Sunday, July 1, 2012 9:00am

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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 *“Battle Hymn of the Republic”* - Steele, arr. Mark Hayes

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 38*

 Leader: But it is for You, O Lord, that I wait;

 it is You, O Lord my God, who will answer.

 **People: O my God, do not be far from me;**

 **make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation.**

\*HYMN *“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”* *No. 562*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, every day we make choices. We choose how to act and how to think. We choose to whom we will listen and what principles to make crucial to our lives. We also choose whom we will serve. We choose whether we will follow our Savior Jesus Christ or follow our wishes or desires that often go against our Savior. We also choose how our patriotism is acted upon and what it means in relationship to our faith. Forgive us Lord whenever we put anything in our lives ahead of You. Through Christ our Savior, Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

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

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *“America the Beautiful”* - Ward Henry Miller, Trumpet

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Joshua 24:14-15 (OT p216)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *John 1:35-42 (NT p92)*

SERMON **The Gospel of John** Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*“Choose Whom You Will Serve”*

\*HYMN *“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”* *No. 561*

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

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *“Battle Hymn of the Republic”* - Steele Henry Miller, Trumpet

 \*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.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer *(pg. 16 in the hymnal)*

 Words of Institution

 Welcome

 Distribution

*[Worshipers: As you come forward, the leaders will offer the bread*

*with words such as, “The body of Christ for you”;*

*and the cup with words such as, “The blood of Christ for you.”*

*As you receive these gifts, you may simply respond with, “Amen” -*

*in this way you acknowledge the bread and cup as God’s gifts to you*

*through Jesus Christ.]*

\*ALLELUIA

\*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**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 *“Variation on Eternal Father, Strong to Save*” - arr. Craig Curry

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***“Come As You Are”***

11:11am

\*Praise & Worship

Greeting & Announcements

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading:

 *Joshua 24:14-15*

 *John 1:35-42*

Sermon *“Choose Whom You Will Serve”*

Offertory

Communion

\*Closing Song

\*Benediction

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

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