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The Celebration of Worship 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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10:00 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.
Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care
and other church programs are available from any usher.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.
Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that He has promised to those who love Him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. James 2:1-10

VOLUNTARY

He Leadeth Me
Fred Gaul, organist

arr. Gordon Young

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so you may greet each other by name.
Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Blessed Be Your Name
(See insert)

Matt Redman and Beth Redman

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jim Roberts

*RESPONSE

Oh Lord, You're Beautiful

Keith Green

Oh Lord, You're beau - ti - ful. _____ Your face is all I seek. _____

For when Your eyes are on this child, Your grace a - bounds to me. _____

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with blank lines for the end of phrases.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Claire Butler

Loving God, You call us to obedience but instead we are reluctant and make excuses. You teach us to be truthful, but we lie when we think we won't get caught. You teach us to honor one another, but we talk about each other instead. You teach us to share what we have been given, but we accumulate more and more. God, teach us wisdom. Teach us to seek You. Help us to do good in Your name.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Emily Hopta

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*HYMN 408

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Claire Butler

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Roberts

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Panis Angelicus

Cèsar Franck

*Panis angelicus fit panis hominum;
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum
Pauper, servus et humilis.*

The bread of the angels becomes the bread of man;
the bread of heaven is given a bounded form.
O wondrous thing!
The poor, the slave and the humble man feed on their Lord.

Sarah Lynch, soprano; Mary Odin, violin; Fred Gaul, organ

*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Claire Butler

O God, You call us to follow; we come confessing that Jesus is the Christ. We offer ourselves to be filled with His commandments. We dedicate our actions to match His desires. We commit our intentions to be led by His Spirit. With all that we have we seek to be faithful. Accept our endeavors and bless these, our offerings. Honor our commitment. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

