

Celebration of Worship

October 25, 2009 – 11:00 A.M.

We enter to worship;

we depart to serve

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude Amanda Teachnor, Organist

Announcements

(Please sign and pass the friendship pads at this time.)

◆ Opening Hymn “*Change My Heart, O God*”

**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.**

Welcome & Silent Meditation

Invocation Mr. Steve Duncan

Call to Worship *from Psalm 34*

O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

The rich become poor and go hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?

Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. In humility and faith, let us worship God!

◆ Hymn 363 *”To God Be the Glory”*

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

◆ Prayer of Confession

**Holy and Almighty God, you created all things.
When we pause long enough to contemplate and enjoy**

your world, we are awed by its magnificence, its detail, and its beauty. Too often, though, we show little awareness of your hand in creation. Too often, we forget that you provide and sustain life as a gift.

We forget that our lives were created by you and are still owned by you. Instead, we imagine ourselves as self-made. We picture the talents we have as being self-developed. We assume that the time and financial resources we enjoy are ours to do with as we please.

Forgive us, we pray.

Help us to see ourselves as we truly are. Grant that we might discover that we are managers of resources, not owners of them. But grant that we might also discover the joy of working for a great master. We pray in the name of the One who was obedient to the very end.

(...Silent confession will conclude with “Amen.”)

◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon

Hear the Good News! The Lord will give his people justice and have compassion on his servants.

The Lord will give his people peace and joy.

Friends, believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

◆ Gloria, Hymn *“Cry of My Heart”*

Refrain

**It is the cry of my heart to follow you.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.
It is the cry of my heart to follow
all of the days of my life.**

**Open my eyes so I can see
the wonderful things that you do.
Open my heart up more and more,
and make me wholly devoted to you.**

Repeat Refrain

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

Children’s Moment Pastor Dan
(Children’s Church is available for 4 yrs. through kindergarten.)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Minute for Stewardship Mr. Steve Duncan

Morning Offering

Anthem *“O Come Sing Unto the Lord”* Eugene Englert

O come, let us sing to the Lord, Come let us ev’ryone,
a joyful noise make to the rock of our salvation.
Let us before His presence come with glad and thankful voice;
O come sing psalms of praise to him and make a joyful noise.

For God, a great and mighty King, above all gods He is;
The depths of earth are in His hand, the strength of hills is His.
To Him the ocean vast belongs, for He the sea did make;
The dry land also from His hands; its form at first did take.

O come, in prayer, and worship Him, with voices raised,
we pray.
Come to our maker and our God, and sing to Him today,
and sing to him today. Amen.

◆ Doxology, Hymn *“We Bow Down”*

**You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life,
Lord of the land and the sea.
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time,
And Lord of all lords you will be!**

**We bow down and we worship you, Lord.
We bow down and we worship you, Lord.
We bow down and we worship you, Lord,
Lord of all lords you will be!**

◆ Prayer of Dedication

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading (page 150) Deuteronomy 14:22-29

Gospel Reading (page 807) Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon *“The Fullness of Life for All”*

◆ Hymn 337 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

◆ Benediction

◆ Congregational Response Hymn

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” (1st verse)
**Just as I am, without one plea
but that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

Postlude

◆ *(Indicates appropriate place for congregation to stand)*

