, gracious One, over and over again that your love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Saturate our lives with that love so that we see people through the compassionate eyes of Jesus Christ and minister to them in his name and for his sake. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ACT OF CONTRITION

Morecambe

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,
And make me love you as I ought to love.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(L) The proof of God's love is this – that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Friends believe the good news of the Gospel.

(P) **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

*GLORIA PATRI

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Old Ragged Cross"

Solo – Darlene Waters

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***HYMN** "Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet" **see insert**

FIRST READING

Genesis 25:19-34

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

SERMON

Rev. David Henry

A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Glenn Geyer Voelker, Sr.

April 24, 1935 – July 11, 2005

July 14, 2005

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

* PROCESSION AND OPENING SENTENCES

* HYMN OF ADORATION *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* see insert

* SOLEMN DECLARATION

GREETING

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 13

GOSPEL READING

John 14

EULOGY

MEDITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

* HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE *"In The Garden"* see insert

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING- LORD'S PRAYER

* COMMENDATION

* GOD BLESS AMERICA see opposite

* BENEDICTION

* PARTING HYMN *"It Is Well With My Soul"* see insert

POSTLUDE

* If able please stand

God Bless America

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

God Bless America.

Land that I love

Stand beside her, and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies,

To the oceans, white with foam

God bless America

My home sweet home.



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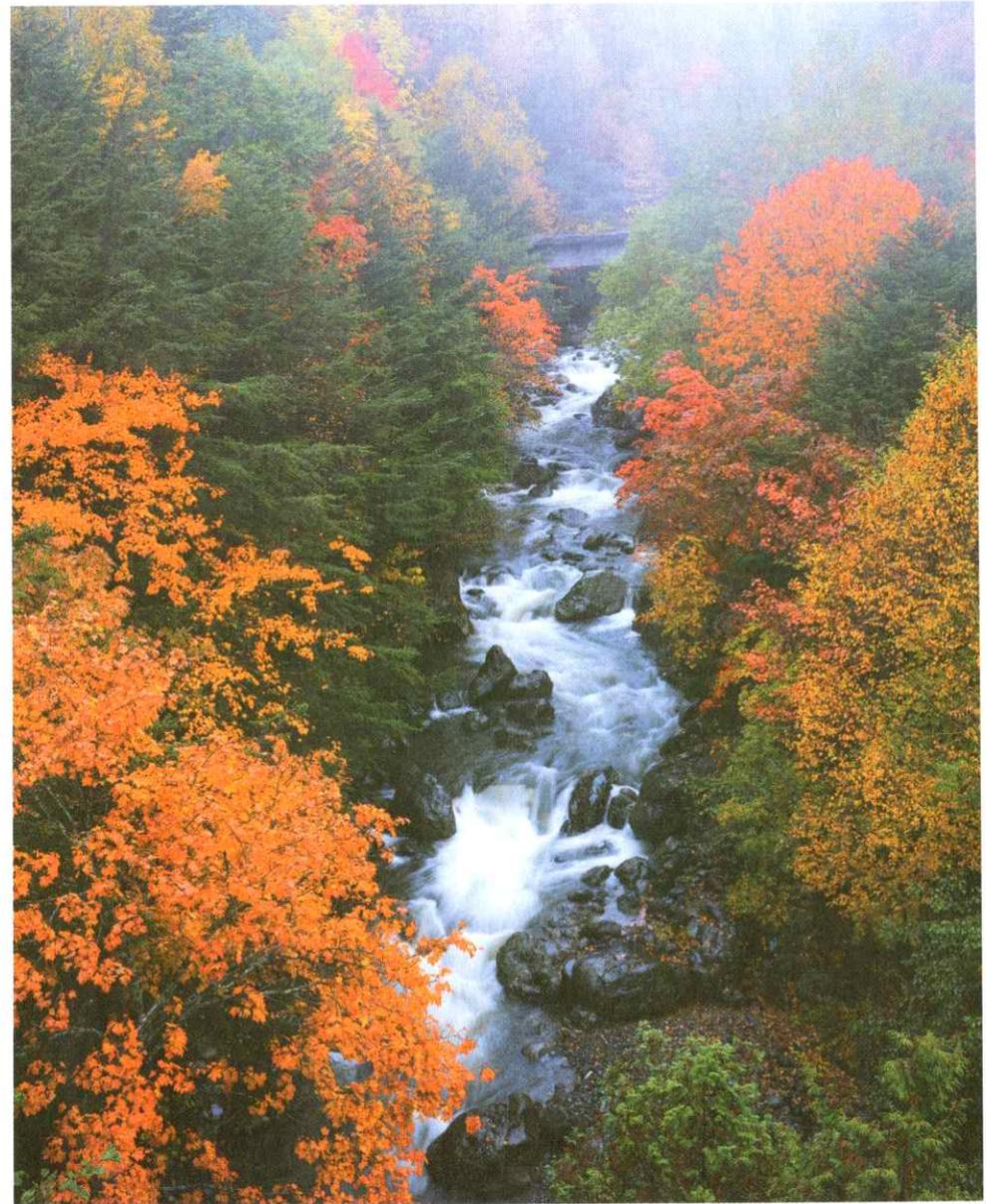
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"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart ..."
Proverbs 3:5

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JULY 17, 2005 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"* arr. Leatherman

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 adapted*)

(L) We lie down to sleep and to dream; we awaken knowing that God is in that place.

(P) **Wherever we are, we are in the presence of God.**

(L) We eat and dress and prepare for our day and, moment by moment, the chance is offered to know that God is in that place.

(P) **Wherever we are, we are in the presence of God.**

(L) We come from many directions to gather here, where we dare to hope that God is in this place.

(P) **Wherever we are, we are in the presence of God. Come, let us worship God in this place.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* # 272

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

(L) Almighty God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and forgiveness when we acknowledge our weakness and shame. Let us confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray.

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*ACT OF CONTRITION

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And make me love you as I ought to love.

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*GLORIA PATRI

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

"I Asked the Lord"

Solo – Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

COLLECT (L) Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*HYMN

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

see insert

FIRST READING

Genesis 28:10-19a

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

SERMON "THE HOUSE OF GOD"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*HYMN (8:00) "We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" see insert

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00) Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

ORDER OF BAPTISM (10:30)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord,
Hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline thy ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" arr. DeCou

*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

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL "Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise" # 32

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Prelude in C" Bach

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JULY 24, 2005 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"On Eagles' Wings"

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) Dear Friends, let us love one another because love comes from God.

(P) **Comforting God you are gentle in your power and strong in your tenderness.**

(L) We know that we do not live by bread alone but by the Word of God.

(P) **Feed our deep hunger and come into our hearts we pray.**

(L) Where there are two or more gathered, we know that God is there.

(P) **Come Holy Spirit and grant us the grace to love one another in peace.**

*OPENING HYMN

"God of the Sparrow"

see insert

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) Gracious God, you created and are still creating. In your Holy Presence our limitations arise before us. We confess our unclean lips, our cold hearts, the times we turn away from our neighbors, and the times we break our promises.

[silent time of confession]

(P) **Forgive us, O Holy One for the times we have squandered the gifts and talents you have so freely given us. We have used each other and often love power more than people. Cleanse us and come into our hearts....**

make us new again as we pray for healing in the name of Jesus.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God who is great in mercy, promises forgiveness to all who are sincere in their faith. In Jesus Christ, God knows and receives us just the way we are. Listen, give thanks and live!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our God we come and pour our ardent prayers;

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

Genesis 29:15-28

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

CONTEMPORARY READING: God Is Still Speaking

*HYMN

"There's Something About That Name"

see insert

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:31-33; 44-52

SERMON

"THE NEW AND THE OLD"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

p. 38 Hymnal

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER [Using Trespasses]

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection

"Dona Nobis: We Give Thanks!" [Latin]

Karalynn and Kathleen O'Rourke

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

Response of Thankfulness

(ALL) **Having received new life through the generosity of God and the hope of Christ, let us be thankful, knowing we give abundantly that we may be called God's generous people.**

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me
Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me
Melt Me, Mold Me, Fill Me, Use Me
Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***COMMISSION**

- (L) Go with a caring awareness for the world and all that is in it.
- (P) **We go to discover the needs and opportunities around us.**
- (L) Let us go forth in peace and be led out in joy.
- (P) **We go forth into growing and changing and living.**

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

*God be with you till we meet again,
By good counsel guide, uphold you.
With a shepherd's care enfold you,
God be with you till we meet again!*

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"We Are Marching in the Light of God"* **Siyahamba**
[English and Swahili versions]

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JULY 31, 2005 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"I Am The Bread of Life"

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** © Bruce D. Prewer

(L) Before time existed and the universe began its long unfolding, God was God.

(P) **When the stars were finding their places, and planets their orbits, God was God.**

(L) When the earth took shape and life came in splendid profusion, God was God.

(P) **When Abraham and Sarah began their journey of faith, God was God.**

(L) When Jesus came among us, bearing and living the Gospel of peace, God was God.

(P) **When tomorrow you look back and remember today, you can say, God was God.**

(L) The holy One, the most beautiful One, the most merciful One, whom the human mind cannot comprehend, was before the beginning, will be after the end, and fills every present moment with Presence and Purpose.

(P) **Let us worship God.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Here In This Place"

see insert

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) As we gather here today, forgiving God, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always lived as people of abundance. We confess the many small and large ways we

have hoarded our time, our friendship, our resources, and our love.

[silent reflection]

We confess the ways that we have avoided and stifled abundant growth by silencing those whose visions and thoughts might not agree with ours.

[silent reflection]

We confess the ways we have narrowed our mission by making our churches, our schools, our places of work, inaccessible to those whose ways are not our ways.

[silent reflection]

(ALL) **Forgive us for the lack of faith; open our hearts to receive and offer your generous love.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Hear what you already know! Our God is a God of gracious care; providing manna in the desert and water from a rock. Through Jesus Christ, God multiplied loaves and fish and transformed water into wine. God has promised that even the hardest hearts of stone can become hearts of love. Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

I need you every hour, O God of grace;

The peace your voice affords, I now embrace.

I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you;

O bless me now, my Savior; I come to you.

I need you every hour, in faith or fear;

Temptations lose their power when you are near.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Genesis 32:22-31

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Romans 9:1-5

(P) **Thanks be to God**

CONTEMPORARY READING: God Is Still Speaking

*HYMN

"At the Font We Start Our Journey"

see insert

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel according to Matthew

Matthew 14:13-21

(P) **Amen**

SERMON

Rev. Lucy Brady

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00) Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

ORDER OF BAPTISM (10:30)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD’S PRAYER [Using Trespasses]

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection “Ferry Our Prayers”

Pam Georgiadis and Chuck Rohlfing

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

Response of Thankfulness

(ALL) **Having received new life through the generosity of God and the hope of Christ, let us be thankful, knowing we give abundantly that we may be called God’s generous people.**

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Melt Me, Mold Me, Fill Me, Use Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT

*SENDING FORTH

(L) From this time of soul rest God invites us to go, refreshed and renewed, stronger and wiser.

(P) **From this time of soul rest, we go, bearing a yoke that is easy and leaving behind the burdens that belong to God.**

(L) Let us go in peace.

(P) **Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

God be with you till we meet again. By good counsel guide, uphold you,

With a shepherd’s care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again!

God be with you till we meet again. When life’s trials thick confound you,

God’s unfailing arms surround you. God be with you till we meet again.

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

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AUGUST 7, 2005 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant"

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we gather as people of faith.

(P) **The Holy Spirit is here among us as we gather and worship God.**

(L) Like our spiritual ancestors we call upon God to bless us.

(P) **Feed our deep hunger and come into our hearts we pray.**

(L) Where there are two or more gathered, we know that God is there.

(P) **Come Holy Spirit and grant us the healing we seek on this day.**

***OPENING HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision [verses 1 and 3]" see insert

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

(L) Gracious God, your ways are not always our ways. We wander away often consumed in our own affairs. Heal our wayward hearts. Search after us when we have strayed. Make us patient with our mistakes even as we are willing to forgive others. When, O Lord, will we have the courage to say "yes" to your call of Come and Follow Me? When will we turn from our self-centered living to your way of compassion?

[Silent time for reflection]

(ALL) **When, O Lord will we hear you calling us? Let it be now! Amen!**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

(L) The Holy One calls each of us in a different way, naming us and blessing us. In God's presence, there is grace and healing in the name of Jesus, The Christ.

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

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.*

*This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.
Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Romans 10:5-15

(P) **Thanks be to God**

CONTEMPORARY READING: God Is Still Speaking

***HYMN**

"Here I am Lord"

see insert

***GOSPEL LESSON**

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 14:22-33

(P) **Amen**

SERMON "GET OUT OF THE BOAT!"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

p. 24 Hymnal

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection "Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

Response of Thankfulness

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Melt Me, Mold Me, Fill Me, Use Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

**WE SHARE IN GOD'S HEALING
AT THE COMMUNION TABLE**

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements and Prayers of Healing

Solo "How Beautiful is The Body of Christ"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(L) Let us pray

(P) **We give thanks, O God, that you have refreshed us at this table of love and healing in the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and send us forth into the world with courage, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) God sends us back into the world

(P) **To labor for the welfare of all those for whom Christ lived and died.**

(L) Give thanks to God who is with us when we sink in despair and lifts us into joy again.

(P) **Give thanks to God that we have received this Good News!**

(L) Give thanks to God that we are sent to bear the Good News to others.

(P) **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN**

*God be with you till we meet again. By good counsel guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again!
God be with you till we meet again. When life's trials thick confound you,
God's unfailing arms surround you. God be with you till we meet again.*

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

"Amazing Grace"

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AUGUST 14, 2005 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" arr. Johnson

GREETING

(L) May 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 133)

(L) How good and pleasant it is when the people of God live in unity and peace.

(P) It is like soothing oil that brings healing. It is like the freshness of the morning dew.

(L) In the way of peace, God's blessings are truly visible, and life flows abundantly.

(P) Come Holy Spirit, bless us with your life giving presence.

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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) O God, we gather into our minds and hearts the places of age-old pain, the grudges and hostile words, the desires for revenge, the hatred and prejudice that are all around us, the fear and anger that consume us. And we lift our hearts in awe that pain can be healed and that the miracle of reconciliation can come into being.

[silent time for reflection]

Let us praise God for the hope of unity.

(ALL) We praise you Gracious God that revenge can be forgotten, prejudice unlearned, forgiveness sought. We praise you for all your blessings. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Truly our God is anxious to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Truly our God

does not forsake us. Nothing, not even the depth of our sin, can separate us from the love of God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:

Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away,

O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire;

As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee

Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Genesis 45:1-15

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

(P) Thanks be to God

CONTEMPORARY READING: God Is Still Speaking

*HYMN

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

see insert

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

(P) Amen

SERMON

"REUNIONS"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER [Using Trespasses]

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection

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

Denise Kelly and Allison Halsey

10:30 a.m. "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings"

Dolores Canoles

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

Response of Thankfulness

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Melt Me, Mold Me, Fill Me, Use Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

- (L) Go forth to celebrate the gifts and calling of God.
- (P) **We go to share the gifts and calling of God.**
- (L) Go forth to experience God's mercy
- (P) **We go to practice God's mercy in the name of Christ.**
Amen.

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

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Toccata on Regent Square"* Smith

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AUGUST 21, 2005 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Abba, Father"

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) O God you are our God.

(P) **We thank you for your faithfulness.**

(L) As we gather here today, teach us about gratitude and hospitality.

(P) **Feed our deep longing to be the Body of Christ in this place.**

(L) Where there are two or more gathered, we know that God is there.

(P) **Thank you for calling us to this faith community to learn about your love.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) Gracious God, you have spoken and are still speaking. You invite people to your House but we decline to come. You invite others into your Kingdom but we try to keep others out. We condemn those who are not like us and forget how to be faithful disciples. We often refuse to put on the Mind of Christ because the personal sacrifice might be too great.

[silent time for reflection]

(ALL) **Have mercy on us, O Holy One for the times we have forgotten how to love unconditionally as Jesus did. Help us to hear your invitation to become the Body of Christ in this place, in this neighborhood. Teach us today to take**

the risks we need to become a more welcoming place for all who seek God. Cleanse us and come into our hearts....make us new again as we pray for healing in the name of Jesus.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God who is gracious, never turns us away. By the generosity of God, we are assured of unending love through Jesus Christ.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,

That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,

Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Romans 12:1-8

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Philippians 2:1-5

(P) **Thanks be to God**

CONTEMPORARY READING: God Is Still Speaking

*HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

472

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 16:13-20

(P) **Amen**

SERMON

Rev. Karen O'Rourke

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

p. 38 Hymnal

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER [Using Trespasses]

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection *"The Prayer"* [English and Italian]

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

Response of Thankfulness

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Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Melt Me, Mold Me, Fill Me, Use Me

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**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

- (L) Go forth from this place and put on the mind of Christ every day this week.
- (P) **We go to discover the needs and opportunities around us.**
- (L) Christ ignites us and raises us up.
- (P) **We go forth into growing and changing and living.**

***CLOSING HYMN** "Onward Christian Soldiers" # 292

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Peace is Flowing Like a River"

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AUGUST 28, 2005 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Holy Ground" arr. Leatherman

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c)

(L) We gather with thankful hearts to call on God's name and to make God's deeds known among all peoples.

(P) **Let our songs of praise proclaim all God's wonderful works.**

(L) Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice and glory in God's holy name hour by hour and day by day.

(P) **We remember God's wonderful saving deeds, eternal promises and just judgments.**

(L) Through the faith stories of old, we are united with the bearers of God's promises in past generations.

(P) **Through our own faith stories, we celebrate our identity as the bearers of God's promises in this place and this time. Let us praise God who is the same yesterday, today and forever!**

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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) Generous God, you have created us in your image. You have filled us – each one – with wondrous gifts. Yet we confess that we do not always recognize those talents within ourselves, or others. Sometimes we use them to hurt rather than build up. We confess that sometimes we want everyone to be the same as us, to do things our way.

[silent time for reflection]

(ALL) **Forgive us, Merciful one. Nurture within us the gifts you have given us. Empower us to nurture our gifts and the gifts of others. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) The God who created us continues to call forth great gifts from us. We are one body in Christ. Thanks be to God!

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

*Just as I am, you will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because your promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

*Just as I am, your love unknown has broken every barrier down;
Now to be yours, and yours alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Exodus 3:1-15

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Romans 12:9-21

(P) **Thanks be to God**

CONTEMPORARY READING: God Is Still Speaking

*HYMN

"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"

462

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 16:21-28

(P) **Amen**

SERMON

"AN INVITATION"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER [Using Trespasses]

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Darlene Waters

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

Response of Thankfulness

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Melt Me, Mold Me, Fill Me, Use Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

- (L) God commissions us to dream new dreams.
- (P) **God sends us to gather the outcast, to feed the hungry.**
- (L) God sends us to share the bounty, to heal the wounded.
- (P) **God commissions us to shout the truth, to whisper forgiveness,**
- (L) To build peace, to proclaim jubilee, to lead journeys.
- (P) **God commissions us. Let us go in the name of God.
Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant"* see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Toccata on Regent Square"* Smith

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A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Thelma Naomi Reynolds

July 29, 1918 - August 27, 2005

August 30, 2005

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

* PROCESSION AND OPENING SENTENCES

* HYMN OF ADORATION *"Her I Am Lord"* see insert

* SOLEMN DECLARATION

GREETING

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 14

MEDITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - LORD'S PRAYER

* COMMENDATION

* BENEDICTION

* PARTING HYMN *"How Great Thou Art"* 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.

*I will dwell
in the house
of the LORD
forever*



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SEPTEMBER 4, 2005 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) Rejoice and be glad for God takes delight in us.

(P) **We gather as God's community.**

(L) Come and hear God's good news.

(P) **We gather as God's community that listens to the good news of Christ's love.**

(L) Even when only two or three are gathered, Christ is here in our midst.

(P) **We gather as God's community that prays together. Let us worship God who is among us in this place.**

*OPENING HYMN "Ask Ye What Great Things I Know" # 8

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) Ever present and ever loving God, sometimes we think that the church is a building. Sometimes, we care about the building maintenance more than building our relationship with you and our sisters and brothers in Christ. For the ways in which we have neglected to maintain a holy sanctuary in our souls,

(P) **We pray for your guidance.**

(L) For the times when we held on to our grudges,

(P) **We pray that you soften our hearts.**

(L) When we have withheld our love from one another,

(P) **We pray for your forgiving love.**

(L) For the times, when we have forgotten who we are as your beloved children,

(P) **We pray that we be awakened.**

(L) Help us to let go of all that gets in the way of accepting your full embrace.

[silent time for reflection]

(ALL) **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God delights in us. Such is the nature of God's abundant love. God forgives our shortcomings. Such is the way of God's immeasurable grace. Thanks be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Exodus 12:1-14

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Romans 13:8-14

(P) **Thanks be to God**

CONTEMPORARY READING: God Is Still Speaking

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

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 18:15-20

(P) **Amen**

SERMON

"BEING IN COMMUNE - ITY"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed p. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

Response of Thankfulness

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Melt Me, Mold Me, Fill Me, Use Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

**WE SHARE IN GOD'S HEALING
AT THE COMMUNION TABLE**

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION see insert

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Go from this place in peace: be the church and take the church with you. Make each place you go a sacred place. Let others see and experience God through you. May God take delight in all that you do, and in all that God has made you to be. God bless.

(P) **God bless. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Christ for the World We Sing"* # 373

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

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SEPTEMBER 11, 2005 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) Despite what the reality may be, God's hope, forgiveness, and renewal never fail.

(P) **The God of hope empowers us to light a candle of hope for there is hope for today.**

(L) The depth of love calls us to forgive one another.

(P) **The God of love encourages us to light a candle of forgiveness for forgiveness is possible today.**

(L) God's Spirit helps us to let go and refreshes us again and again.

(P) **The God of new life moves us to light a candle of renewal for new life is ours today.**

(L) We light a candle of God's shalom present with us now.
(Candle is lit.)

(ALL) **Come, let us worship God whose love forgives, renews, and heals.**

*OPENING HYMN *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"* see insert

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

God of patience and forgiveness, we come before you in a time of confession. Cleanse our hearts we pray, O God, for we come in to be one with your holy presence. We confess the

times when we have held on to our grudges rather than letting them go.

(silent time for reflection)

We confess those times when we have wanted to seek vengeance rather than seek peace and reconciliation.

(silent time for reflection)

We confess those times when we let our anger get the best of our judgment and reason.

(silent time for reflection)

We confess those times when we resist the call to walk in gentleness with your loving spirit.

(silent time for reflection)

We confess those times when we do not trust your wisdom and your caring.

(silent time for reflection)

Help us to let go of all that stand between us, O loving God. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God weeps with us in sorrow, and rejoices with us in joy. God loves us and forgives us. God journeys with us in the deepest valley of our lives, and supports us through all our troubles. God sees our sincere hearts and smiles at our desires for renewal. So we can go forth in light of God, in the light of hope, forgiveness, and renewal.

(ALL) **Thanks be to God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S 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.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus, far, and grace will lead me home.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Exodus 14:19-31

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Romans 14:1-12

(P) **Thanks be to God**

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 18:21-35

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

(P) Amen

SERMON "CAUGHT IN THE CROSS HAIRS"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE, CONFESSION AND HOPE see insert

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER (Using Trespasses)

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

Response of Thankfulness

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

Melt Me, Mold Me, Fill Me, Use Me

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) God calls us to forgiveness.

(P) **God calls us to live a life of freedom, peace, joy, and
dignity for all our brothers and sisters around the world.**

(L) Let us go into the world with God's eternal spirit that longs to
bring the world back to God in joy.

(ALL) **Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** "How Firm a Foundation" see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

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OUR MISSION

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2005 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Siciliano"

arr. Bach

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) Come to the Lord who alone is our God.

(P) **Let us forsake the gods we have forged with our hands.**

(L) Come, and bow down before the Lord your Maker,

(P) **And declare God's wonderful works together.**

*OPENING HYMN *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* # 476

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

Gracious and Loving God, we live in a time when there are many things that prevent us from seeing your presence in our lives and in our world. We prefer the safe, the comfortable and easy life. We like to avoid the painstaking process of learning and growing and evolving to become what you call us to be.

We confess times when we seek knowledge without character, politics without principle and worship with sacrifice.

(silent time for reflection)

We suffer in many ways when we disobey your laws and your eternal ways. Guide us, we pray, that we may have the wisdom and courage to abide in your ways however difficult a sacrifice it may be. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God's love is greater than our deepest flaws, wider than our limited understanding more forgiving than our forgiveness of

ourselves. God's love knows no bounds. God offers us grace and promise of renewal and hope.

(P) **Thanks be to God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

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

World without end. Amen, Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"The Lord's Prayer"

Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

10:30 a.m.

"Seek Ye the Lord"

Senior Choir

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Exodus 16:2-15

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Philippians 1:21-30

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 20:1-16

(P) **Amen**

*HYMN

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

85

SERMON "GRUMBLING, GRUMBLING, GRUMBLING"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER (Using Trespasses)

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Go into the world in peace. Live the life to which God has called you. May there always be truth, goodness and compassion in your life.

(P) **Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" # 394

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" arr. Hegarty

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SEPTEMBER 25, 2005 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Arioso"

Bach

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) When the people of Israel were thirsty, God provided water in the wilderness.

(P) **Praise God for the water of life.**

(L) When people were lost without direction, Jesus came to show the way.

(P) **Praise God for the Living Water of life.**

(L) When we cry out in need, God listens to us, and responds.

(P) **Come, let us worship God!**

*OPENING HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

184

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) O God, sometimes we wonder if you are with us or not.

(P) **Yet, we seldom ask ourselves if we are with you.**

(L) We often wonder what more you can do for us,

(P) **But neglect to ask what more we can do for your glory.**

(L) When we challenge others more than challenging our own assumptions, motives and attitudes,

(P) **Forgive us God, and help our fears.**

(L) For the times when we discredit others for their appearances, their social status, and their imperfections,

(P) **Forgive us God, and help us to be humble.**

(L) May we see others the way you see them.

(P) **May we discover your face in the faces of people we encounter.**

(L) May we know that you are with us.

(P) **May we know that you, God, are building our faith.**
(silent time for reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God's love has the power to break hearts of stone, spring forth a fountain of hope, and unleash a river of love. God's spirit seeks to work in us, that we may have life.

(P) **Thanks be to God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

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

World without end. Amen, Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. *"Just A Little Talk With Jesus"*

Pam Georgiadis, Florence Gundlach, Margaret Myrick

10:30 a.m. *"At the Name of Jesus"*

Senior Choir

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Exodus 17:1-7

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Philippians 2:1-13

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 21:23-32

(P) **Amen**

*HYMN

"Lord, Speak to Me"

256

SERMON

"IMAGE OR SUBSTANCE?"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00) Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

ORDER OF BAPTISM (10:30)

see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER (Using Trespasses)

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection "Dedication" Dressler

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Go to live under God's humble care seeking simple joys,
loving one another.

(P) **Sharing kindness and following the way of Jesus.**

(L) And take with you the quiet assurance that God's spirit will be
always with you. Amen.

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

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune" Purcell

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

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

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 19)

(L) The morning sun reveals God's creative wonders; bearing witness to the beauty of God's creation.

(P) **As God's design is so visibly present in nature, so it is realized in the divine plan for our lives.**

(L) For God's law is perfect, reviving the soul; and the decrees of God are sure and trustworthy, giving wisdom to all.

(P) **The principles of God are right and true, rejoicing the heart; and God's commandments are clear, enlightening our eyes and our minds;**

(L) God's laws are truly just and altogether righteous; more to be desired are they than gold; sweeter also than the drippings of the honeycomb.

(P) **Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, our rock and our redeemer.**

*OPENING HYMN "O Worship the King" # 10

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) Loving God, we seek to focus our lives on Christ, your living word, but find ourselves lost and confused. Cleanse our hearts, O God. When we have worshipped material possessions, symbols of prestige and power,

(P) **Forgive us.**

(L) When we have made idols as sources of comfort and objects of worship,

(P) **Forgive us.**

(L) When we have devalued your holy name,

(P) **Forgive us.**

(L) When we did not set aside a day to make it holy, to seek rest for our weary souls,

(P) **Forgive us.**

(L) When we have not treated parents, children and others with love and compassion,

(P) **Forgive us.**

(L) When we have not been moved by the senseless killing of life, glorified violence, and made it our entertainment,

(P) **Forgive us.**

(L) When we have not been faithful in our relationships with each other,

(P) **Forgive us.**

(L) When we stole time, and sold our integrity for extra profit,

(P) **Forgive us.**

(L) When we have spread false rumors and talked behind people's back,

(P) **Forgive us.**

(L) When we fail to put our relationship with you first, and seek our joy in things that cannot satisfy,

(P) **Forgive us.**

(silent time for reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God provides guidance and leads us to a life of joy, meaning, and hope. God forgives our mistakes and helps us to begin anew. God restores our spirit and gives us new life. Amen.

(P) **Thanks be to God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"Search Me O God"

Florence Gundlach and Chuck Rohlfsing

10:30 a.m.

"In You, We Are One"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

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

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Philippians 3:4b-14

(P) Thanks be to God

***GOSPEL LESSON**

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 21:33-46

(P) Amen

***HYMN**

"Let All Mortal Flesh"

336

SERMON

"GIVE US THIS DAY..."

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

p. 24 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection *"Prayer of St. Francis"*

arr. Letherman

***Bringing Forth of Gifts**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(L) Go, towards the goal of the prize of the heavenly call of God
and go in peace as God goes with you.

(P) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"*

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. DeCou

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 106, verses 1-6, 19-23)

(L) Let us praise God whose goodness and steadfast love are everlasting.

(P) **With joy we praise God's wonderful deeds.**

(L) Happy are those who act justly and whose lives reflect God's righteousness at all times;

(P) **O God, we rejoice in all your faithful dealings with those who have gone before us.**

(L) Like them, we have sinned, and fallen far short of your goodness.

(P) **Like them, we forget you and replace you with idols of our own making.**

(L) Yet, as you heard Moses' prayer for his people and delivered them from certain death and destruction, you also hear Jesus' prayers for us, and graciously grant us the gift of salvation.

(P) **Let us together praise God whose goodness and steadfast love are everlasting.**

*OPENING HYMN "Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart" # 7

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(P) **Even in our best intentions, in our worshipful hearts, we let unimportant things get in the way of one another and of you, eternal God. For the times when we squabbled over temporal matters while losing sight of witness and work in this world, grant us wisdom to see things clearly.**

When we have let the disagreements carry over into conflicts rather than giving our hearts to reconciliation, grant us courage and humble hearts. If we have focused too much on our own needs and neglected the cries for justice and peace in our world, open our hearts to others. Gentle and patient God, we open our hearts to your loving spirit that seeks to draw us to your ways.

(silent time for reflection)

(L) Strengthen our faith in you that we may learn to let go of these things. In the mystery of life that surrounds your presence, may we find your light leading us to a radical freedom.

(P) **In Christ's name, we offer our prayer. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God forgives our sin. God renews our spirits. And God heals our wounds. That we may be whole. That we may rejoice. That we may celebrate.

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

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "Open My Eyes That I May See"

Darlene Waters

10:30 a.m. "Peace Like A River"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Exodus 32:1-14

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Philippians 4:1-9

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 22-1:14

(P) **Amen**

*HYMN

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

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SERMON "LOOK WHO'S COMING TO DINNER"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle's Creed p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection "Jesus, We Live to Thee" arr. Page

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT

*SENDING FORTH

(I) Go now down your highways and into your homes. Take
God's feast with you to as many as you find, that there may be
food for all. May others thank God because of you. God
bless.

(P) God bless.

(L) Amen.

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

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "In Peace and Joy I Now Depart" Kretchzmar

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OCTOBER 16, 2005 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Rock of Ages" arr. Bish

GREETING

(L) May 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) In God's presence, lost and weary lives find purpose and meaning.

(P) Come to this place all who seek purpose and meaning.

(L) In God's presence, people who are sick and troubled find healing and peace.

(P) Come to this place all who seek healing and peace.

(L) The lives of sinners are changed by our compassionate God.

(P) Come to this place all who seek changed lives.

(L) In many places, holy people have proclaimed God's ways of justice and truth.

(P) Come to this place to experience God's presence. Come, let us worship God.

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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(P) Patient and understanding God, it is not easy to keep up the energy to abide in your ways. Over the years the work of faith can get wearisome. Our labour of love sometimes loses its passion and enthusiasm. Our steadfast hope in Jesus can lose its flame and can become tired and discouraged. Keeping up everyday living can become overwhelming and take too much from our souls. We turn to you O God, because it is difficult to keep ourselves

focused on you, and keep our collective spirit aligned to yours. At times, like Jesus, we too cry out, "Why have you forsaken me?" So, we turn to you O God in our weakness, in our fears, insecurities, and worries.

(silent time for reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) God offers to us freedom from fear, steadfast faith and a firm foundation. God's love is as deep and wide as the oceans. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

(P) Praise be to God.

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "O Lord Most Holy"

Senior Choir

10:30 a.m. "Search Me, O God"

Florence Gundlach, Chuck Rohlfing

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Exodus 33:12-23

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

(P) Thanks be to God

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 22:15-22

(P) Amen

*HYMN

"Rock of Ages"

217

SERMON "THE LAND OF MILK AND HONEY"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00) Apostle's Creed p. 38 Hymnal

ORDER OF BAPTISM (10:30)

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Musical Reflection "More Precious Than Silver" arr. Leatherman

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) Go into the world with the message of God's good news. Be the message. Do the Message. Live the message. Go now in peace.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" # 323

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

"Postlude"

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A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Marcella Annetta Surdel

January 12, 1923 - October 16, 2005

October 19, 2005

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

* PROCESSION AND OPENING SENTENCES

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

* SOLEMN DECLARATION

GREETING

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 14

MEDITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

* HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE *"On Eagle's Wings"* see insert

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.

For God so loved the world
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him
should not perish but have everlasting life

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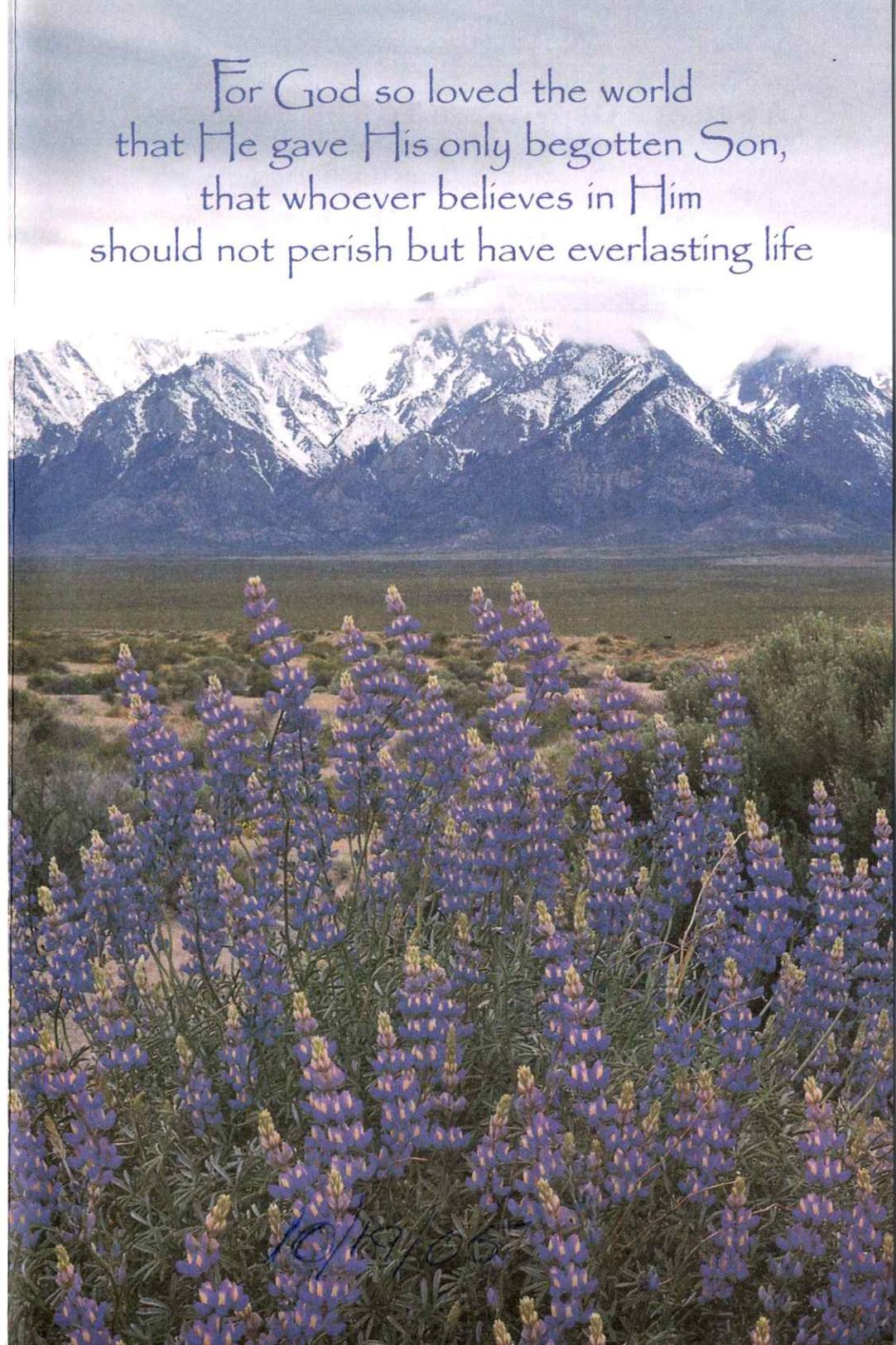
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OCTOBER 23, 2005 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"More Love to Thee"

arr. DeCou

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(L) O God, when we felt lost in the world,

(P) **You have been our dwelling place.**

(L) O God, when we felt all alone,

(P) **You have been our spiritual home.**

(L) O God, when we were afraid,

(P) **You have been our hiding place.**

(L) O God, when our hearts were seeking for meaning,

(P) **You have been our shepherd looking for a lost sheep.**

(L) You, O God, have been a faithful God in all generations,

(P) **Let us worship God with all our hearts and minds.**

***OPENING HYMN**

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

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***TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY** (*-Amy Schacht*)

(P) **Merciful God, your law is a gift, but we use it to judge one another as unacceptable. You call us to this time and place to worship you, but our minds wander. You shower us with love, and we long for more things. You create us with talents and skills to share your good news with the world, but we protect what we have in our small corner. You pour out your grace for us, and we pretend we do not need you. Burst through our complacency, transform our narrow perspectives, and forgive how far we have**

wandered. Set us on the path of discipleship one more time. Amen.

(silent time for reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

(L) The love of God is beyond our ugliest sins, greater than our worst fears, and stronger than our frailest weaknesses. God forgives us and renews us.

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

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

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"With All My Heart"

Pam Georgiadis, Chuk Rohlfing

10:30 a.m.

"With All My Heart"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

(P) **Thanks be to God**

***GOSPEL LESSON**

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 22:34-46

(P) **Amen**

***HYMN**

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

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SERMON

"CATCHING A GLIMPSE"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed

p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection *"With All My Heart"* arr. Innes

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) Go out into the world in peace. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all you soul, with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself. For everything hangs on these things.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Lord, Dismiss Us"* # 35

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"Prelude in Classic Style"* Young

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OCTOBER 30, 2005 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

arr. Hustad

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*based on Psalm 107:1-7*)

(L) We gather here from north and south, from west and east;

(P) **To give thanks to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.**

(L) Like travelers lost in the spiritual desert of our world, we come with souls that are hungry and thirsty.

(P) **Just as God satisfied the cravings of those fleeing from Egypt, God fills all who hunger and thirst with good things.**

(L) Let us give thanks to God whose steadfast love endures forever.

(P) **Come, let us worship God**

*OPENING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) Jesus, teacher and Lord, when we hear your criticism of the behavior of the scribes and the Pharisees in the gospel today, we wonder what has changed. People still place unwarranted burdens on others, still demand preferential treatment, still abuse positions of leadership. We are ashamed to confess that this does not only happen in society at large, it happens also within the church.

(P) **Forgive our participation in practices which inflate our egos at the expense of others.**

(Pause for silent reflection)

(L) Jesus, forgive us when we parade our piety and expect favored treatment, forgetting that you emptied yourself of power so that you could be the servant and Savior of all.

(P) **Forgive us when we care more for impressive outward appearances rather than inner dispositions shaped by tolerance and love.**

(Pause for silent reflection)

(L) Jesus, forgive us for any behavior which is experienced or perceived as hypocritical - any actions which lack integrity and justice.

(P) **Renew and refresh us with your gentle and selfless Spirit, Lord, so that we know what it is to be your followers not only in name, but in reality. Amen**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Hear the good news: God has forgiven us all our sins, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. This, God set aside, nailing it to the cross. In Jesus Christ, therefore, we are forgiven.

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

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
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World without end. Amen, Amen.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Florence Gundlach, Chuck Rohlfing

10:30 a.m.

"O Lord Most Holy"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Joshua 3:7-17

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

(P) Thanks be to God

***GOSPEL LESSON**

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 23:1-12

(P) Amen

***HYMN**

"He Leadeth Me"

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SERMON

"AN INVITATION TO GRACE"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed

p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Musical Reflection

"He Leadeth Me"

arr. DeCou

***Bringing Forth of Gifts**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) Brothers and sisters, go, bearing witnesses to God's word at work within you. And may the peace of God make you holy in every way.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN "God! When Human Bonds Are Broken" see insert**

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Pastlude on Guide Me O thou Great Jehovah" arr. Martin

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A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Leonard Justin Joseph Kozloski

July 13, 1950 - October 27, 2005

October 31, 2005

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

*PROCESSION AND OPENING SENTENCES

*SOLEMN DECLARATION

GREETING

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 11

MEDITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING- LORD'S PRAYER

*COMMENDATION

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*If able please stand

THE SERENITY PRAYER

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.

Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it.
Trusting that You will make all things right if I
surrender to Your Will;

That I may be reasonably happy in this life,
and supremely happy with You forever in the next.
Amen

Reinhold Niebuhr (1943)



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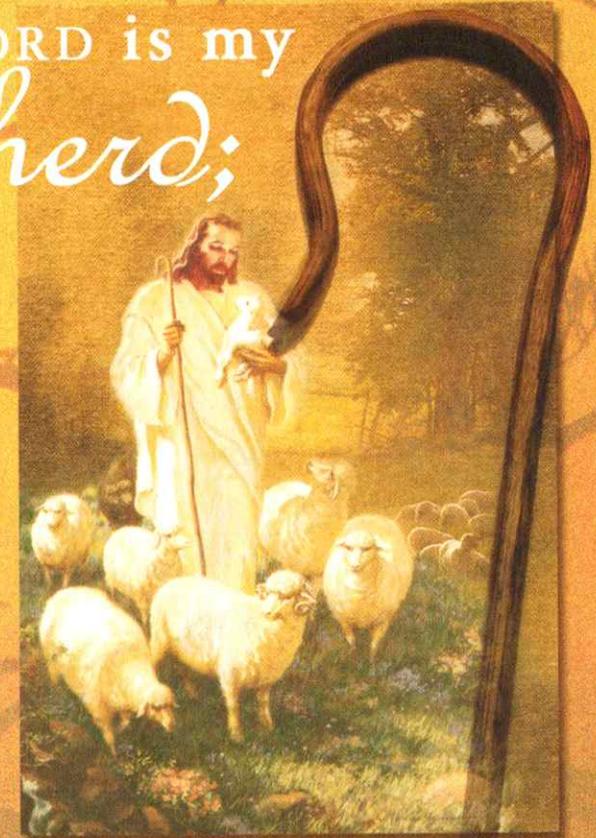
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The LORD is my Shepherd;

*I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie
down in green pastures;
he leadeth me
beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff
they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*



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NOVEMBER 6, 2005 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Jesu, Word of God Incarnate"

arr. Mozart

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 78)

(L) We remember God's glorious deeds - recorded for all time by people whose lives were touched by divine grace.

(P) **As people of hope, they affirmed the great works of God, and the importance of keeping the commandments of God.**

(L) We are heirs of their faithfulness in witnessing to the greatness of God's wondrous acts.

(P) **Let our witness be as convincing, so that generations to come will continue to honor God's holy name. Let us worship God.**

*OPENING HYMN

"The God of Abraham Praise"

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*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) God of Israel and God of Jesus Christ, we would not be here if you had not chosen to touch our lives with your love. We cannot hide our wonder that you should choose to enter our world and our lives in person - in Jesus. Yet we confess that we sometimes have trouble in our decision-making when faced with questions of whether we wholeheartedly serve you or not. We are often tempted to put other than you first in our lives - when we are faced with choices which affect how we live as your faithful people -

(P) **Forgive us when the choices we make reflect not your glory but our own selfishness.**

(Pause for silent reflection)

(L) Forgive us when the choices we make revolve around judging or condemning others without first listening to their stories.

(P) **Forgive us when the choices we make contribute to our own prosperity and wellbeing while ignoring the needs of others.**

(Pause for silent reflection)

(L) Forgive us when the choices we make diminish our awareness of you, O God, in the midst of those who suffer.

(P) **Gracious and loving God, strengthen us where we are weak with the renewing power of your Spirit. Help us to make choices which clearly reveal our identity as your faithful people, and as sincere and devoted followers of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord - in whose name we pray. Amen .**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Out of love for the world, God chose to share our humanity in the person of Jesus Christ, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ we are accepted, we are loved, we are forgiven.

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

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

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

World without end. Amen, Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"The Lord Is My Light"

Willoughby Myrick, Jr.

10:30 a.m.

"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

(P) Thanks be to God

***GOSPEL LESSON**

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 5:43-48

(P) Amen

***HYMN**

"The Family Prayer Song"

see insert

SERMON "LOVING (NOT KILLING) OUR ENEMIES"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

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

***Bringing Forth of Gifts**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION see insert

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) Go bravely into the world with hearts open. May God's questions challenge you, guide you and help you to find ultimate meaning, and your true calling. And may the Spirit of God be your companion.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"* # 99

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *"The God of Abraham Praise"* arr. Innes

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NOVEMBER 13, 2005 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

arr. Bach

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) Trust in the Lord at all times, O peoples of the earth!

(P) **We will pour out our hearts before our God!**

(L) God is your refuge and your strength, a very present help in trouble!

(P) **We will trust, and not be afraid!**

*OPENING HYMN

"God is Our Refuge"

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*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) Many temptations pull us. Many habits imprison us, O God. Life can be a struggle for so many of us. Yet, in the silent depths of our soul, you invite us to your presence.

(Pause for silent reflection)

(L) God of light and darkness, of day and of night,

(P) **We bring before you all that we have thought, said, and done. We confess the times we have tried to hide from you, when we have tried to ignore your call, pretended not to know what was going on around us, and sought to run away from responsibility. Forgive us for discounting the value of the wondrous gifts you have given to us and to others, and free us to live new lives as your children,**

forgiven and trusted by you. In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) In the heart of God, our sins are forgiven, our errors are forgotten, our faults are erased. Let us embrace the hope that God gives us.

(P) **We are blessed indeed. Praise be to God. Amen.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

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

World without end. Amen, Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"Jesus Lover of My Soul"

Denise Kelly, Allison Housley

10:30 a.m.

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Judges 4:1-7

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Matthew 25:14-30

(P) **Amen**

*HYMN

"Before the Cross of Jesus"

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SERMON

"A SOBERING THOUGHT"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

p. 38 Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER (Using Trespasses)

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection "Take My Life and Let It Be" arr. Innes

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) People of Christ, encourage and build up one another.
Strengthen the fainthearted, lift up the weak, be patient with
the anxious, and rejoice in all circumstances. May the God of
peace make you whole.

(All) Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Jesus I Live to Thee" # 254

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Rondo in Go" Bull

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NOVEMBER 20, 2005 REIGN OF CHRIST 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Sheep May Safely Graze"

Bach

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) Blessed be the Triune God who gathers us as the church of Jesus Christ our Sovereign.

(P) **And blessed be God's holy reign now and forever.**

(L) Rejoice, people of God, in the one who came that all may have life and have it more abundantly, who places the needy, the least of these, at the heart of God's love.

(P) **Praise and honor to Jesus Christ, God with us, who calls us friends and reigns in our midst by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign"

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*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) Confident in the mercy of God, let us ask for the forgiveness we need.

(P) **Loving God, shepherd of our souls, hear the longing of our hearts for fullness of life. Too often we exchange the gift of your grace for things that do not endure. We speak of Jesus Christ with reverence but spend our days in service to selfish ends. We sing of our Savior's reign but occupy trivial thrones of self-importance. Deliver us from all that confounds our relationship with you and one**

another. We ask this in the name of the one who taught us to pray, "your reign come on earth as it is in heaven."
Amen.

(Pause for silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Beloved, God forgives those who face their own failures and ask for mercy. In receiving this gift, let us forgive ourselves and those who have wronged us in any way. Where Jesus Christ reigns there is no room for thrones that enshrine human sin. Rejoice in the reign of redeeming love!

(P) **Amen! Thanks and praise to God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

"On Eagle's Wings"

Senior Choir

10:30 a.m.

"Softly and Tenderly"

Clara Auffarth, Florence Gundlach

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Revelations 7:9-17

(P) **Thanks be to God**

1 John 3:1-3

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

Matthew 5:1-12

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

(P) **Amen**

*HYMN

"Fairrest Lord Jesus"

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SERMON

"CHRIST THE KING"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

TOTENFEST REMEMBRANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD’S PRAYER (Using Trespasses)

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection *“On Eagle’s Wings”* arr. DeCou

***Bringing Forth of Gifts**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) Now to the one who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of God’s glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Sovereign, be glory, majesty, power and authority, before all time and now and forever.

(All) **Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth among all with whom God is well pleased. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *“For All the Saints”* # 418

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *“For All the Saints”* Held

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NOVEMBER 27, 2005 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "What Is This Lovely Fragrance" Lovelace

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

(L) Dear God, as we begin our Advent pilgrimage, grant us the courage to hope.

(P) **Hope for your presence,**

(L) Hope for your peace,

(P) **Hope for your promise.**

The candle of hope is lit.¹

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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(P) Advent God, forgive us when we pay more attention to satisfying our own needs, than seeking you and your will for our lives - for being more interested in possessing the material things of life, rather than your spiritual gifts. Turn our lives around so that we are looking in the right direction - towards you. Only then can we hope to recognize the signs of your presence in the world. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

(Pause for silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we have been enriched in every way. Through God's grace, we will be kept strong to the end, so that we shall be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "We Shall Behold Him"
Solo – Willoughby Myrick, Jr.
10:30 a.m. "We Shall Behold Him"
Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Isaiah 64:1-9

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Mark 13:24-37

(P) **Amen**

***HYMN** "Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night" # 91

SERMON "A SPIRITUAL LONGING"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER (Using Trespasses)

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The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection "Andante Pastorale"

Spong

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) You have been given the grace of God in Christ Jesus. Go in strength and knowledge, grace and power. Go to seek signs of God's powerful presence. Go to be a revelation to others.

(All) **We go to watch and wait with hope. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"

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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "Savior of the Nations Come"

Bach

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Hope

Be joyful in hope.

Romans 12:12

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DECEMBER 4, 2005 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Comfort Ye My People"

Handel

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The candle of hope is lit.

(L) Dear God, as we journey down this Advent road, grant us the courage to make peace.

(P) **Peace in our hearts.**

(L) Peace in our homes,

(P) **Peace in our communities.**

The candle of peace is lit.¹

*OPENING HYMN

"O How Shall I Receive Thee"

100

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(All) God of glory, we confess that all too often in this Advent season we spend more time on making preparations for our own pleasure than preparing for Jesus to be born anew in our hearts and lives, in our families, our communities, our nation. You call us to prepare the way for Jesus' birth by helping to make smooth the rough places in people's lives, by seeking to reduce the mountainous problems some people experience. You call us to prepare the way for Jesus' birth by being agents of comfort and mercy. Forgive us when we fail to become involved with the pain of other people by pleading seasonal busyness. Forgive us for confusing being comfortable with being comforting. Help us to

prepare ourselves faithfully to receive the Christ-child.
Amen.

(Pause for silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Listen to what God promises: salvation happens when love and faithfulness meet together, when righteousness and peace kiss. This is surely the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Christ we experience salvation.

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

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m.

Solo -- Denise Kelly

10:30 a.m.

"Every Valley Shall Be Exalted"

Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-11

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

2 Peter 3:8-15a

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Mark 1:1-8

(P) **Amen**

*HYMN

"There's A Voice in the Wilderness Crying"

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SERMON

"RECOGNIZING GIFTS"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00)

Nicene Creed

p. 24 Hymnal

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS (10:30)

see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection

"He Shall Feed His Flock Like A Shepherd"

Handel

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication... Amen.

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION see insert

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) Beloved, there are many who are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness is at home - while you wait, make peace - with one another, with yourself, and with the earth. Go as peacemakers in a wilderness world walking the way of the Prince of Peace.

(All) **We go with hope. We go in peace. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN "Arise, the Kingdom Is At Hand" # 93**

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE "In Peace and Joy I Now Depart" Kretchzmar

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PEACE

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

Zechariah 9:10

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DECEMBER 11, 2005 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Prelude on Emmanuel" vanNutt

GREETING

(L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The candles of hope and peace are re-lit.

(L) Dear God, in the height of your Advent walk, grant us the courage to experience joy.

(P) **Joy in the face of apathy,**

(L) Joy in the face of sorrow,

(P) **Joy in the face of uncertainty.**

The candle of joy is lit.¹

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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) We give thanks, O God, that you are unchanging, that your concern for justice and righteousness was so strong that you came in human form to share that concern with us in person. We confess that all too often we hesitate to speak or act when we see people being treated unjustly.

(P) **Forgive us, O God, for the times when we have been happy to hear the gospel without truly living it.**

(Pause for silent reflection)

(L) Forgive us for uncaring attitudes when we base our opinion of another person's worth on what they own, or how they look; on what they say, or how they live, rather than accepting them for who they are - people made in your image.

(P) **Forgive us when our longing to live simply and with humility is defeated by selfish desires - for pursuing profits before seeking your will.**

(Pause for silent reflection)

(L) Forgive us for placing our hope in other than the Christ-child born in a poor stable.

(P) **Our hope lies in the promise of your mercy, O God, extending to those who fear you from generation to generation. Heal, restore and bless us, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen**

(Pause for silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) The promise of God is that our whole being - spirit, soul and body will be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rejoice, then, and give thanks as we receive forgiveness and healing in Christ's name.

(P) **We rejoice in the mercy of God.**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

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

World without end. Amen, Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING "Emmanuel"
Senior Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER (Using Trespasses)

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:6-8, 19-28

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

(P) **Amen**

*HYMN "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" # 107

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT "BABY JESUS - PRINCE OF PEACE"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection *"Gesu Bambino"*

Nicholas Pietrowski, Jr.

Violin

***Bringing Forth of Gifts**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances. Do not quench the Spirit. Hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace sanctify you entirely; that you may be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(All) **Amen.**

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

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

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

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Joy

Shout for joy, O heavens.

Isaiah 49:13

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DECEMBER 18, 2005 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Did Mary Know" **Lowrey**

GREETING

- (L) May 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

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

- (L) Dear God, as our Advent pilgrimage draws to completion, grant us the courage to share your love.
(P) **Love for the unexpected challenge in our lives,**
(L) Love for the vulnerable one in our midst.
(P) **Love for the presence of God in all creation.**
The candle of love is lit.¹

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

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

- (L) On this Advent Sunday of Love we know it isn't easy to be loving all the time - so we take time to think about the moments in this past week where we have failed to love...
(Pause for silent reflection)
Forgive us, O God, when we have failed to let your love spill over into our lives, and through us to others...
(P) **Forgive us and empower us with your Spirit to proclaim your love in word and deed to those who are close to us and to those who at this time feel rejected, unwanted, lonely ...**
(L) Those who are sick and those who mourn - especially those for whom this season is a time of sadness...
(P) **Those people, young and old, who are trapped in a cycle of poverty, the many people across the world who have**

been forced into being refugees, and those who suffer at the hands of others.

- (All) **May the words we speak and sing over these next few days become reality as we seek to live and love even as Christ did. These things we pray in his name. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- (L) The Psalmist declared that God's steadfast love was established forever - to all generations. The evidence of that love is surely found in God's entry into the world in Jesus Christ "not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned."
(P) **Praise be to God!**

*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:00 a.m. "Song of Mary"
Senior Choir
10:30 a.m. "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"
Florence Gundlach and Lynn Sanders

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

(P) **Thanks be to God**
Romans 16:25-27

SECOND READING

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) **Thanks be to God**
Luke 1:26-38

*GOSPEL LESSON

(L) The Gospel of Jesus Christ

(P) **Amen**

***HYMN** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent" # 336

SERMON "SERVANT OF THE LORD"

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD’S PRAYER (Using Trespasses)

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection *“A Virgin Most Pure”* arr. Innes

*Bringing Forth of Gifts

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication.... Amen.

**WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND
RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT**

***SENDING FORTH**

(One) May you be strengthened by the good news that God proclaims in Jesus Christ. May you be drawn to the wonder of the mystery revealed, God’s eternal love for us made flesh in Jesus Christ. Go in the glory of God’s abundant love.

(All) **We go with hope. We go in peace. We go with Joy. We go in love. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *“Behold a Branch is Growing”* # 113

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE *“Savior of the Nations Come”* Bach

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Love

We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19

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DECEMBER 24, 2005 CHRISTMAS EVE 7:30 P.M.

PRELUDE "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" arr. MacNutt

WELCOMING

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE¹

(L) Light looked down and saw darkness.

(P) "I will go there," said Light.

(The candle of hope is lit.)

(L) Peace looked down and saw war.

(P) "I will go there," said Peace.

(The candle of peace is lit.)

(L) Joy looked down and saw despair.

(P) "I will go there," said Joy.

(The candle of joy is lit.)

(L) Love looked down and saw hatred.

(P) "I will go there," said Love.

(The candle of love is lit.)

(L) So the Lord of light

The Prince of Peace

The Font of Joy

The King of Love

Came down and crept in beside us.

(The Christ candle is lit.)

(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

Gracious God, your angels broke into the midnight of a sleeping world to sing the news that Christ was born in Bethlehem. On this night of joyful and expectant wonder, break into the darkness of this hour and stir our hearts to

hear again the message of your love. Touch our understanding with your Holy Spirit that we may live in awe of the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ. Though there was no room for him in Bethlehem's inn, help us to make more room for him in our lives, responding to his love and receiving his peace. Come Lord Jesus, be light for our darkness, and empower us with your Spirit to be faithful bearers of your light into all the shadowy and clouded areas of our world. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF GRACE *(based on Isaiah 9:2-7)*

On those who have walked in darkness, a great light has shone. The yoke of burden, the rod of the oppressor, has been broken. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us, whose authority has established justice and righteousness forever. Let there be praise to God in heaven and on earth.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Iris

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

*CHRISTMAS GREETING OF PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING "The Gift Goes On" Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 96

THE CHRISTMAS STORY Luke 2:1-20

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TIME

HYMN "Away in a Manger" # 109

CHRISTMAS PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "I Call Him Lord" Senior Choir

*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

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

see insert

*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 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

arr. DeCou

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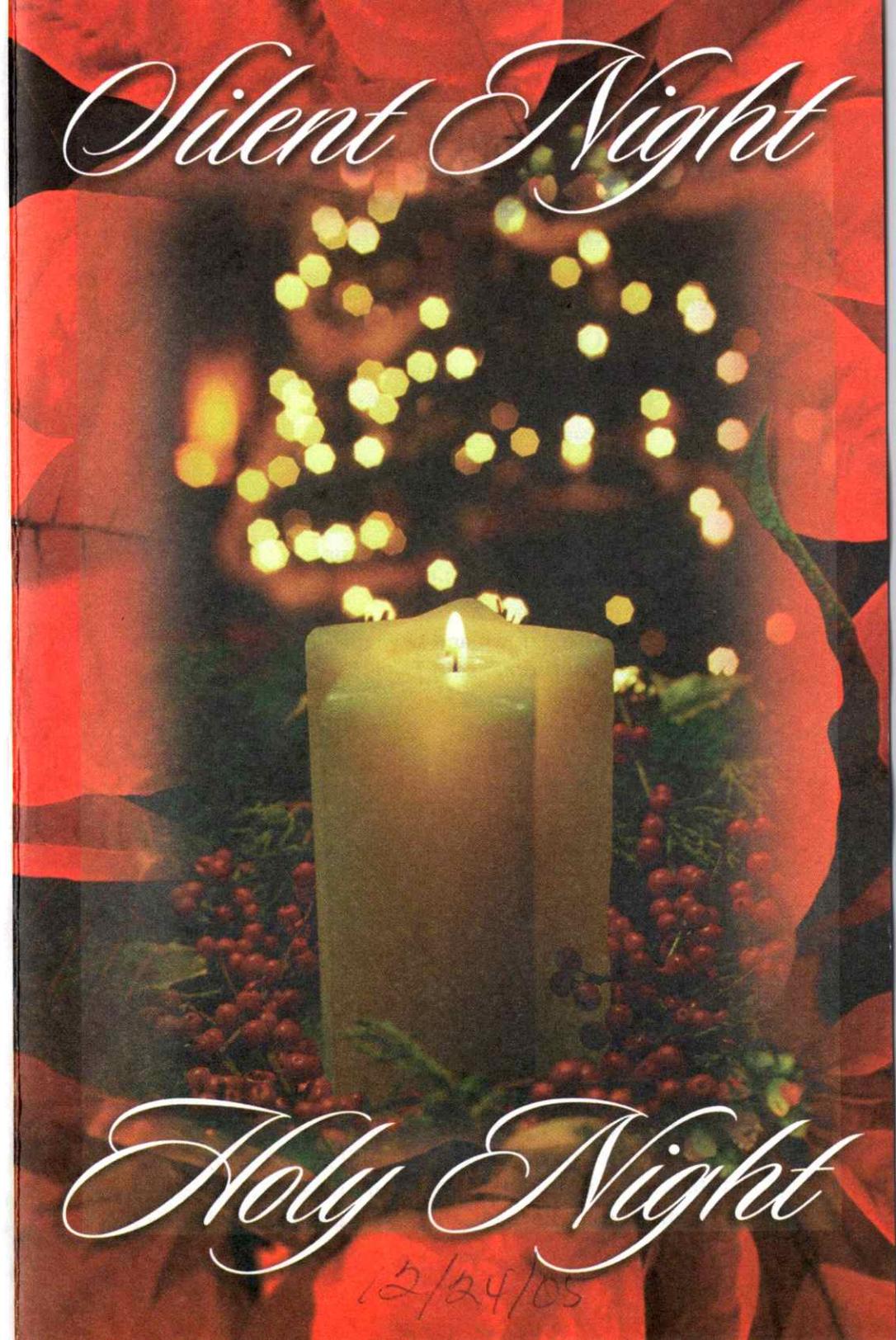
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Silent Night

Holy Night



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DECEMBER 25, 2005 CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Silent Night" arr. Innes

OPENING SENTENCE

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

*GREETING

(L) May 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.

*TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

(L) Emmanuel, God with us, in the midst of Christmas joy, we pause to face our sin and to affirm our salvation.

(Pause for silent reflection)

Loving God, we confess to each other and to you--:

(All) We are far from fulfilling our Christmas hope with appropriate deeds. We are far from fairness and justice in the distribution of this earth's bounty. We are far away from peace; in our hearts, in our relationships, and with the world. We are far from that good will that builds up families and communities. We are far from a spiritual graciousness where all are valued and respected. We are far from endorsing that new age which the angels proclaim and our carols celebrate. Holy Savior, by all the mighty, humble grace of your Incarnation, pity our wanderings, cut down our pride, and forgive our unloving ways. May the light from Bethlehem's stable uncover our sins and lead us to your liberation and healing. Through Christ Jesus, child of Mary yet the very Child of God. Amen!

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) My sisters and brothers in the faith, it is forever written: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their

sins." Let this Christmas message be the Word which today sets you free, gives you peace, and lifts up your hearts with joy and thanksgiving.

(P) **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill to people who are greatly favored.**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE

Iris

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING "O Holy Night"
Senior Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)

(L) The Word of the Lord

(P) Thanks be to God

*GLORIA TIBI

"Glory Be to Thee, O Lord"

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:1-14

*LAUS TIBI

"Praise Be to Thee, O Christ"

*HYMN

"It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"

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CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*A CHRISTMAS CREED

see insert

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!

*HYMN

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD'S PRAYER (Using Trespasses)

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

The Call for the Offering.

Musical Reflection

"Away in a Manger"

arr. Innes

***Bringing Forth of Gifts**

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.... Amen.

WE GO FORTH REFRESHED AND RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT

*SENDING FORTH

(L) We have lifted up our voices and sung to the Christ child, the heavenly King .

(P) **We go, rejoicing over this wonderful gift of God, confident in the love of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

(L) May the peace of God and the blessings of Christmas go with you.

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

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Go Tell It on The Mountain"*

see insert

CLOSING OF WORSHIP

POSTLUDE

"Noel"

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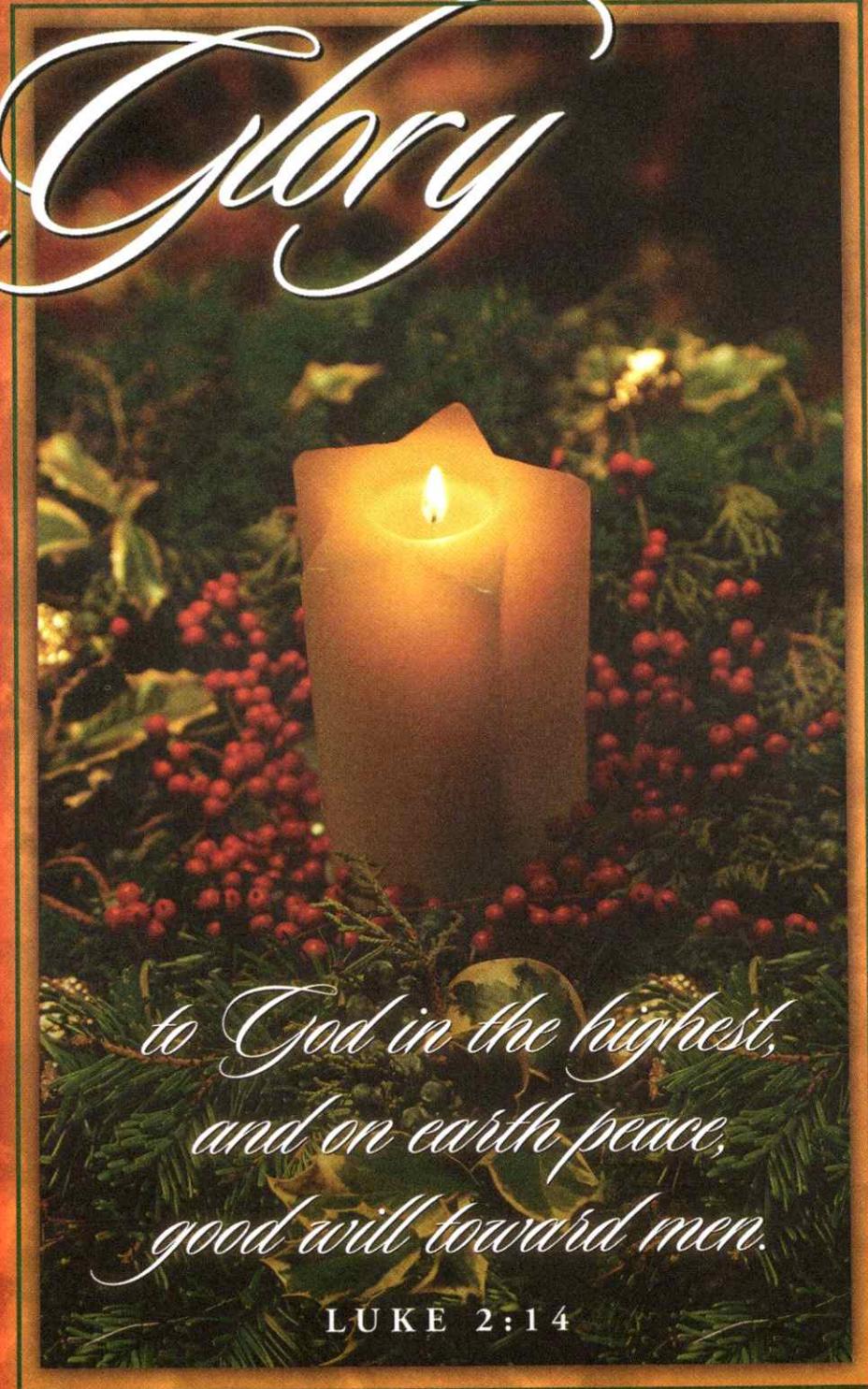
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Glory



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

LUKE 2:14

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