Sunday, October 21, 2012 8:30am

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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 *“Jesus, Name Above All Names*

with *O, How I Love Jesus”* - Naida Hearn, arr. Mark Hayes

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *Isaiah 40-27-31*

 Leader: Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God.” Have you not known? Have you not heard?

 ***People: The Lord is the everlasting God,***

 ***The Creator of the ends of the earth.***

 Leader: He does not faint or grow weary;

 His understanding is unsearchable.

 ***People: He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.***

 Leader: Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted.

 **People: But those who wait for the Lord will renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

\*HYMN *“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”* *see insert*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, God of Hope. Remind us that if we but open our hearts, you will heal us. If we but listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy. If we but open our lives to you, we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers, even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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.]*

ANTHEM *“Make My Life an Alleluia” -* Ruth Elaine Schram Chancel Choir

BLESSING FOR HARVEST HOME

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Ecclesiastes 3:9-15 (OT p616)*

SCRIPTURE READING *John 6:60-71 (NT p99)*

SERMON *“A Difficult Teaching”* Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN *“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”* *No. 369*

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

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

 OFFERTORY *“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”* - Barham-Gould,

 arr. Virginia Halberg

 \*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 *“Blessed Assurance” No. 341*

\*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 *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”* - William Runyan, arr. Virginia Halberg

***“Come As You Are”***

11:00am

\*Praise & Worship

*Today Is The Day*

 *I Will Follow*

 *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

 *Waiting Here For You*

Greeting & Announcements

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading:

 *Ecclesiastes 3:9-15*

 *John 6:60-71*

Sermon *“A Difficult Teaching”*Offertory

\*Closing Song

*Joyful (The One Who Saves)*

\*Benediction

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

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