**Sunday, July 28, 2013 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 Improvisation on *“Hamburg”*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

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

COMMISSIONING OF JR HI MISSION TEAM

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 75*

Leader: We give thanks to You, O God; we give thanks;

 Your name is near. People tell of Your wondrous deeds.

**People: I will rejoice forever;**

 **I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.**

\*HYMN *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* *No. 464*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**God of hope and second chances, we come before You today with adoration and praise. We adore You because You have never given up nor forsaken us. We praise You because You made us to serve You and worship You. We rejoice that You continue to give us opportunities to serve. Even when we sin against You, Your love never fails. But we do not extend the same grace and the same love to those around us. We require more of others than what You require of us. Forgive us and give us a new understanding of how our lives ought to reflect Your love. We pray this through Jesus 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.]*

\*HYMN *“Blessed Assurance”* *No. 341*

 (Children may come up front at the end of the hymn for the Children’s Message)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Exodus 21:12-17 (OT p860)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *John 11:44-53 (NT p105)*

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

*“The Death Penalty”*

\*HYMN *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”* *No. 100*

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

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

 OFFERTORY *“Here I Am, Lord”*

 Melissa Long, violin, Elizabeth Long, flute & Lynn Long, piano

 \*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.*

\*APOSTLES’ CREED *(p.14 in the hymnal)*

\*HYMN *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”* *No. 281*

\*BENEDICTION & 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 *Prelude and Fugue in D minor” – J.S. Bach*

 ***“Come As You Are”***

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

\*Praise & Worship

*Beautiful One*

*Heavenly Father Beautiful Son*

*Here I Am to Worship*

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading:

*Exodus 21:12-17; John 11:44-53*

Sermon  *“The Death Penalty”*

Offertory

\*Closing Song

*Mighty to Save*

\*Benediction

Sermon Notes:

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