Sunday, April 22, 2012 8:00am

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As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord’s presence.

Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ

who is here to meet you today.

*“Be still and know that I am God.”* Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE *“Thy Word”* - Amy Grant/Michael W. Smith; arr. Mark Hayes

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

 (Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor)

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Sueann Robbins for Camp Donegal

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 29*

 Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

 ***People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name;***

 ***worship the Lord in holy splendor.***

\*HYMN *“Fairest Lord Jesus”* *No. 467*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Resurrected Christ, we praise you for being the Word that shapes us and molds us to be your children. You speak to us constantly and provide for us all that we would need. You only say a word and our lives are changed. Loving God, open our ears to hear your message in the confusion of this world. Train us to not be satisfied with the voice of the world. Forgive us for when we listen to voices that would pull us away from your desires. In Jesus’ holy name we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

*[Please share Christ’s peace with one another with*

 *handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]*

ANTHEM *“Write Your Word Upon My Heart”* - Parker/Larson Chancel Choir

incorporating *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

*“You shall love the Lord God with all your heart and soul and strength.*

*And these words which I command you shall be in your heart.”*

Deuteronomy 6:5-6

CHILDREN’S BIBLE PRESENTATION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Nehemiah 9:1-5 (OT p437)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *John 1:1 (NT p91)*

SERMON *“The Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God”* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN *“Because He Lives”* *see insert*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER *(p.16 in the Hymnal)*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

 OFFERTORY *“As the Deer”* - Martin Nystrom, arr. Douglas Wagner

 \*DOXOLOGY

 *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.*

\*HYMN *“He Lives”* *see insert*

\*BENEDICTION

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

\*POSTLUDE *“To God Be the Glory*” - arr. Mark Hayes

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***“Come As You Are”***

10:45am

\*Praise & Worship

Greeting & Announcements

Children’s Bible Presentation

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading

 *Nehemiah 9:1-5*

 *John 1:1*

Sermon *“The Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God”*

Offertory

\*Closing Song

\*Benediction

Sermon Notes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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