

**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 5, 2010  
8:30 a.m., Lingle Chapel; 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

***Gathering Around the Word***

PRELUDE Allegro, from Concerto in G Major Ernst/Bach

WELCOME and CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(8:30) INTROIT You are before me Alfred Smith

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of mercy tends to our needs,  
**Leading us out of the wilderness, up from the depths, out of darkness.**  
As gracious as the dawn to those longing for light,  
**So welcome is the Lord's love to those who have endured in trust and hope.**

\*HYMN No. 293 This Is My Father's World TERRA BEATA

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Searching God, you gaze into the hearts of those who call upon your name. You see behind our pretense, knowing how we deceive or manipulate others. You perceive how we hoard your gifts to ensure our own security rather than trusting your grace. Free us from everything that enslaves us, O God. Fill us with the confidence that nothing can separate us from the love which is given to us through Jesus Christ.**

\*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE Know That God Is Good Congo  
*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

FIRST LESSON Luke 14: 27

SECOND LESSON Psalm 139

SERMON God Knows Lib McGregor Simmons

***Responding to the Word***

\*HYMN No. 392 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord HALL

THE OFFERING (8:30) Lord, you have searched me (Psalm 139) David Hurd  
John Bosak, baritone

(11:00) Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Harold Friedell  
*For text, see hymn 504*  
*(Please pass the fellowship register to the end of the pew and back at this time.)*  
*(Servers will convene in the narthex during the offering.)*

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION No. 592

***Sealing of the Word***

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Congregation sings (No. 508)*

**For the bread which You have broken, For the wine which You have poured,  
For the words which You have spoken, Now we give thanks, O Lord.**

**By this promise that You love us, By Your gift of peace restored,  
By Your call to heaven above us, Hallow all our lives, O Lord.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*(All saying to neighbor)*

**The body of Christ for you.  
The cup of salvation for you.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***Bearing and Following the Word into the World***

\*HYMN No. 508 For the Bread Which You Have Broken KINGDOM  
*(Stanzas 3 & 4)*

\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE Amen, Alleluia, Amen John Bell

POSTLUDE Presto, from Concerto in G Major Ernst/Bach

\* 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. Worship bags for children are available at the doors. 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

LITURGISTS: Veronica Cannon, Bill Tiemann

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

USHERS: Dave Fagg and Elizabeth Martin (8:30); Jonathan Arms, Riley Burgess, Bill and Linda Cannon, Jesse Jones, Priscilla and Tom Perkins, Joann and Ted Rautenberg (11:00)

GREETERS: Laurie and Bill Heyer (8:30); Nancy Barkemeyer, Marjorie and Lynn Burris, Jone Coates, Bev Mitchell, and Gary Simmons (11:00)

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**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** is celebrated today. The table before us is the Lord's; it is not a Presbyterian table. All who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to share in the feast He has prepared for us. Gluten-free crackers are offered as an alternative on each plate.

**TODAY IS FIVE-CENTS-A-MEAL SUNDAY.** This special offering of the Presbytery of Charlotte supports hunger ministries. Baskets are located at the chapel and sanctuary doors and also in the hallways leading to the sanctuary.

**WE WELCOME VISITING GUESTS TO DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** and trust that you will find God's presence here. You are invited to participate in all programs and ministry opportunities of the church; more information about them can be found in today's DCPC News insert and at [www.dcpc.org](http://www.dcpc.org). If you have questions about membership, please speak with the DCPC representative at Lemonade on the Lawn following today's worship service. When you cannot be here at DCPC on Sunday mornings, join our live broadcast at 11 a.m. on WDAV 89.9 FM or access us live on the web at [www.wdav.org](http://www.wdav.org).

**WELCOME DAVIDSON COLLEGE STUDENTS!** We at DCPC rejoice that you are a part of this worshipping community today. We hope that this community of faith will nurture you as you seek to serve the Lord during your time at Davidson College. We encourage you to return again for worship and invite you to share in other opportunities in our church life. Westminster Fellowship, for college students, meets each Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in the student center, room 116. We're glad you're here to worship God with us today.

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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.

*DCPC Mission Statement*