

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, July 25, 2010
8:30 a.m., Lingle Chapel; 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE Fugue in G Minor J. S. Bach

WELCOME and CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP Alfred Lord Tennyson, *In Memoriam A.H.H.*

Leader: One God, one law, one element,
And one far-off divine event,
To which the whole creation moves.

*HYMN No. 555 Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you have lavished gifts of life upon us. When we use the gifts of your creation carelessly and live as though we were not grateful, when we are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry and those in need, in your mercy, forgive us. Grant us thankful hearts and a loving concern for all, through Jesus Christ in whom all things were created.

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON Brian Wren (adapted)

Leader: Dying love has been our birth
undeserved and undisguised;
Christ declares us full of worth,
valued, loved, accepted, prized!

Love that bore and understood
all our emptiness and sin,
recreates us new and good,
healed and beautiful within.

All: **Let this love our love release,
hopeful through defeat or loss,
peaceful, as we work for peace,
faithful, as we bear the cross.**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE Alleluia Duncan
Follow the cantor

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Hearing the Word

(11:00) WORD FOR CHILDREN Come and See Marilyn Houser Hamm

(Children are invited to come forward.)

“Come and see, come and see, I am the way and the truth,” said he.

“Follow me, follow me, come as a child, O come and see.”

(Children may proceed to their child care locations at this time.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER

(8:30) I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness Antonin Dvorak
Nason Fishback, soloist

I will sing new songs of gladness, I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-stringed psaltery. Every day will I extol Thee, and will bless Thy holy name. Great is God and great his mercy; who shall tell of all his greatness? Who shall his power declare? My song shall be of praise and honor, and of Thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing. Yea, men shall tell of Thy great kindness, and of Thy wondrous might, and my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy glory. —Ps. 144:9

(11:00) The Lord's My Shepherd Alan Pote
Chancel Choir

The Lord is my shepherd. Nothing shall I want. My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters. The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life. Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name. And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and staff will comfort me. You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy, shall follow me all the days of my life, and in the house of my God I will live forever. —Psalm 23

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 1: 15-23; 2: 6-7

SERMON The Cosmic Christ Lib McGregor Simmons

Responding to the Word

*HYMN No. 359 More Love to Thee, O Christ MORE LOVE TO THEE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, *The Eternal Word*

(Leader) In the beginning was the Word;
Athwart the Chaos, night
It gleamed with quick creative power
And there was life and light.

(Men) **Thy Word, O God, is living yet
Amid earth's restless strife,
New harmony creating still
And ever higher life.**

(Women) **O Word that broke the stillness first,
Sound on, and never cease
Till all earth's darkness be made light
And all her discord peace.**

(All) **Till selfish passion, strife, and wrong,
Thy summons shall have heard,
And thy creation be complete,
O Thou Eternal Word.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, and THE LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE OFFERING Now Thank We All Our God Walther (8:30); Bach (11:00)
(Please pass the fellowship register to the end of the pew and back at this time.)

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION No. 592

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*HYMN No. 554 Let All Things Now Living ASH GROVE

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE Go With Us, Lord No. 535

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true our live may be our gift to You.**

POSTLUDE Festival Postlude on HYFRYDOL Healey Willan

* Those who are able, please stand.

WORSHIP NOTES

Hearing devices, large print hymnals, and large print bulletins are available at each door. Early readers may also find these helpful. If you must leave during the worship service, please be considerate of your neighbors and delay your exit until we are all standing to sing a hymn.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHER: Lib McGregor Simmons

LITURGIST: Krista Welch

CHOIR DIRECTORS: Michael Rowland (8:30); Jane Cain (11:00)

USHERS: Loyce Davis, Cindy Harris, David Stauffer (8:30); Steve Bradley, George & Susan Burhans,
Bob & Pidge Osborn, Cris & Tina Piephoff (11:00)

GREETERS: Ed & Judy McLean (8:30); Kim & Andy Beard, Bill & Sally DuBose, Scott &
Pris Woodmansee (11:00)

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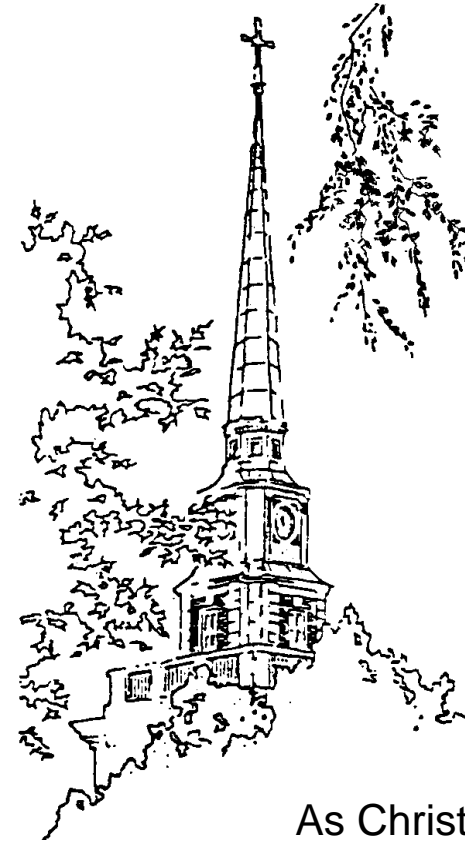
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As Christian believers,
we gather for worship
in the strength of the Holy Spirit.
We teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
minister in His name
to the needs of those in our community,
seek the transformation of the people's lives and
equip them to reach out to the larger world
for the sake of the glory of God.

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