Sunday, September 1, 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  *“Prelude in C Major”* – J.S. Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 77*

Leader: I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord;

 I will remember Your wonders of old.

***People: I will meditate on all Your work,***

 ***and muse on Your mighty deeds.***

\*HYMN *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”* *No. 288*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Loving God, You have chosen us to be Your heirs. You love us eternally and we reap the rewards of that love. With eternal life as a goal we seek out justice and peace. With Your loving care we are able to live without fear. And yet we don’t always respond to Your love as we ought. We require from others more than what you require of us. We jump to solutions of violence and war instead of looking for your way which is peace and relationships. Forgive us Lord, and remind us that we are chosen so that we would live our lives according to Your will. 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 *“Our God, Our Help In Ages Past”* *No. 210*

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,**

**Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.**

 (Children may come up front during the hymn for the Children’s Message)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE David Griffith

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Nehemiah 11:1-2 (OT p440)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *John 13:12-20 (NT p107)*

SERMON The Gospel of JohnRev. Robert Bronkema

*“What Does it Mean to be Chosen?”*

\*HYMN *“He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”* *see insert*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

 OFFERTORY *“Jubilation on ‘From Whom All Blessings’”* – Visser

 \*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

*[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 & 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 *“Toccata” – Mushel*

***“Come As You Are”***

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

\*Praise & Worship

*Joyful (The One Who Saves)*

*Jesus Messiah*

*Everlasting God*

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading:

*Nehemiah 11:1-2; John 13:12-30*

Sermon  *“What Does it Mean to be Chosen?”*

Offertory

Communion

\*Closing Song

*The Anthem/Hallelujah*

\*Benediction