

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

* Please stand if able Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE *Christian Hearts, in Love United* Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

God finds delight in humanity, and in each of us.
Let us rejoice before the majesty of our Creator.

**God of grace and glory, who made all things,
How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

In Christ, we are called to endure and to hope.
Let us give thanks for a faith that brings peace.

**God of grace and glory, Savior of your people,
How precious to us is your gift of Jesus Christ!**

The Holy Spirit is present to guide us and direct us,
Let us listen that we may hear and do what is true.

**God of grace and glory, ever present with us,
How reassuring is the love with which you surround us!**

Let us worship God.

* HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy* No. 138

CALL TO PRAYER & PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Please be seated) Elder

Who has truly listened for the voice of God? Who among us is attentive to the heights and depths in which we are called to live? Who are we that God cares for us? Let us draw near in humility and faith, confessing the distractions that separate us from the mind of God. Let us pray...

God of Wisdom, our choices have denied you.

**We drink from the shallow waters of instant gratification
when you offer springs of living water
from the depths of your love.**

**We pursue our own fame and glory,
which crumble into dust**

when we view the sacrifice and service that build true character.

O God, we confess that we have not put first things first.

We have not lived up to the crown of glory and honor you offer us.

Recall us to awe and wonder and guide us in the ways of truth.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE The Rev. Cornelius O. Berry Jr.
Amen. ...God's love is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Praise God!

* SUNG RESPONSE *Glory to God* (see insert)

HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING John 16:12-15 Pg. 105
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon

ANTHEM *A Mighty Fortress* Arr. Shaw and Parker

TIME WITH CHILDREN Tune STF 2233

(As the children come forward, please join in singing.)

This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.

Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.

SERMON *The Big Picture* Rev. Berry

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)
Front of Hymnal Pg. 14 Elder

* HYMN *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* No. 379

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16
(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Nimrod from Enigma Variations* Edward Elgar

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING *Doxology* No. 591/2

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Berry

Giving God, we are grateful for wisdom, for beauty,
for the ways in which we are your glory in all creation.
Most of all, we thank you for caring for us and for entrusting
to us the ministry of caring for the earth and one another.
May these offerings extend the faith and honor you:
Creator, Savior, and Sustainer. Amen.

* HYMN *Come, Thou Almighty King* No. 314

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Berry

God's love has been poured into our hearts.

When we give it away, we have even more for ourselves.

The Holy Spirit has blessed us with love.

The Spirit dwells with us and enables our loving.

The Spirit of Truth promises to guide us.

When we respond, our lives are deeply enriched.

God has crowned us with glory and honor.

We are given responsibility to care for God's creation.

Wisdom continues as a partner in creation and re-creation.

Let us praise the one who has dominion over all.

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

We accept the grace and power God offers.

Amen.

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

STF No. 2223

We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians

by our love, by our love;

Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing

Charles Callahan

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Marny Eulberg

Greeters: Donna Ellis, Jennifer & Avery Hitchcock

Usher: Brenda Cavanaugh

Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly

Children's Time: Roxanne Foster

Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette

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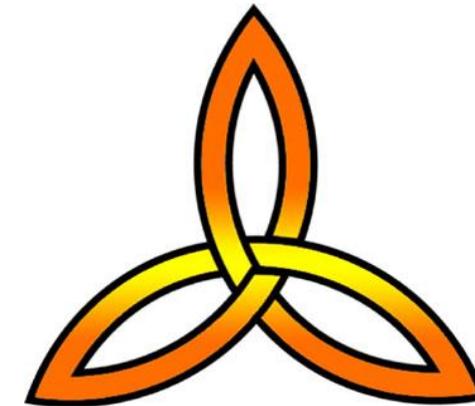
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To worship God through faith and action,
to nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
to be an extended family to all,
and to serve the community
through programs, education and prayer.*

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