Sunday, October 20, 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  *“Partita on St. Elizabeth”* - Cooman

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 84*

 Leader: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.

 **People: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;**

 **My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

\*HYMN *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” No. 263*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Loving Lord, You have promised us that You will return to this earth and take Your children by Your side. We praise You and thank You that You have a future for our lives. We celebrate Your longsuffering and embrace Your plan for our life. But we often lose sight that Your return is imminent. We occupy our days with events and activities that have no eternal meaning. Forgive us for not being drawn to you continually and for looking elsewhere for answers. 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 *“The Church’s One Foundation”* *No. 442*

**The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;**

**She is His new creation by water and the word;**

**From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;**

**With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.**

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Terri Reiner

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 25:1-9 (OT p652)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *John 16:16-24 (NT p110)*

SERMON The Gospel of JohnRev. Robert Bronkema

*“In a Little While”*

\*HYMN *“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”* see insert

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

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

 OFFERTORY *“The Gift of Love”* – arr. Hopson Chancel Choir

 \*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 *“O Worship the King”* *No. 476*

\*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  *“Voluntary”* - anonymous